



ARRANMORE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !



Dear Neighbors,

There are two seats on the Board opening this upcoming year. The positions are not too time consuming, nor inconvenient to personal schedules, and only require a few hours each month. Additionally, Board members are required to attend the monthly meeting and help with decisions that benefit every homeowner. We are sure that we can find dedicated neighbors who will serve on the Board and committees with a sense of responsibility and a focus on keeping Arranmore the wonderful neighborhood we are all proud of.

We're starting the process of identifying candidates earlier than usual to allow time for those with interest to contact current Board members and ask questions. It's important we've identified candidates well in advance of the spring meeting and election.

If we are unable to find enough neighbors with interest in serving, there are few alternatives to seating an effective and dedicated Board. Several organizations do this work for a fee. Going out to bid and hiring one of these companies would result in a lengthy process and could lead to a significant increase in annual dues - it's fully an additional expense. The savings that professional organizations cite are generally offset by their additional costs, and in reviewing how effective they are, performance reviews are mixed. Concerns include that their involvement is for reasons other than those of a volunteer Board of homeowners. An important consideration is also that most professional agencies manage many properties remotely rather than having their people on site every day as is your Board. This limits their effectiveness.

Our volunteer Boards have been effective - our performance audit results have been at the 5-star level for a very long time - and our diligence has consistently kept annual dues low. Preference, of course, would be to continue managing the HOA the way we have, but we need your support and participation. Please give serious consideration to volunteering! Email us at arranmorehomeowners@gmail.com or reach out to any Board member with your questions.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful neighborhood,
Andrea Zalaznick Burdick, 2018-2019 President



Financial News:

On November 14th the Board approved the Operating Budget for 2019, keeping the annual homeowner dues unchanged for at least the 13th year in a row.

As a result of the new budget, the homeowner dues will stay at \$1,363 for the 2019 year, which is good news for the entire community. The 2019 payments are due no later than February 28, 2019.



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Upcoming Social Events:

No Guilt Book Club will continue meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is January 14th at 7pm. BYO beverages and snacks encouraged.

Women's Wine Wednesday will resume its monthly meetings on February 6th at 5:30pm (first Wednesday of the month.)

The Social Activities Group is always looking for new members and new ideas! Next meeting is Monday, February 4th at 6pm.

USPS- Informed Delivery NOTICES:

Sign up for daily Postal Alerts to preview a digital image of what's being delivered to your mailbox. The Post Office advises every homeowner to sign up for this service because there is a real possibility someone else might do it! For instant sign up, answer a few questions to verify your account online, or via the mail. Perhaps you already have an account notifying you of package delivery, but you can add what's delivered to your mailbox. This will include scanned mail and not magazines or bulk delivered items. If you are expecting something important via mail, it's nice to know when it arrives. **VISIT:**

<https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>



Irrigation Well Update-

In case you were wondering about all the pipes stacked up near the irrigation well, we are waiting for two responses from our well drilling companies to review the video that was taken when the pump was removed and the well was inspected. In the preliminary report there was indication that the well filter was clean and debris was not the reason for the well running low on water. Further information is forthcoming before action is taken.

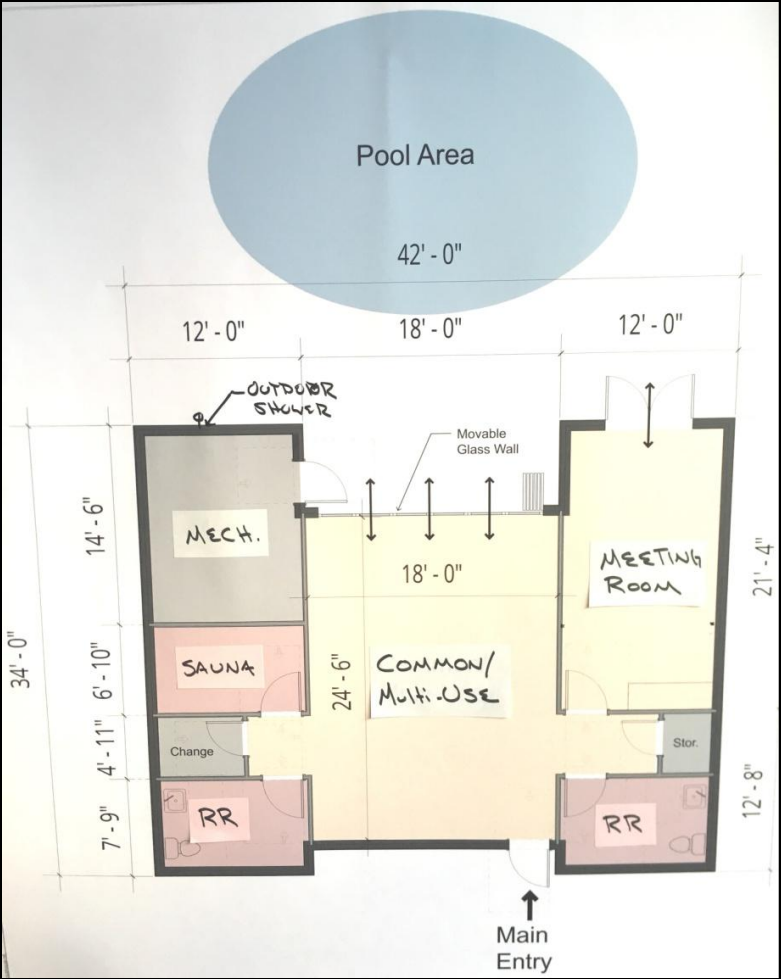
The preliminary plan for the Poolhouse

renovation is in the lobby of the poolhouse. Please check it out and leave a comment on a post-it note. We would like to start refining the plan so that we can perhaps have some cost information in time for the Annual Meeting.

The Holiday food and toy drive for the Western Farm Workers Association



was generously donated to and they are very grateful for our support. Many thanks to all who contributed and especially to Sara McKinney for organizing the drive and delivering the items! In the spring, we will begin a collection for another worthy organization.



2019 Officers and Board Members

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