



"An independent Newsletter by and for the Residents of Snowden Overlook"

From your Editor
The music that several Snowden Overlook residents is hearing this June includes *Romp and Circumstance*, as many of us have grandchildren graduating from college, high school and, indeed, kindergarten! These ceremonies make us swell with pride at our offspring, and help us reminisce of the good old days when we were students, yet thankful that SATs, final exams, term papers and that dreaded thesis are behind us. Now we leave all that to the second generation beyond ours. May they succeed and help make the world a better place in which to live. Congrats to all!



Master Board News

Lou True, President...Welcome to Karen Paciarelli, who was elected to the SOCA Board by the Kendall II condominium Board of Directors. Thanks are due to James Ethridge for his service as Karen's predecessor.

New Gate Access System: A few of the new passes issued to residents have been found to be defective. If yours does not work, please take them to the office for a replacement. Other residents have experienced occasional difficulty getting the passes to open the gate. Here are some tips if you've had this problem: Our contractor recommends that the best performance from the cards and windshield stickers is obtained

when a resident pulls up with the front bumper about 15 feet short of the stop line, with the vehicle lined up to go straight through the center of the gate. At that point, a windshield sticker placed anywhere on the windshield will be seen by the reader, and a card held either against the driver's window or held out of the window should also be seen by the reader. Residents using a card should hold it in the reader's sight for a few seconds to ensure the reader has a chance to read the card. Finally, some residents have found that the cards work best when the all-flat side faces the reader on the left side of the entrance gate.

Pool Open! Early season began May 4th and regular season May 25th. The pool heater is set to keep the water at 84 degrees. Enjoy. Pool rules are listed on our Snowden Overlook website under *Rules*. Rules:

DAILY POOL HOURS THRU SEPT. 2ND

9-12 noon - no lifeguard
(residents only)
12 noon - 8 p.m. --lifeguard

New Awning for Clubhouse Terrace: Howard County has approved the building permit for the awning. Installation is projected to begin June 17th, weather permitting. We are developing options for the installation of fans and lights under this new feature.

Clubhouse Cleaning: A new 5-day-per-week cleaning service has started. After a rough start, we are now happy with the service and the new staff assigned. We already notice a difference. Thanks to our Clubhouse



Committee for designing and recommending a new, built-in bench seat for the Craft Room. The additional storage it provides is most welcome. The committee also is working on cushions for it to create additional seating for large meetings.

Theatre Policy: As you may know, some time ago we began to lock the theater as a security measure, lending keys to those residents who reserved its use. If you wish to reserve the Theatre but cannot get to the office during regular hours (9-5 weekdays) please call the office at 410.872.9311 and the staff will do their best to make any necessary arrangements for you to have access to the Theatre when you wish to reserve it.

Information Technology: A new IT Committee is being formed to advise the Board on a wide range of technology topics. Many thanks to Mike Goldblatt and Dennis Eichenlaub for forming the core of the committee and for all they've done for the community. If you are interested in joining this new committee, please let Mike, Dennis or the office staff know.

Wheelchair Ramp: Joanne Tyson, who is moving from Kendall I to Ovation, has donated to the community the steel ramp that permitted her late husband to enter and leave the house through the garage. Thanks to Ray Hurst for his help in disassembling it and storing it in the lower level of the clubhouse. It is now available for loan to any SO resident who may find it useful. Some adjustment is probable; it had been set up to rise about 2 feet and is 18 feet long, and has railings on both sides.

MESSAGES FROM OUR COMMUNITY PRESIDENTS

Kendall I, Bob Brady... Time marches on and we are heading into summer. If the last week is any indicator, we are already there. The pool is open and the Clubhouse has a lot to offer. It belongs to you, so enjoy it.

At our May meeting we voted in a contingency fund for future needs (perhaps a blizzard?) and we can draw upon it and not have to issue an assessment. We also raised our deductible on our Master Insurance Policy to \$5,000. This is consistent with the other HOAs in SO and the recommendation of the State of Maryland. A letter was sent to every homeowner by WPM so there should be no confusion. In the past week all of our gutters were cleaned so we should be good until the fall.

Our community is now considered eight years old and we are now experiencing little problems which we will get to, one by one. Consistent with that, we are looking at an update to our Reserve Study and hope to have it completed by summer's end.

Thanks to all of you who participate at our meetings. It is your interest that will keep our community successful and hopefully will encourage more of you to participate on the Board.



Kendall II, Karen Paciarelli...

Drive around Shining Oceans Way and you will see the progress of improvements taking place in our community, beginning with the road rejuvenation and now the Phase I painting of all the trim, which gives us a fresh bright look. Additionally, a special thank you to Frank Rittermann and his son, Jason, for obtaining, assembling and installing our new benches located in our little park at the circle. Residents are welcome to sit on our newly acquired rocking benches. They look great!

We hope our past March winds and April showers are long gone, but whatever weather causes our recycle items and our trash to blow into everyone else's yards, let's pick it up and help keep Kendall II the beautiful place it is. This is also the time of year to get rid of unwanted and unsightly stuff. Take a step back from your front porches and back decks - see what your neighbors look at when they view your yards. We all want to be proud of our homes, inside and out.

Please remember that all of Kendall II documents, i.e., By-laws, Guidelines, etc. can be found at www.snowdenoverlook.com/Kendall_2.html.

The swimming pool is officially open now - hope to see you there!

Villas I, Lou True... Painting: As I write this, CertaPro, our contractor, has nearly finished the project of painting the exterior surfaces of our homes. The project covers painting of foundation walls, painted trim, railings and grates/ladders at basement steps and escape windows, and basement and front doors. It also includes attempting to seal

openings by which birds might gain access to attics.

Dryer Vent Cleaning: Many thanks are due to Mary Anne Dupon for coordinating the voluntary program. Her diligence and attention to detail were remarkable in providing this convenience to our residents.

Foreclosure: this is often an unhappy event for a community. In our case, however, we had two empty houses for several years and the association's attorneys have not been able to locate the owners to collect assessments. The lender finally foreclosed on one of them, is expected to pay current (but not past) assessments, and is trying to sell the unit. This is welcome progress and will help the community financially.

Gutter cleaning: took place in late May.

Ovation (Kendall III), Carole Liberman... Some of our fears about being inundated with cicadas do not seem to have come to fruition, thank goodness. Eight inches down, the soil must certainly be 64 degrees by now, but the cicadas have not invaded. I think we may be lucky this time. Stink bugs and cicadas, please stay away!

Everyone at Ovation is very pleased to have a newly-installed elevator battery back-up system. If the power goes out, the elevator will go to the first floor and the door will open automatically. Whew, what a relief for elevator phobes.

Ovation continues to have a lovely, hospitable atmosphere. Seven years of building friendships has created a warm feeling among the residents of the building. If there



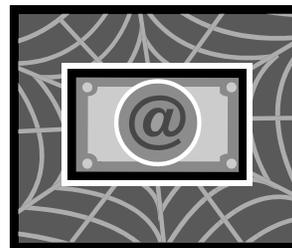
is an illness or crisis within the Ovation family, there is always a wonderful, dependable support system. Folks have delivered food (lots of sweet treats and sometimes dinners), moral support and transportation if needed.

We recently had a brunch by the pool with lots of laughter and delicious food. We are now looking forward to a grill party this summer. The fun never ends!

*Villas II, Mark Bloom...*The roadway wetness on Sage Brush has been fixed by Lennar based on the recommendations of our consultant engineer. The ground was dug up behind the curb, and stones/drainage pipes were installed. We also have obtained a report from a Howard County geological consultant regarding the rust runoff on Vast Rose. The Board has forwarded that to Lennar for their consideration.

All households (except 3 that have not given us their email address) have been sent a draft copy of the Owner vs. Association responsibilities list. This list was put together to clarify and highlight areas of our by-laws and is open for discussion and comment anytime, but especially at our formally announced annual meeting in June. After that, the Board will finalize the document, and once it is finalized, we also will update the Architectural and Landscaping guidelines so that all our documents are consistent.

Our budget/finances are in great shape and we have recently transferred \$10,000 primarily from our snow account to the recently established maintenance fund.



WEBSITE, Michael Goldblatt

Our community website, www.SnowdenOverlook.com is an up-to-date source for information about activities and meetings held in the SO Clubhouse. The Front Page of the website contains a schedule of Clubhouse events and meetings scheduled for the current month, and the Future Events Page, www.snowdenoverlook.com/Social_Future.html. contains a list of upcoming activities. The customary starting time for events can vary, but it is usually 5:30 p.m. for Happy Hour, 6:00 p.m. for Potluck Dinners, and 7:00 p.m.(7:30 in the summer) for Concerts. Visit the Social Committee page, www.snowdenoverlook.com/Social for information about event planning or to volunteer to help with an event. For questions or suggestions, use the Contact page, www.snowdenoverlook.com/Contact to email the Clubhouse staff or webmaster.

SOCA has organized a Technology Committee to help with computers in the Clubhouse office, A/V equipment in the Theatre Room, the www.snowdenoverlook.com website, and other technology needs of our community. An initial meeting of the committee was held on May 21st, attended by Mark Bloom, Dennis Eichenlaub, Rob Caton and Mike Goldblatt.



Other members include Jeff Medwid and Kit Jones. The committee provides the support needed to keep systems and equipment running smoothly. Please contact one of the members for more information, or to join the committee.

Your input would be appreciated as our ideas gel.

Speaking of community input, we would like to remind SO residents that all of our committees are OPEN to accept new volunteers. People who are willing to commit their time and energy to better our community are always welcome; *please consider helping!*

Clubhouse News...

Ronnie Trueí The Clubhouse has been very busy this Spring, not only with great social events but also with the completion of several projects. Carol attempted to have our Clubhouse spring cleaned. All our upholstered furniture, rugs, draperies, vents, chandeliers, windows, etc. received a thorough cleaning. Our new five-day-a-week service has made a difference in the cleanliness of the building. So say hello to Maria who is making this happen. With all our activities, this is a much-needed improvement.

Incidentally, the Men's Club that meets on Monday mornings at 8:30 for coffee and donuts not only socializes but also provides our community with many services. They volunteer for assisting at cookouts, moving clubhouse furniture, doing a breakfast twice a year, picking up trash in our wooded areas, making minor repairs in the Clubhouse, helping residents who are unable to do minor projects or repairs to their homes (such as replacing batteries in smoke alarms, changing furnace filters, light bulbs, etc.). They also generally help Carol, the Social Committee and the Clubhouse Committee with projects. We really appreciate the efforts of our Men's Club. THANK YOU!

We love our new bench seat/storage in the meeting/craft room. Even with this project completed, we are looking for more storage space for cleaning supplies, vacuums, brooms, etc. Also, we are looking forward to the completion of our awning and are still seeking a solution for the permanent repair of the foyer tile area. Hopefully, we will be able to get the outside of the Clubhouse spruced up and painted this summer.

The SOCA Board is working with us in rethinking the use of the downstairs- including better access, maybe a new exercise space or a complete renovation.



FITNESS CENTER
Linda Bloom

The quarterly preventive maintenance of the equipment has been completed and all is well; we are in the process of awarding a new maintenance contract for the next year. The fans have been cleaned and the carpeting and heating/AC vents are being scheduled for cleaning. It seems we have more residents than ever using the fitness center and that's great! I would just like to remind everyone

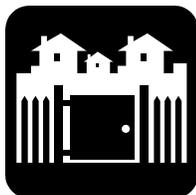


to read the operational rules posted in the center so we can make sure the equipment is kept sanitary and in good shape, and we are courteous to our neighbors. Also, if no one is in the gym when you leave, please turn of the lights, fans, and the television.

I would like to have at least one more person on the Gym Committee so if you are interested, please give me a call.

SECURITY CORNER

JEFF MEDWID



At our last SOCA Board meeting and after significant debate during the last year, the Security Committee and SOCA Board have drafted and tentatively approved a new set of duties for the guards at the guardhouse. These draft duties will be sent to our security company (CSC) for review and comment. The new key duties are provided below:

GUARD DUTIES- GATE HOUSE

1. Whenever a guard is on duty and if pedestrians or bicyclists try to enter the property via the sidewalks (the gates are closed), the guard will ask if they are residents or visitors. Entry will be denied if they are not residents or visitors of residents. If the guard recognizes the resident, no action is necessary.
2. Residents in vehicles with the proper entry credentials (i.e., magnetic gate strips or cards) will electronically open the gates. No guard action is required,

except to attempt to prevent any vehicle from piggybacking through the open gates.

3. WHEN MORE THAN ONE CAR APPROACHES THE GATE, THE GUARD MUST OPEN THE GUARDHOUSE DOOR AND STAND IN THE DOORWAY (NOT THE STREET). IF PIGGYBACKING OCCURS, CAPTURE THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER AND PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO THE BOARD, via a form to be filled out. (Note: Guard priority should be given to vehicles over pedestrians.
4. Vehicles without the proper entry credentials can also enter SO by entering into the visitor lane and by punching in the current access code on the keypad just past the guardhouse door. The gate will then open. SOCA will periodically change the security code at the gate.
5. When visitors arrive in cars with no proper entry credentials, inquire which SOCA resident the visitor is seeing. Call that resident to confirm the visitor. If the SOCA resident is not home or does not confirm the visitor, do not allow access.
6. If *residents* arrive in vehicles WITHOUT the proper entry credentials (loaner car, taxi, etc.) and do not know the access code, check the resident's ID for name and address, and compare that to the SOCA Resident/Address List. If it matches, allow access (open the gate). If not, do not allow access.



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

KAREN PACIARELLI

Military-Government Club

BOB BRADY

We started the New Year off with a wide variety of events and entertainment. We are not stopping now! Carol continues to offer our Summer Grilling & Chilling Happy Hours. This is our most popular and well-attended FREE event. Residents are asked to bring a side dish or dessert; the burgers & hot dogs are furnished by SOCA.

This summer we have music, music and more music planned. Join us on June 22nd, 7:30, on the lower deck and dance to the sounds of the Retro Rockets (\$). They are a lively group that plays music of the 50s and 60s. On July 20th, 6:00, a catered dinner and our favorite Steel Band will be back (\$). August has planned a crab feast, Grandkids Day at the pool, and our Happy Hour.

We will be having Outside Movie Nights at our lower level in June, July and August. Check our website and calendars for exact dates, times and fees. All checks must be made to SOCA.

I hope many make it a point to check out the guest speakers at our Coffee with Carol. This is a once-a-month event usually scheduled the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. We have brought some very interesting and exciting speakers thus far, and will continue when we start again in September with the Coffee with Carol gathering. There is always something going on for everyone - venture out to the Clubhouse, meet new people, and have a great time.

In order to make our club a viable organization, *WE WANT TO INCLUDE ALL VETERANS* who have served and have an honorable discharge. This will make us a complete club with the advantage of more members, still with a common goal. Additionally, we remind you that the club also includes DOD employees, both current and retired.

In light of that, I have called for a meeting at the Clubhouse on 19 JUNE AT 7 P.M. Hopefully, a large number will attend and we will begin again to share our expertise with Snowden Overlook.

We look forward to seeing all of you on the 19th.



CAR CARE

DAVE DAVIS

Learning the proper way to rotate tires makes car care easier. Rotating tires is something many people do religiously, while others put it off until they notice a problem with the car's performance or tire wear. If you do, it's already too late. You are in for an expense you could have avoided. This is an important component of vehicle upkeep. Rotating tires not only extends the life of the tires, but also ensures safer driving.



There are some who are unfamiliar about how and when to rotate tires and the benefits this routine maintenance can provide. This also could be a factor why people procrastinate on tire rotation. One may not realize that the front tires often take the brunt of the work in vehicle operation.

Making turns or parking at sharp angles requires the force of the front tires. Vehicles that are front-wheel drive have front tires that supply the main motive power for the vehicle. According to www.edmonds.com, the frequent use of requirements of the tires produces friction on the road, and eventually heat. The front tires wear quicker than the rear tires.

In order to extend the life of the tires, drivers must periodically rotate them. The rotation essentially means *moving the front tires to the rear and vice-versa*. This means the front passenger-side tire will be moved to the back passenger-side position. The same will occur on the driver's side. There is a reason for this: tires have a unique wear pattern that is related to the suspension and alignment. Should you switch the tires in a criss-cross pattern, it could cause a bumpy ride.

Certain vehicles have tires of different sizes in the rear and front which prevents front-to-rear rotation. The best bet is always let the professionals do the job. They know the proper tire pressure, can see wear problems you may not know what to look for, and they check the brake wear at the same time. Most manufacturers recommend 5,000 to 10,000 miles as the time to rotate tires. I have my dealership keep a record of when it was done last; when I go for a scheduled maintenance, they tell me if it's time or not. But they still check the wear and also air pressure.

I have an all-wheel-drive vehicle and all tires and wheels are the same size. I use 10,000 miles as a rotation time. I am not sure if it works for you but it works for me. Hope this will save you money and hassle. Happy motoring.



INSURANCE GUIDELINES

FRED MERTHER

HOW TO PUT THE BRAKES ON CAR INSURANCE COSTS+

Shop around before your policy runs out.

Costs for the same coverage can vary by hundreds of dollars between one insurer and another.

Bundle your coverage. If you are buying, say, homeowners insurance from one company and car insurance from another, you could be paying too much for both. Ask each insurer if they would give you a deal to get your other insurance business. You could save 10 to 20 percent.

Invite your insurer for a spin. Some insurance companies offer a discount if you allow them to monitor your driving for a while using computer chips. In Progressive's case, you can save up to 30 percent. The insurer is tracking how many miles you drive, what time of day, and how hard you hit the brakes. Frequent hard braking means higher rates.



Pay more yourself. Going from a \$200 deductible to a \$500 deductible can save you 15 to 30 percent on the premium for comprehensive and collision coverage. Also, if your car is getting old, you may have reached a point where you are paying a large percentage of its value each year in insurance. If so, this may be the time to drop the collision insurance.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

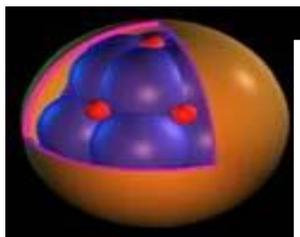
RAY HURST



Clogged drains? You can easily clear most hairplugged sink, shower and bathtub drains with a simple plastic tool called ZIP-IT. It is a thin, flexible, plastic strip with hooks or barbs along its length. It is very simple to use.

Push it into the clogged drain and pull out hair and other yuck. While not a clean and pleasant job, its easy-to-use method involves no harsh chemicals, and may save a plumber's service call.

ZIP-IT can be found at local hardware and even grocery stores. Cost? Less than \$3.00



TECH TALK

STEVE READING

RADON GAS: INERT BUT DANGEROUS
Sections 307 and 309 of the Indoor Radon

Abatement act of 1988 (IRAA) directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to list and identify areas of the U.S. with the potential for elevated indoor radon levels. EPA's Map of Radon Zones assigns each of the 3,141 counties in the U.S. to one of three zones (highest, moderate, low). Maryland has eight counties in the red zone, and Howard is one of them.

The red zone. Zone 1. these counties have a predicted average indoor radon screening level great than 4pCi/L (picocuries per liter; the amount of radon in the air is measured in picocuries per liter of air, or pCi/L). Since you live in one of those places you should be aware of the threat that radon gas poses.

So what is radon? Radon gas (discovered by English physicist Ernest Rutherford in 1899) is a cancer-causing radioactive gas. It is completely natural, and forms during the decay of uranium-238. Because radon is a gas, it can seep from the ground into the air in a house. The primary way that radon enters a house is through the foundation by a variety of paths:

- cracks in basement floors
- drains
- sump pumps
- exposed soil
- construction joints (mortar, floor-wall)
- loose fitting pipes

In tightly insulated houses, radon gas can accumulate to concentrations that pose a health threat. If you inhale the gas into your lungs, its decay can increase your chance of getting lung cancer. In fact, both the Surgeon General (who has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. today) and the EPA recommend that



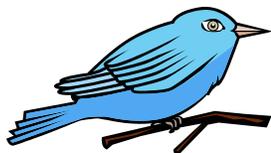
since radon gas has no smell or color, ALL HOMES be tested for radon.

Testing can be done by a professional or homeowner using a do-it-yourself kit. It is important that either the professional service or home test kit be EPA-approved.

There are two categories of radon test devices, passive and active. **Passive devices** require no electrical power and generally trap radon or its daughter products (polonium and bismuth) for later analysis by a laboratory. They are generally less expensive than active devices and may require little or no special training for their use.

In contrast, **Active devices** need electrical power and include continuous monitoring devices. They detect and record radon or its daughter products continuously, and are generally more expensive and require professionally trained testers for their operation.

Testing is the only way to know your home's radon levels. There are no immediate symptoms that will alert you to the presence of radon. It typically takes years of exposure before any problems surface. The U.S. EPA, Surgeon General, and National Safety Council recommend testing your home for radon because testing is the only way to know your home's radon levels.



BAY WISE
PAT
HARRINGTON

Beautiful and Beneficial Bluebirds We are all familiar with the expression "the bluebird of

happiness, and are fortunate to have beautiful Eastern Bluebirds as local residents of SO.

Bluebirds are incredibly striking, fascinating to watch, delightful to listen to, and have been described as pest-seeing missiles. They eat beetles, caterpillars, grasshoppers, crickets, centipedes, millipedes, snails, spiders and many more.

Their populations were once threatened, but thanks to conservation efforts of caring individuals and bluebird societies, they are coming back. Next time you are fortunate enough to spot one of these spectacular birds, remember he/she is a working member of the ecosystem doing its part controlling pests.

For more information, go to www.nabluebirdsociety.org



PILATES CLASSES

Resident Sharonlee Vogel writes about a Pilates program session in the Clubhouse: you or your neighbor may be interested in the next six-week session of Pilates from June 5-July 17.

Pilates is a program of exercises for body conditioning, building flexibility and strength. It's particularly good for your core, hips and back while improving balance and coordination. It's easily modified for levels of difficulty- beginner to advanced. Pilates is performed by men and women. It's good for flexibility in sports: tennis, golf, skiing, all athletics, really.



The class at SO will be a Pilates mat class with your own mat (at least 1/2" thick and firm; single yoga mats are NOT suitable). This means most of the exercises are done on the floor. Classes are with a certified Pilates CA instructor right here in the Clubhouse banquet room, Wednesday mornings, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., so no travelling! Our special rate is the CA member rate, \$85 for six weeks.

We have two openings for the class that begins on June 5th. you can leave your check with Carol or Donna at the Clubhouse to put in the Pilates Class folder. Note: check should be payable to Columbia Association.



CRAFT CORNER

Sheila Wolf

Coming July 3rd, 10:00-12:00, Susan Dubick will teach us decoupage. She makes one-of-a-kind earrings, necklaces and pins with Ravens designs that has brought her a small following. She sells them exclusively at Discoveries in Ellicott City. Susan also teaches at Ellicott City Middle School. Watch for the sign-up sheet this month.

If you have any other crafters who would like to give a presentation for us, please contact me at 410.290.1006.



You must pick up a Columbia Flier or Howard County Times to avail yourself of the numerous activities, both educational and entertaining, not to mention athletic events Columbia has in store for you this summer. Here's a teaser for you:

- Howard Community College summer courses
- Art exhibition at Meeting House Gallery
- **Columbia Festival of the Arts: June 14th-29th at Columbia Town Center Lakefront**
- The Bain Center - 5470 Ruth Keaton Way, 410.313.7213 - daily activities for 50+ residents
- East Columbia 50+ Center - at the East Columbia Library - daily activities; 410.313.7680
- CA's evening concerts at Centennial Park
- 4th of July celebration at Town Center
- Inner Harbor - events daily plus harbor cruises; don't forget the Aquarium
- Baseball, anyone? Camden Yards/Orioles? D.C.'s National Park./Nationals - we have two MLB Teams to root for! A real bonus for Columbia residents
- Baltimore Shakespeare Factory @ Johns Hopkins U - outdoors; 410.921.9455

The above are listed, as mentioned, as teasers for you to research and decide where to go, what to do. Remember, go to



the Columbia Association's website for any information about goings-on here in our neighborhood.



Closing Thought:

Usually, you will read a hopefully thought-provoking quote in this section by someone famous, or sometimes anonymously written. However, the following is included in this quarter's newsletter for three reasons:

1. Several residents toured Arnhem, Belgium in April, at which time we visited a World War II Memorial, dedicated to US, Canadian, UK and Polish military who fought for the liberation of Europe. It was most moving.
2. While there, a Belgian volunteer read a moving poem written about war, and freedom, and **involvement**. Your editor was privileged when he presented me with this poem so I could share it with you.
3. Before the next newsletter is issued in September, we will have celebrated **Flag Day** and **Independence Day**. Think about the poem's words and message, and become an even better citizen than you are now.

"First they came for the communists and I did not speak up, because I was not a communist.

Then they came for the Jews and I did not speak up because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak up because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Catholics and I did not speak up because I was a Protestant.

Finally, they came for ME but by then there was no one left to speak up for me."

(Rev. M. Niemoller, 1892-1984)

Have a grand, safe summer!

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