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Dear Neighbors:

Several of our neighbors have proven once again that we have one of the best neighborhoods in the area. Lucy Trotter, Darcee Strausborger and Julia Lux have come up with the idea of starting a newsletter designed exclusively for the Vista View Village homeowners. They plan on a monthly distribution to all 75 homes in the association. The beginning plan is to have information of all sorts. All members are invited to contribute articles, ideas, observations, poetry, jokes, and any other information and to use the classified section to sell items, offer services, and to advertise for help wanted or services needed. In addition, there will be space for homeowners to advertise their own businesses. We will also offer members a forum to learn about things happening around the community or bring up concerns they may have. The Board of Directors and other committees plan to use The View to keep members informed of any information of interest. I see this newsletter becoming something we all look forward to and participate in each month.

Mike Petrarca
Association President

WHO'S NEW IN VISTA VIEW?

The homeowners association welcoming committee extended a warm welcome to three families new to our area:

The committee enjoyed coffee with new neighbor Lucy Trotter at 10974 S.E. Azar Dr. Lucy and her 12-1/2 year old daughter Justine moved here from Fort Worth, Texas. Lucy's idea for a neighborhood newsletter has become a reality!

Bruce and Margie Gibler are settling into their new home at 11910 S.E. 108th and are anxious to meet their new neighbors. They have two sons at Clackamas High School and one in college. They have great interest in the development of our greenways, since their house borders greenway #1.

Leslie Tugman and John Foseid live with their sons Loren and Reid at the top of Knee Court at 11828. They rented a house on 106th, waiting for a house to become available in our neighborhood. They are happy to be on a cozy cul-de-sac, and to be a part of an active homeowners association.

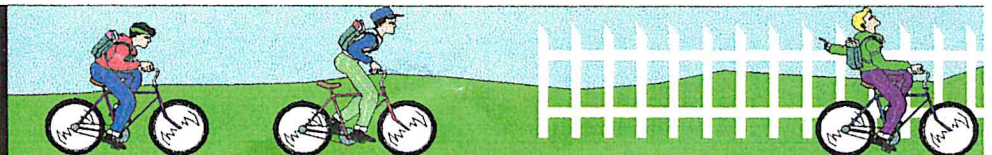
Hopefully we all will welcome and extend friendship to people new in our area. Remember to wave to them as you pass by or better yet stop and say hello.

WE SHAPE OUR DWELLINGS, AND
AFTERWARDS OUR DWELLINGS
SHAPE US. - WINSTON CHURCHILL

SAFETY CONCERNS FOR ALL

Summer is over and our children are back in school, but they are still outside playing in our streets and cul-de-sacs, and gathering at the bus structures. We are all in a hurry to get to where we are going, and anxious in the evening to get home. We need to exercise caution, and remember to slow down when driving in our neighborhood. Little ones aren't as aware of safety as we are, and will chase after a ball or fly out of a driveway on a bike when we least expect it. Its true that it "takes a village to raise a child", but it also takes a caring group of neighbors to keep them safe.

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE VIEW
TODAY !!!!**
Deadline for Next Issue:
December 15



Neighbor To Neighbor

- ◆ Love what the Blanchards (10907 SE Azar Dr.) have done with their front yard. The rock borders and flowers are lovely. Enjoy looking at it every day on my way to work. - Darcee on Tom Thumb Court
- ◆ Did you trick-or-treat at the Pattersons? (12060 SE Tom Thumb Court) Incredible Halloween decorations!
- ◆ It's a pleasure to turn onto Azar from Valley View and see the great new porch and yard improvements at the Matthews' house - 11137 SE Azar Dr.
- ◆ Thank you John Watts for coordinating tree removal at greenway #2.

HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING

ANTIPASTO PLATTER

1 C ea. catsup, tomato-based chile sauce, and water	3	1/2 cauliflower
1/2 C ea. olive oil, tarragon wine vinegar, and lemon juice	2	medium-sized carrots
1 clove garlic, minced or mashed	1/2	stalks celery
2 T firmly packed brown sugar	1	lb. small whole mushrooms
1 T ea. Worcestershire and prepared horseradish	1	jar (8 oz.) peperoncini (small pickled Italian peppers)
Salt to taste	1	jar pimiento-stuffed Spanish style olives
Dash of cayenne		Parsley

Combine in a large saucepan the catsup, chile sauce, water, oil, vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, brown sugar, Worcestershire, horseradish, salt and cayenne. Bring to a boil and simmer a few minutes. Cut cauliflower into flowerets, peel carrots and slice in 1/4-inch-thick pieces (use a ruffled-edged cutter, if you have one), and slice celery diagonally into 1-1/2 inch pieces. Add to the sauce the cauliflowerets, carrots, celery, mushrooms and pickled peppers; cover and simmer slowly for 20 minutes, or until tender-crisp when pierced with a fork. Cool and then chill as long as overnight. Garnish with parsley. Makes 10-12 servings. Serve with crackers and french bread. - This recipe is one that celebrates my husband's Italian heritage. We have made a tradition of preparing it on Thanksgiving and Christmas as a prelude to our holiday dinners.

Buon Natale! Cynthia Petrarca

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

- ⇒ Blackberries are being removed in some green areas
- ⇒ Bus stops have been pressured washed
- ⇒ Graffiti on bus stops has been painted over
- ⇒ Drainage pipes have been put in greenways

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Dear Friends - It has been our pleasure to put together this first issue of The View. We hope you have enjoyed it and will consider it to be your vehicle for communicating with all of your neighbors and friends, as well as an inspiration to participate in activities which directly affect the neighborhood. There are many ways to be involved:

- * Send your contribution to the The View
- * Advertise your business (it's free)
- * Volunteer for the Greenway or Picnic Committees
- * Help with planting the green areas next spring
- * Share your ideas!

The Staff

GREENWAY COMMITTEE

Introducing your Greenway Committee: Cynthia and Mike Petrarca, Elian Trad, David Lucia, Craig Eberle, John Foseid and your chairperson, Julia Lux.

The Greenway Committee is designing a one to three year plan for additions to our green areas, such as landscaping, picnic tables with shade structures, barbeque area, and decorative banners, and more.

If you would like to share any of your ideas, drop a note in Julia Lux's mailbox (12027 SE Tom Thumb Court).

We're looking forward to announcing a neighborhood workday in the Spring, so that you can all participate in making your neighborhood a more beautiful place.

Julia



THE CLASSIFIEDS

NEED GOOD HOME FOR DOG - Small, white mixed, very affectionate, good with children - 698-8167

FOR SALE - Three white bookcases with space for TV, VCR, doors along bottom for storage, \$25 ea. - 698-8167

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