

Ramsgate

MARCH 2017 NEWS

board at work

* The Annual Meeting was held Thursday, March 23 and was attended by 20 residents. The 2017 budget of \$101,657 was unanimously approved. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the Ramsgate website RamsgateHowners.com.

* Board members Charles Dammann and David Raines completed their two-year board terms at the end of 2016, but graciously agreed to renew their terms. With no additional volunteers for the two positions, Charles and David were welcomed with open arms. Charles will continue to supervise pool and clubhouse issues, and David will direct landscape activities with Outdoor Inc. Their price has not increased for several years and they do an excellent job. They also throw in several projects free of charge throughout the year.

* Outdoor Inc trimmed and mulched the Parkway hollies recently. They will also be replacing plants in some of the cul-de-sacs this spring.

* The sand in the pool filter is being changed this winter. This is something that's done every 5-7 years. The sand traps contaminants, so changing the sand results in a more efficient filter and cleaner pool.

* Our Leyland cypress trees along Hixson Pike were recently trimmed up to improve traffic visibility coming from the north, especially for you SUV drivers. Thank you to resident Ben Hankins for pointing out the concern.

* Two additional dog poop stations were added to the Parkway, due to the high volume of the first two stations. Please remember to tie the poop bag before putting it in the waste can. We're making it as easy as possible to be responsible dog owners, so please step up and do the right

thing. Thank you to Glenn & Gina McFeeters for suggesting the poop stations at the last annual meeting.

neighborly news

* Bob Melnik (Harwick Cr) has put his home on the market. He moved out of state to be near his children. We were so sorry to hear just recently that his wife, Carol, passed away last October. They will both be greatly missed.

* Jared & Amy Chastain (Prestwick) have their own company, Lavish Building & Design. They design and build both homes and commercial buildings. Amy is also a Realtor with Robinson Realty Group. Look for their ad in this newsletter. Keep them in mind for those home needs!

* Charlotte Randles (Cheswick S) has her home on the market. She is downsizing, but plans to stay in the area. Her grandchildren include Seaton and Lauren Pritchett (Bayswater).

* Danny Waxenberg (Stornoway) was recently promoted to senior vice president and chief accounting officer at Unum. Danny has more than 20 years experience in finance and accounting, with 15 years of that in progressive leadership roles at Unum. He was financial controller for Unum UK before returning to the US to most recently lead the global financial planning and analysis team. Congratulations, Danny! We're hoping this means you, wife Jennifer, and children Isaac and Eva will be in Ramsgate for many more years.

* Congratulations to Rob Creswell (Camdendown) for being selected as a top 3 finalist in the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce "Small Business of the Year" (21-50 Employees) for his business, Creswell Richardson. It is a service oriented business that supplies industrial products, mechanical, and electrical engineering to manufacturing plants in the Southeast. They are a very innovative company achieving multiple patents for the first totally

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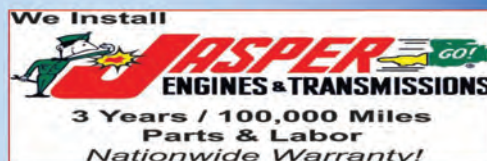
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sustainable vending machine in the world. Award winners will be announced in March 29th. Way to go, Rob!

spring cleaning

It's time to mark off Spring To Do items. Here are some recommendations for service providers:

- * Pressure wash the sidewalk, driveway, and brick mailbox; Many residents have used Eric Jones, 423.313-0278 for several years. You'll be hard pressed to beat his price.
- * Clean the carpets; Bobby & Bonnie Ray (Bayswater) recommend Robby Armstrong, owner of Oxy Green Carpet Cleaning, 423-488-9976.
- * Remove dead trees; LH Lewis at 423.843-3593 and Tim-ber at 423.605-4158/423.775-4803. Both have done work in the neighborhood at reasonable prices.
- * Trim large trees; ABC Tree Service, which has arborists on staff, 423.344-8732.
- * Learn how to best trim your trees and shrubs; Jon

Nessle, The Ornamentor, at 423.596-4168. You'll work alongside Jon as he trims, instructs, cleans, and then hauls off the mess.

de-annexation update

From The Tennessean, Feb 10, 2017:

"State Sen. Bo Watson, R-Hixson, and Rep. Mike Carter, R-Ooltewah, are bringing back legislation that would allow voters to determine if they would like to leave cities such as Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and others across the state. It's a process known as de-annexation.

"Under the proposed legislation, a minimum 20 percent of the residents in the affected area would need to submit a petition to include the de-annexation on the next election ballot. The ballot would include a choice to be for or against de-annexation, according to the legislation.

"But one of the biggest sticking points in the debate between the state and cities is the financial implications. According to the legislation, the residents who do vote to



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de-annex will still have to pay taxes to cover the cost of infrastructure and other liabilities that might have been assumed by the municipality while on their tax rolls."

At this point, the bill is still in the Senate and House State & Local Government committees. To track this and other legislation, go to www.capitol.tn.gov and type in SB0641 in the "Search for Bills, Legislators and More" in the upper right.

yard sale

The semi-annual community yard sale is Saturday, May 6th from 8 am till 2 pm, or until your give up. As usual, you put your stuff out for sale in your drive/garage, and RHA places the ads and posts the banners.

old meds

There's now an easy solution to getting rid of expired or no-longer-needed medications; Walgreen's in Hixson has a self-serve disposal bin in front of their pharmacy coun-

ter. As much as many of us would like to 'recycle' usable, expensive medications, there just doesn't seem to be a system in place to do so.

ladies who lunch

A small, but growing number of Ramsgate women are meeting for lunch on the 4th Wednesday of every month at Mimi's Deli on Hixson Pike (next to The Bread Basket). Mimi's has great sandwiches, including gluten-free bread, and reserves several tables for us. We gather at 11:45 to try to beat the lunch rush. Plan on joining us next month and get to know your neighbors better.

made a difference

Several of the women at February's lunch are interested in volunteering at the Chattanooga Area Food Bank once a month. If you (men and women) want to join us for a two-hour shift filling food boxes, contact Terri Lane (Stor-noway) at jl37343@bellsouth.net.

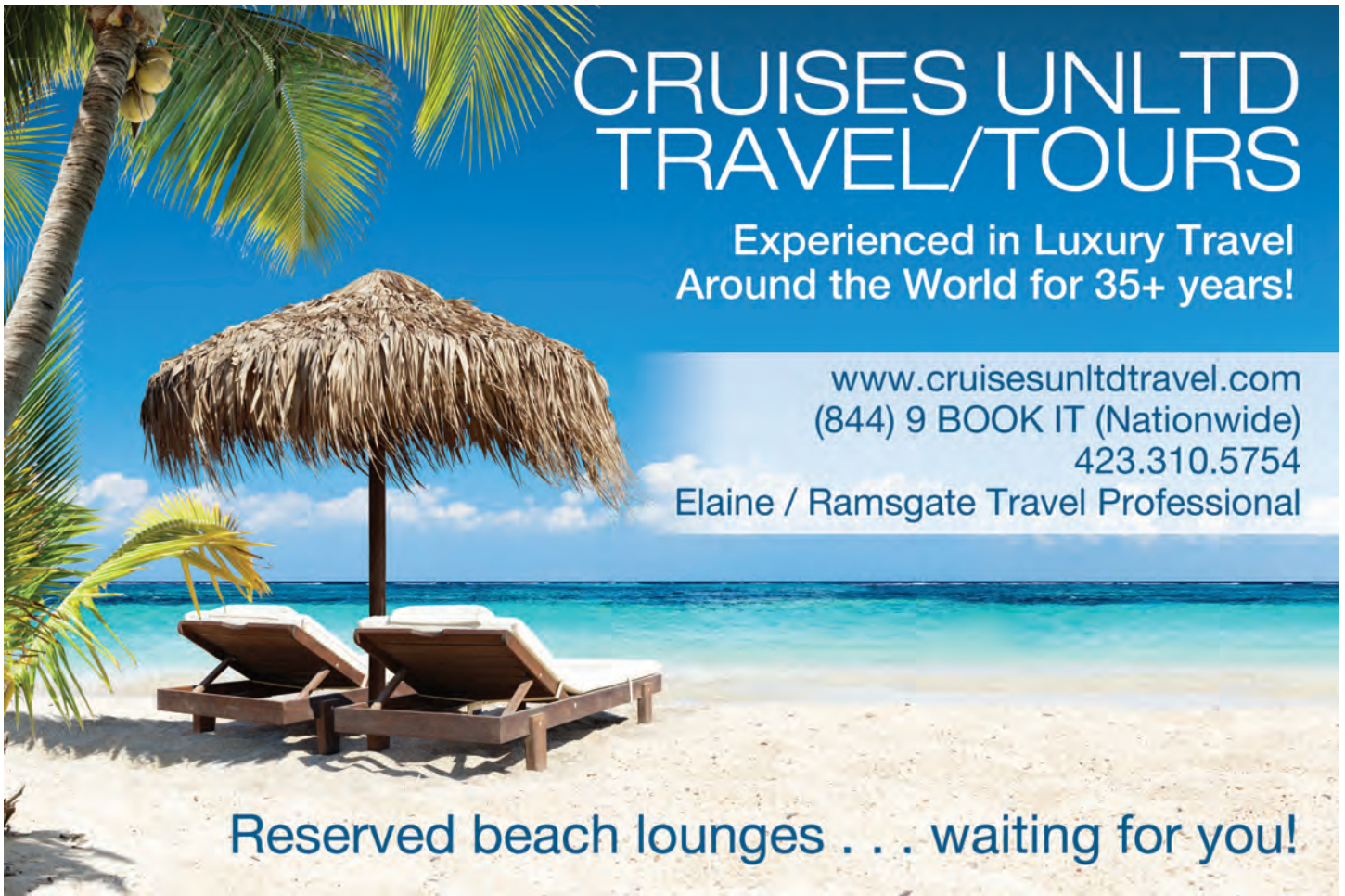


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A wealth of information is available on the Ramsgate website, RamsgateHomeowners.com. You simply create your own login and password to access most of the info. To reach the Directory and Referrals, use the password RHA1994 (case sensitive). So you use your own login and password to get into the site and then RHA1994 to get into the Directory and Referrals. Got it? If not, give me a call.

assessments

You most likely received your Hamilton County property reappraisal recently. We've heard many comments of lowered values, as well as several significant increases. RHA has no authority to challenge the increases, but you as the homeowner can appeal the change. Information on how to do that is included in the mailing and at HamiltonTn.gov. Click on Reappraisal Appeal Information that's in red type in the middle of the page, and then scroll down and click on Informal Review Request Form.

3-1-1 Improvements

The city has improved their online 3-1-1 site, making it easier to register for a curbside pickup. As before, go to Chattanooga.gov and click on the 3-1-1 blue/green Earth icon at the bottom of the screen. Then just follow the prompts on the screen. The updated system allows you to check the status of your request.