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Hello All,

At our recent Annual Meeting, Tricia S, Paul W, and Reni H were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Faith H was also elected to the Board at this time. Board Members are elected for a two-year term. In a couple of weeks, the Board will meet to elect the Officers of the Association. The Budget for 2025 was approved. The new Monthly Fee will be increased by **Three Dollars a month. The new monthly fee will be \$333 a month beginning on January 1, 2025.** Please notify your financial institutions if necessary.

Also, at this meeting the Board and general membership agreed to pursue the refurbishment of the 25 Thousand Gallon water tank in the Pump House. This project will include the re-lining of the tank and the re-painting of the outside of the tank. Both processes include the sandblasting of the interior and exterior of the tank. We need to complete this project to maintain the quality of our water and to adhere to the regulations of NHDES for a community water system. More info to follow as we all will need to conserve water usage during this project. We will be coordinating with Hampstead Water to get some minimal but constant water during this project. We anticipate this project will be completed in early spring of 2025. The vendor has agreed to hold the pricing until this time frame.

Israel Landscaping has installed the snow stakes. If you see stakes that are already “leaning”, please try to hammer them farther into the ground before the ground freezes.

Gene G



Dear Homeowners,

Here we are again! The holidays are upon us. The Fall Cleanup is complete and now we wait for the first storm to arrive. Great seeing you at the annual meeting. It is always so impressive that your attendance turnout is so great. Remember, if you have a need to notify the plow service this winter, please call 888 356-3984 and choose "Snow Plowing". You can record your message which will be forwarded to the plow driver. There is another option on that number for maintenance issues. Enjoy the holiday season.

Sincerely,
Ken Foley,
NextGen



FIND the WORDS

Christmas – Tree – Hanukkah – Winter – Solstice – Pearl – Harbor – Day
Dreidel – Holly – Evergreen – Bells – Sleighride – Caroling – Fireplace

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Apple Turnip Bisque

This will be a busy week for everyone. Hoping that everyone had a joyful Thanksgiving Day. Like most of us, there will have plenty of leftovers from that incredible meal. If you have some turnip (or butternut squash), the following recipe could be of interest to you.

1 tablespoon butter or oil	1 cup tart apples, diced
1/2-1 cup turnip	1/2 cup diced potato
3/4 cup apple juice or cider	3/4 cup chicken broth(regular)
1/4 cup dry white wine	1/2 cup light cream
few drops of lemon juice	salt & pepper to taste

In a heavy bottomed saucepan, melt the butter or oil. Add the diced apple, turnip* & potato; sauté until they are well coated with the butter or oil. Add the wine, apple juice or cider and chicken stock to cover the apples & vegetables. Cover the pan, bring the liquid to a boil then lower to a simmer. Cook the vegetables until tender; about 30 minutes. Then remove from heat. Using a food processor, puree the mixture. Stir in light cream, add the few drops of lemon juice and season to taste with salt and pepper.

*If your turnip (or butternut squash) is cooked and left over from Thanksgiving Day, warm up in the microwave and add to food processor with the other ingredients.

If you do not like apples, pears are a good substitute.

Serves 4. One serving: Carbs-17g, Pro-1g, Fat-6g, Sodium-225mg, Cals=130.

**If using fresh chicken stock, low sodium stock, the sodium level is much less.

Enjoy.

Claudette

Dark-Eyed Juncos



Dark-Eyed Juncos are among the most abundant forest birds of North America. They are flashy little sparrows that flit about forest floors. They are one of the most widespread and abundant songbirds of cooler climates. They are found in summer across most of Alaska and Canada, and it's present year-round in the northeastern states. But in the lowlands across most of the US, Juncos are winter visitors. Often affectionately referred to as snowbirds. They retreat northward each spring. They are all gray and white.

Habitat:

Dark-Eyed Juncos breed in forests. They are also found in coniferous forests, but also in deciduous forests. During winter and on migration they use a wide variety of habitats including woodlands, fields, roadsides, parks, and gardens.

Food:

They are primarily seedeaters. At feeders, they seem to prefer millet over sunflower seeds. During the breeding season, they also eat insects, including beetles, moths, butterflies, caterpillars, ants, wasps, and flies.

Nesting:

The female chooses the nest site, typically in a depression or niche on sloping ground or in tangled roots of an upturned tree. They may also nest in or underneath buildings. Females build the nest, using her beak to weave together materials and her body to give the nest its shape. Ground nests get just a fine lining of grasses or pine needles. Other nests may be built on a foundation of twigs, leaves and moss, then lined with grasses, ferns, rootlets and hair. The nest when finished, is 3-5.5 inches across, with an inner diameter of 2.4-2.8 inches and a depth of 1.6-2.8 inches.

Clutch: 3-6 eggs

Number of broods: 1-3 broods

Egg Description: White, gray, pale bluish white or pale-greenish white speckled with brown, gray and green.

Incubation Period: 12-13 days

Behavior:

When foraging, Juncos typically hop on the ground, pecking or scratching or flit very low in underbrush, gathering food from twigs and leaves.

When males court females, they fan or flick open their wings and tail, hop up and down, pick up pieces of nest material or moss; females seem to prefer males that show whiter in tail.

During winter, Dark-Eyed Juncos form fairly large flocks. Junco flocks typically have a hierarchy or pecking order, and early arrivals tend to rank higher in the group than later arrivals.

Credits/References:

All About Birds-Cornell Lab

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Elaine G

A huge Thank You to everyone who donated their pumpkins to the non-profit, animal sanctuary. Greatly appreciated!!!!