

ENERGY COST ALERT!

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Dear Fellow Homeowners and Residents,

It's no secret. Energy and utility costs are up, way up, and there's no immediate relief in sight. Gas is near \$5 per gallon and heating fuel in the Northeast is nearly \$7 per gallon. The entire nation is effected and the Village is no exception.

We at the Village depend on natural gas to heat our water supply that is used for bathing, cooking, and laundry. Gas is also used for our pool & spa heat, fire pit and BBQs. Additionally, costs for water usage are also increasing.

We are currently budgeted for May 2008 at \$4900 monthly for natural gas and \$3100 for water. Right now, as of May 31, 2008 our gas bill is \$5669 and our water is \$5234. The current billings for these utilities reflect the impact of the nationwide energy cost and escalating demand for water usage through out the State. With everyone's help, we can possibly curb or even reduce our utility consumption.

Here a few things that we all can do.

- ⇒ Repair leaky faucets and toilets. This accounts for one of the highest wastes of water
- ⇒ Do only FULL loads of laundry
- ⇒ Do only FULL dishwasher loads
- ⇒ If you sink wash dishes, FILL the sink and don't run water continuously
- ⇒ Shut off the bathroom sink water while brushing your teeth or shaving
- ⇒ Reduce the time up spend in the shower by 1 minute
- ⇒ Wash your car at a self service car wash, rather than use the Village wash pad

Now may be the time homeowners may want to consider extraordinary measures to reduce consumption and costs. Homeowners may want to consider lowering the heated temperature of the pool and turning off the heat at peak winter months, shutting off the car wash pad and fire pit, and increasing fees at our laundry facilities. Measures to shut off pool heat, and car wash pad may require majority home owner approval. More information about this will be available to the homeowners at a later time.

The Board strives to budget and control costs wherever possible considering the circumstances at hand. It is likely that the HOA will need to collect additional money from the homeowners to meet escalating energy costs. This could be in the form of increased monthly dues or a season special assessment, as utility costs fluctuate. More information about this will be made available at a later time.

In the mean time, please conserve wherever you can. Your attention and co-operation is important and appreciated, a huge help in saving our HOA money.

The Village Board of Directors.