

Report on Building and Grounds 2018

Submitted by Jim and Lisa Fuller

- Harvey Johnson and a big crew of volunteers are working hard to keep the lawn mowed and presentable, and could always use an extra helper
- In the winter Harvey and Jim Fuller keep the solar panels free of snow (a delicate job as the panels are easily damaged)
- Lisa Fuller has been keeping the bathrooms (mostly) clean for the past 2 years
- Dorothy Long has been keeping the floors REALLY clean for the past 2 years (and then some) plus she keeps the indoor plants watered
- Charles Long keeps the septic filters checked and clean (THANK YOU!!). Both the front and back tanks were emptied this Spring at his recommendation.
- Jim F has his eye on our two aging furnaces and heat pumps, and thinks he can keep them limping along for a while but says replacement is inevitable and will cost as much as a brand new car
- Rev. Jim McConnell thinks we could easily upgrade our windows with a do-it-yourself plan
- A hardy crew of volunteers performed early Spring yard clean-up in March
- Rev. Jim thinks our roadside sign needs some TLC
- Jim F is creating a plan to add an exterior outlet for electric car charging and run power to the exterior shed so the electric mower batteries can be charged there.
- BUUF contracts with local business Lawn Butler for winter snow removal
- Parking lot will need some attention (and dollars) at some point for weed control, patching, lines, etc
- Charles and BUUF newcomer Connor Sheridan gave our Accessible parking signs some TLC this Spring
- David Sarra has occasionally exorcised the building of mice and birds; this is an ongoing challenge
- Joanne Krettek does a terrific job keeping the programmable thermostat set for everyone's comfort
- Our childcare workers, Dean Adams and Daphne Martz, vacuum the children's toy room weekly
- Lisa, Harvey, Joanne and Charles have taken turns providing mailbox maintenance and replacement (it has fallen to plows and other bumps several times this past year)
- Ellen Higdon has spearheaded a 'date your leftover food' campaign to keep the fridge cleaner and reduce food borne illness risk

Consider offering to help in these areas.

- Bathroom cleaning
- Floors
- High and low dusting
- Plants
- Window project led by Rev. Jim
- Roadside sign project led by Rev. Jim
- Gardening (especially the raised bed near the road)
- Lawn mowing
- Mouse wrangling and prevention
- Light bulb replacement
- Sanctuary painting

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