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An Obituary from the London Times

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parent when a student became pregnant and wanted an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up after a woman failed to realize that steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,
-by his parents, Truth and Trust
-by his wife, Discretion
-by his daughter, Responsibility
-and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers;
-I Know My Rights
-I Want It Now
-Someone Else Is To Blame
-I'm a Victim...

Not many attended his funeral because, so few realized he was gone. If you remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

Board Bytes

The scheduled Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. on July 1, 2019. All Board members were present. Our property manager was absent due to another meeting. The May minutes were approved.

Business

- Picnic plans were finalized. Famous Dave's will cater the event as last year's caterer is in Hawaii.
- All suggested roofing issues have been repaired.
- Dog stations are installed with bags but don't seem to be being used by residents.
- Curb lines are to be painted by Simplified Restorations.
- The paint company will create a computer-generated program to assist in selecting colors for the buildings.
- A bid for seal coat was accepted. Work should be done in early Fall.
- Sod replacement should be done in July at certain bare areas.
- Board reviewed correspondence.

Financial Report

As of June 30, 2019, we had \$326, 257.36 in total assets.

President's Report

None

The meeting was adjourned, and we will meet again on September 2nd at 4 p.m. in the management company's office.

Did You Know?

Aurora's Household Chemical Roundup will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you have products such as pesticides, automotive products, household cleaners or other items that can be considered hazardous waste, then this is perfect for you!

You can safely and efficiently recycle or dispose of those items that can be harmful to people, pets, and the environment—or just difficult to get rid of. They will take paint, but you can always drop off your unused and leftover paint at a Sherwin Williams paint store. There is a \$3 fee to dispose of each tire. Business waste, medical/biological waste, ammunition, propane tanks, and explosives are not allowed.

The roundup is held at the Aurora Central Facilities, 13645 E. Ellsworth Avenue- one block north of Alameda and Potomac. Open only to Aurora residents, participants must show proof of residency with a driver's license, utility bill or other ID with an Aurora address.

The event is FREE, although donations are appreciated.

President's Pen.....



Why the obituary on the front page (and yes, that really was in the London Times)? Because it is evident to me that Common Sense has gone by the wayside and it seems that 'self' is the dominant character of the day.

Remember in the last issue, front page, I warned you that what happened to the dumpsters during the garage sale would determine the future? Well, someone(s) blew it for the rest of you. The dumpsters were overloaded, and the one on the south end had at least two TVs- all of which I said you shouldn't do. **SO**, the HOA Board will no longer provide dumpsters. You will have to take whatever you wish to get rid of yourself to the dump, a charitable organization, or one of Aurora's cleanup days- just like any other Aurora resident. Aurora just had an e-cycle day on Saturday the 13th where you could have relieved yourself of all sorts of electronic equipment, like TVs, for \$5—that's what it cost me to get rid of an old printer. Those are not items for regular trash as they have parts that need to be taken out, etc. and not pollute landfills. But no, someone just had to put in those TVs, and before you start blaming people from outside Innsbruck dumping their waste in our dumpsters, think again. No one is loading those up but us.

You know what else doesn't make common sense? People who make left turns out of the SE exit/entrance when you're right at an intersection and there are solid lines on the street- you remember what solid lines mean don't you? People who shoot off illegal fireworks don't have common sense. What would make those people think anyone wants to hear that noise and at the times that they were shot off—especially since you can attend all sorts of free, 'real' firework shows? I'm sorry for any pets that were upset and I'm sorry those people weren't fined and put in jail. Is it common sense to light your grill while it's standing right next to the building or the fence? Really, folks, that's just plain stupidity! One resident scorched the siding years ago and had to clean it off. Google was most helpful (or you could read directions that came with the grill) when suggesting distances from objects. The very minimum distance from anything was 3 feet but many were as much as 10 or 15 feet. What makes smokers think that they can just throw away their butts when done? No one wants to see those things laying around! Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the world (an estimated 4.5 trillion littered annually). Did you know each butt can take 5 to 400 years to completely break down? Residents parking in visitor parking is allowed? NOT! I'm so tired of those privileged people who think they can park anywhere they want. When it hits your pocketbook are you going to feel the same way?

Of course, I could go on and on. We're back at the 'self' belief—you don't have to follow rules? You shouldn't have to worry about your actions affecting others? SORRY- you live in a community of others and there are rules to follow that benefit the whole group. Come on folks, do you always have to do what YOU want?

What I want is for people to come to the picnic in September! The insert gives you the basic information, but I certainly hope that you can see the common sense in attending. What would that be? Your neighborhood is always safer when you know your neighbors. It's nice to have an hour or two to sit down, relax, and chat with others and get to know them. Best of all, you just need to show up—no cooking; no cleaning up (unless you want to help at the end). Let's hope the weather is good, that the food is great, and you have a wonderful time. We have so few opportunities to meet with each other, so take advantage of it.

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June 13, 2020



September 8, 2019



October 9, 2019

