**December 2019 Billing Newsletter**

**Neighborhood Watch:**  In November several people reported a prowler and attempted break ins. Keep your cars and doors locked whenever possible. Would-be thieves most often exploit opportunities like items left in vehicles, cash, checks, gift cards and packages left in mailboxes and on doorsteps. Delivery vehicles may also be followed. We need all members of the community to become more aware; watch for and report violators or suspected violators. When in doubt, report suspicious persons or activity to 911.

If you are interested in re-establishing our **Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact the office.** More information about this nationwide program is at [www.nnw.org](http://www.nnw.org).

There were several leaks found while reading water meters. As the temperature outside drops, it’s important to know where your water meter is and how to turn it off in case of a leak. If you are unsure about this, call the office and someone will be happy to show you where it is and how to turn it off.

**![MCj03598570000[1]]()Rodents** – During cold weather rats and mice may look for shelter in your home and outbuildings. Seal small openings in your buildings. Mice can squeeze through a ¼ inch opening and rats through a ½ inch opening. Clean up rubbish piles and use tight fitting lids on garbage cans. Food sources such as pet food or birdseed may also attract them. Traps and baits are available. Use the correct sized trap for rats or mice. Use plenty of them placed in areas of rodent activity. Children, pets and birds can be protected by using a bait station.

**Fireworks** are not allowed on the beach or on any Rolling Hills-Glencairn Community properties. This includes the clubhouse area, parking lots, basketball court, baseball field, beach, and picnic area next to the beach. *LEGAL FIREWORKS are permitted only on private property* during Island County designated days and times. The 2019 allowed fireworks discharge times for New Years are Dec 31st & Jan 1st 6pm until 1am.

* If you do use fireworks this year, respect your community by cleaning up after yourself.

**Census Bureau employees** are going door-to-door to ensure accuracy of their address lists prior to the 2020 census. They have Census Bureau photo ID cards, labeled bags and laptops. Census data determines the number of seats a state has in Congress and how more than $675 billion in federal funds are distributed to states and local communities. The census begins in 2020 and most people will be able to update information digitally. More at 2020census.gov.

**Holiday Office Schedule** - The Rolling Hills-Glencairn Community Service office will be **closed** **Tuesday and** **Wednesday, December 24th and 25th. The office will also be closed Wednesday, January 1, 2020** so office staff may spend the holidays with their families. We hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as well. **Office hours are: 9am-2pm, Monday–Friday (unless otherwise posted).**

The December 10, 2019 Board meeting is cancelled. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 14, 2020** at 7pm in the clubhouse. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.