



March 2012

Dear Associate Members,

So many things to talk about!

Invoices: Hopefully you all received your invoice for the 2012 dues via e-mail or the post. We appreciate your prompt reply and thank you in advance of any extra donation you may be able to contribute. Our roads committee is always in need of a little extra to keep the roads passable for all.

Signing on to Onrusticridge@gmail.com: Bob Z has updated the website to include articles about CS Lewis College, Hobby Lobby and various events which occurred over the winter. To view this masterpiece, go to <http://igoogle.com> on your internet browser and click on "sign in" right-hand corner. The user name is onrusticridge@gmail.com and the password is northfield. ENJOY!

CS Lewis and Hobby Lobby: As of December 31, 2011 the CS Lewis Foundation lost its exclusive right to use the Northfield Campus because it did not raise sufficient funds. Hobby Lobby is opening up the campus to other Christian Universities and several have been very interested. There are 3 articles from Washington Post, Huffington Post and the Boston Globe on the website . You can read this is the most recent article by [clicking here](#). It looks as though something will be decided by the summer.

Northfield Inn Pool: The Pool will be open from June 16 to August 16, 2012. I am planning to meet with Raphaela in May to see what other improvements might be accomplished with the funds left from the generous donations so many of you made last year. I have attached the pool application to this letter. All the fees will be the same as last year.

Harvesting of the NMH forest: Northfield Mt Hermon Schools has continued and almost completed the managed harvesting of their woods south and east of the Rustic Ridge. Hopefully we will be having another guided tour by Mike Mauri, the forest manager of the project. The 6 of us who went last year learned so much and were impressed by the way the logging has been conducted.

Survey of cottages: The Historical Commission of Northfield continues to oversee the surveying of the properties in East Northfield. This survey includes all the homes on the Rustic Ridge. Sue Ross, one of the committee members, said that after speaking with Bonnie (professional survey taker) about the records and input available from the Ridge families, she was thrilled to know of our willingness to share social and cultural information. To be continued ...

Lobster Fest – Saturday July 7th: Lucy Livingston graciously offered to organize this wonderful event again this summer. She needs some assistance - please e-mail her if you can help. lhlivingston@gmail.com

4th of July Parade – Saturday July 7th: Due to the 4th falling on Wednesday we decided to have the parade on Sat, the 7th, when we hope there will be more participants. We are thrilled that Alan Abel and David Powell once again offered to contribute to the success of the parade.

Annual Meeting and Picnic – Saturday August 4th: Please e-mail me carol@cnzhomes.com if you would like to help with the picnic this year. Lucy has promised to find a venue which would work rain or shine.

Warm Regards,
Carol Ziegenhagen