



DON'T BAG RECYCLING

PLACE RECYCLING LOOSE IN BIN

Empty bags and place in trash.

Plastic bags go in the trash.

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The graphic shows a blue recycling bin with a red 'X' over it and a red circle with a white 'X' next to it, indicating that bags should not be used. Below, it shows a blue recycling bin with a green checkmark next to it, indicating that loose items should be placed in the bin. The OCARRA.org logo is at the bottom right.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 1 - Boilers turned on for the heating season (See Property Management section for more info)
- October 14 - Special Meeting to work on 2025 Budget
- October 17 - Open Board Meeting 6pm
- November 5 - United States Presidential Election
- November 11 - Executive Session Board Meeting

FYI:

Every U.S. household is now eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 test kits. The tests will be sent to your home free of charge. Do not give any personal information to order. This is totally free. To order use this link: <https://special.usps.com/testkits> or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

Featured Rules and Regs... For Unit Fireplaces 🔥

Section 1.B Maintenance of Units 2.
Because of the questionable structural integrity of the fireplace flues, no Unit Owner shall be allowed to build a fire in their fireplace unless unit owners first have it **cleaned and inspected with a video camera by a professional** and reputable chimney cleaning and repair company. (This should be done annually) Written documentation, by a certified chimney specialist with said company that states that these procedures were done and that the fireplace is safe to use, must be given to the Maple Wood Condominium Association Board of Directors **prior to actual use**. The Board will then give the Unit Owner permission to use their fireplace.
This is a SAFETY ISSUE that affects all Unit Owners.

News of Note:

Do you like to save money? \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Do you have money to *throw* (or recycle) away?

The Board continues to look for ways to keep our HOA fees in line.

In order to save the money we can no longer put **any** kind of plastic bag in the recycling dumpster. Putting plastic bags in the recycling dumpsters causes many problems for the recycling plant, the workers, and the environment.

This helpful video will show you alternatives to using plastic bags for your recycling:
https://youtu.be/934RecqFc_Q

Three Basic Rules

RULE 1
Recycle bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.

RULE 2
Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.

RULE 3
No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

The infographic consists of three cards. Rule 1 shows a recycling bin with bottles, cans, and cardboard. Rule 2 shows a recycling bin with a banana peel and a liquid spill. Rule 3 shows a recycling bin with a plastic bag and a bagged item.

The Drumm Beat by Mary Drumm

In the early morning hours of Sunday, September 8th, I heard a squeaking cry coming from outside I assumed was a squirrel. Turns out, I wasn't the only one who heard a sound that night. Later that morning, Frankie Anderson, who also lives in building 2 & 6, sent a text to a few of her animal-loving neighbors, including myself, "There was a kitten in a bush last night screaming its head off. I tried multiple times to find it but couldn't. Did anyone hear or see anything?" She elaborated that she had just laid down in bed when she heard that same crying and thought it was one of her own two cats. She said she jolted out of bed, and upon seeing they were fine, went to her sunroom facing Sherman Avenue to look for the source of the noise. That was when she saw a kitten walking outside Marilyn Wilson's unit. She tried to rescue the kitten but never saw her again that night. I responded that I would try to look for it that day. My pup Willie and I set out to look and during this investigation, I started to hear the kitten again and so did Frankie. She whipped open the window, and exclaimed, "I can hear it again!". I shouted up to her, "I think it's across the street!". I ran home to drop off Willie as Frankie tore through the building and across Sherman Avenue. By the time I did the same, she was holding the kitten by the scruff of the neck in the crux of her elbow. She had been located under the neighbor's fence and Frankie had managed to grab her. The kitten had bitten Frankie hard, and she had scratches on her hands and arms.

We retrieved Frankie's cat carrier and brought the kitten to my unit much to the dismay of Willie Nelson. He didn't seem to enjoy his new surprise roommate. My boyfriend helped temporarily house her in his mudroom while Frankie made the decision to adopt her. Frankie had concerns about her own much older male cats but expressed that she couldn't stop thinking about the kitten and had already given her a name, Maple. She had felt that the experience of rescuing the kitten had been a community effort and since she was originally found outside Maple Wood Condos that it was a fitting name. Maple is a beautiful calico of alternating black and orange tabby with splashes of white. And if you don't know Frankie, she is such a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. She moved here over a year ago and hasn't shied away from getting involved in our community – from joining the MWCA Events Committee (aka Good Time Gals) to bringing the spiciest Scorpion cheese to the Summer Picnic. She even ran for the board in the last election. If you see her, make sure to ask how Maple is doing and to see some pictures!



Property Management Corner:

✔ TURNING YOUR HEAT ON

FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON

Please turn on your heat before you actually need to use it to make sure that it is properly working. If there is a problem with your system, let Steve know immediately.

Please use the paper form by the mailbox, form on the website or send an email for non-emergency maintenance requests.

Committee Corner:

It's time for a group of Maple Wood owners to begin planning for **elevator replacement**. We have no timeline currently but we know it will need to happen in the next few years.

This will be a HUGE undertaking.

We also need to have a plan in place in case an elevator fails before we have replaced it.

If you are concerned or have an interest in the elevator situation at Maple Wood, you are encouraged to join the Elevator Committee.

Meetings will be decided once we have a committee in place. Please email the board with your interest at maplewoodcondosmadison@gmail.com.

