

The Best Surprise is... NO Surprise!

Typically, April in Hampton Roads is a lovely time of year. The heater has been turned off during the day, and the evening's are comfortable.

It's a time for bike riding, strolls through our beautiful neighborhoods and even time to get the BBQ cleaned and fired up.

Some days are so warm, even a window or two gets raised; and that cross breeze freshens the entire house. We know there will be times in late April and early May when warm fronts come bursting through, and the need to pop the thermostat from "heat" or "off" to "air" may occur. Though the daily average for April is 70 degrees, we've seen it go to 80 and beyond.

The biggest and most disappointing surprise could be turning on the air-conditioning and nothing happens. Warm air comes flowing through the vent. But if this happens to you... **Don't PANIC!** It could be as simple as a surge to your electrical panel that has tripped the switch. It could also mean that since the last time the air-conditioner was turned on, you haven't changed your filters in the ceiling. That

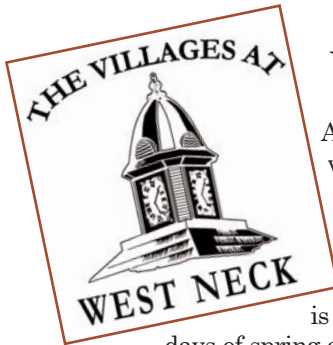
clogged filter could prevent cool air from circulating. It could also mean something more severe, like a leak in your cooling line or so much build-up of dirt and leaves in your system, that it cannot function.

In any one of these scenarios, they can be corrected and fixed for a comfortable day indoors. But why wait? Do what I've done: Call *American Mechanical* today; and arrange for one of their professionals to visit your home; inspect, clean and test your system; and while you're at it, purchase a maintenance agreement, like we did. It covers cleaning and inspection of your heating system before the cold arrives and the same for your air-conditioning system before it gets hot. This is one of the best investments you can make for your home!

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Village Hall & Pool

As I write this month's column, we have just had our first 70 degree day of the year. March will probably live up to the old adage of "in like a lion and out like a lamb". I know everyone is ready for the warm and sunny days of spring and summer.

We have had a great response to the pool membership so far, and I'm sure that this will continue as folks start to enjoy the warmer weather. Our winter watch program for the pool, calls for the filter system to be run one or two days per week when the weather gets near the 70 degree mark. We will uncover the pool by the first week of April and start the process of balancing the water and raising the water temperature with the pool heat pump. Our scheduled opening date is Friday April 16th, weather permitting. There is new patio furniture for this season. This freed up two tables and 10 chairs to be used on the pool surround. We also have those two oversized 11 ft. cantilever umbrellas to break out this year.

The fitness center has really been busy all of 2010. February visits totaled 1,962, or an average of 70 folks per day working out. One of our regulars in there is Jim Watt. He stopped by my office this week and told me that he stopped going to Inlet to work out, and he was saving over a thousand dollars per year by coming here. We also have a group of folks that start using the facility every morning

just after 5:00 AM, when the access code entry is available. This morning we had 20 folks in there early, with most of them coming in between 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM. My hats off to them on the self discipline and effort they are putting forth to stay so fit.

Jim also shared with me that he is constantly using our library and really finds it such a convenience having it right here in our community. He likes the no late fee policy we extend to all owners allowing folks to keep the books as long as they like. We have a great team of Library Volunteers that Sue Mays recruited. They keep the library updated and organized every week.

We are still under our first year warranty coverage provided by George Fuller and his team. We have a small punch list of items that George and his subs are working on. These should all be resolved by the end of April. We continue to expand the events, classes, and meetings that take place here every month. We have a great team on staff that works well together adapting to the variables of scheduled hours, depending on the season. I have to stop and remember that this time last year the facility was still under construction and had never been used yet. That seems unreal. Thanks for the hard work and effort from everyone making this first year so successful. Enjoy the beauty of the community as spring comes into full bloom. As always, thanks for your continuing support.