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## Best wishes to all for a Very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of Holidays




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A new management agreement with Arbors was approved by Council at the November meeting. Council is pleased to be working with Arbors for another two years and thank them for all their support and hard work. Tom, you are the best! We also thank Kathy Mazzotta who keeps us updated on the finances, and Cathy Musone the front-desk person who always greets us with a smile and edits and prints our newsletters.


**Non-resident cats are still roaming our neighborhood. With winter coming, they are hungry and cold, and garbage looks good to them. Anyone know of any homes for them? Please feel free to take charge and help save their lives.**



*Holiday decorating can be fun, but it can also cause some serious fire hazards. Every year we hear on the news of accidents happening and houses burning down because of improper wiring and placement of Christmas decorations. For this reason GCLO has rules.*

*Fire hazards include:*

- *Overloaded electrical outlets and loose wires (decorations should always be unplugged before leaving home or going to bed);*
- *Using indoor extensions and lights for outdoors;*
- *Creating a maze of extension cords, plugs and wires that all come from the same electrical outlet;*
  - *Plugging outdoor lights in an indoor plug;*
  - *Extension cords used for outdoor lights use three-prong plugs. Never use an indoor cord or a cord without the third prong. A grounded outlet is needed and a cord with the shortest length that works for your project.;*
  - *Electrical outlets and timers used for Christmas lights should be readily accessible for quick disconnection.*



*Appropriate GCLO rules are on page #3. We ask for everyone's cooperation in following the rules, using discretion in their decorating, and being considerate of their neighbors,*

*Need a place for your Holiday party?  
Rental Coordinator, GCLO/CC Community Room  
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# SILENT NIGHT



**The GCLo Annual meeting will be held February 15th, the third Wednesday in February at 7:00 PM. The agenda will include voting to fill two Council positions. Anyone interested in putting their name on the ballot, please submit your name to Tom Wagner by February 1st so ballots can be printed.**

If you don't put your garbage in cans and the crows rip the bags apart and your garbage is strewn all over the roads, you are responsible to pick it up.



The new budget for 2012 was approved by Council at the November meeting. Arbors will be sending a copy of the approved 2012 budget along with their yearly letter and payment stubs. FYI: The budget will also be posted on [gclo.org](http://gclo.org).



Check into [gclo.org](http://gclo.org) for complete information on our community. And thanks to Eileen for the great website!



**There is a dues increase of \$6.00/month beginning January 1, 2012. This will make your monthly payment \$218. You will be receiving new payment stubs from Arbors.**



**There's trouble with a street light on Williamsburg—West Penn Power knows about it but after many phone calls and complaints, they have still not rectified the problem.**



**Council has received a rough draft of updated GCLo Declarations from the attorney. The next step is for Council to review and add or subtract input that will apply directly to GCLo. When complete, all owners will receive a copy for review before the final vote by owners. Declarations have not been updated since 1985 and do not currently comply with the newest Condominium Acts, though they are legal and binding until updated documents are filed in Westmoreland County.**



## *Christmas in Salem Crossroads*

Come to Christmas in Salem Crossroads. Step back in time and experience once more the spiritual joy of Christmas. Take an inspirational pilgrimage, a walking journey through the past. As you travel the road to Bethlehem, contemplate live vignettes depicting scenes from that first Christmas...the Prophecy, the Annunciation, Caesar's Decree, Mary and Joseph's journey, the Nativity. Soft, lighted walkways, dramatic

December 3, 4 and 10, 11, 2011 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Delmont, PA

Information and Tickets may be secured by calling (724) 468-4003 daily from 10am to 3pm

**Please don't drink and drive - stay safe and keep other's out of harms way!**



# Happy New Year





## GCLO RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 4.1 The walks, entrances, and all of the Common Elements must not be obstructed, encumbered, or used for any purpose other than ingress and egress to and from a Unit.
- A. The lights of each unit are designed to enhance security and provide a pleasing night-time appearance. Residents must replace burned out bulbs within 7 days.
  - B. No objects are to be hung on the light fixture.
  - C. No nails or screws are permitted to be placed into the brick. Nothing may be hung from a hook attached to the brick.
  - D. No defacing the walkways, driveways, streets, or parking areas.
  - E. No sidewalk lighting is permitted to line the entrances or front and rear beds.
- 4.2 The personal property of all Unit owners shall be stored within their Units.
- A. All toys, tools, bicycles, and other large personal items must be stored within the Unit when not in use.
  - B. Outdoor furniture is permitted only on the patio/porch surfaces.
  - C. Pole mounted lanterns and torches for lighting and electronic devices to eliminate insects are not permitted inside or outside fencing.
  - D. Freestanding flagpoles for the American flag are permitted on patios in mulched areas adjacent to the Unit front doors. No other flags are permitted. The placement of the American flag shall not interfere with sidewalks or other public access.
  - E. Nothing is to be attached to the outside or inside of any fence.
- 4.25 Shrubs, trees, planting areas.
- A. All trees and shrubs in the common area are the property of the GCLO.
  - B. It is the responsibility of GCLO to provide for the design, maintenance, care, and the replacement of lawn, trees, and shrubs outside the patio fences. Residents are not permitted to alter landscaping, plant grass, or modify the color or texture of mulched beds. Owners may use an Alteration Request Form for any proposed landscaping changes.
  - C. The limited common area inside the patio fences are reserved for tending and planting by residents provided that the plantings are appropriate and do not extend over or through the fence.
  - D. The GCLO and/or landscape contractor will not be held responsible for damage or removal of any annuals or perennials during the landscaping process.
  - E. Personal items such as pots, planters, statues, flowers, and flags other than the American flag are not permitted in the common areas outside of fences.
  - F. Nothing may be attached to or hung from the trees and shrubs, except as provided in Rule 4.26 Holiday Decoration
- 4.26 Holiday Decorations
- A. All decorations must be consistent with the current holiday.
  - B. Decorations shall not be attached to the outside of the building structure or any fences.
  - C. The Unit Owner is responsible for any damage done to the exterior of the building and/or to the shrubs and trees abutting the unit.
  - D. Electrical wires may not be placed in the lawn or walk areas.
  - E. Decorations must be removed 30 days after holiday.