



Caldwell Crossings Home Owners Association



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Last edition when we thanked the volunteers for helping at the polls, we inadvertently omitted **Debby Clark**.

Once again, thank you for helping to make this process run smoothly.

If you receive a paper copy of our newsletter. We do not have an email address for you., please send your email address communications@caldwellcrossings.org. Hand delivery of the newsletter has been done by Vern Hydorn and Mike Smith. If you can help them, it would be appreciated.



Spring is an excellent time to replace or refresh your



mulch. Please remember that only natural colored bark or pine straw is permitted. Red mulch is not natural colored



Wash Windows

Be sure to pick a cloudy day to wash windows. If it's too sunny, the cleaning solution will dry too fast and you'll have streaks," For a window-washing solution, combines 1/2 cup of sudsy ammonia (which is a specific type of ammonia), 1 pint of rubbing alcohol, 1 teaspoon of dishwashing liquid, and 1 gallon of water

Overlooked Surfaces

You may overlook these surfaces on a daily basis, but once a year, give your baseboards, door frames, and walls a good scrub-down. Wash them with a sponge and a squirt of dishwashing liquid mixed in a bucket of warm water.

Keeping Our Community Clean



Caldwell Crossings residents who have landscaping near public sidewalks are required to keep them trimmed back and away from the sidewalk. Landscaping should not be growing out over the

sidewalk. It impedes residents from walking and it doesn't look nice

Residents are reminded to clean up after their pet. No one likes to find surprises lurking in the grass. Be a good neighbor.



Common areas in Caldwell Crossings are not dumping grounds for trash, dead bushes or grass clippings. Dispose of these items properly. If you know of anyone dumping in the common areas, please email communications@caldwellcrossings.org

ARC any changes that you wish to make to the exterior of your home requires ARC approval first. You may get an ARC form on our website or you may contact an ARC member.



Do you have something to say? Would you like to share your expertise on a subject? Do you have helpful hints? Well your neighbors are waiting to hear from you. Send your thoughts, hints suggestions to communications@caldwellcrossings.org and see them published in our next issue?

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



Exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam

For the purposes of VA compensation benefits, Veterans who served anywhere in Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides, as specified in the Agent Orange Act of 1991. These Veterans do not need to show that they were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides in order to get disability compensation for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure.

Service in Vietnam means service on land in Vietnam or on the inland waterways of Vietnam. This includes Veterans who:

- **Set foot in Vietnam** (This includes brief visits ashore, such as when a ship docked to the shore of Vietnam **or** when a ship operated in Vietnam's close coastal waters for extended periods and crew members went ashore, or smaller vessels from the ship went ashore with supplies or personnel. The Veteran further must provide a statement of personally going ashore.)

- Served on a ship while it operated on the **inland waterways of Vietnam**
Blue Water Veterans are **not presumed** to have been exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides **unless** they set foot in Vietnam or served aboard ships that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam anytime between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.

Check VA's list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships that operated in Vietnam. Evidence **confirmed through military records** must show that the Veteran was aboard one of these ships.

VA benefits

Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service may be eligible for a variety of VA benefits, including an Agent Orange Registry health exam, health care, and disability compensation for diseases associated with exposure. Their dependents and survivors also may be eligible for benefits.

Learn more about benefits related to Agent Orange exposure.

Need help determining service in Vietnam or eligibility?

VA can help determine eligible service in Vietnam after you file a claim for disability compensation, survivors' benefits, or benefits for children with birth defects.

Veterans may be eligible for an Agent Orange Registry health exam. You don't have to file a disability compensation claim to receive the exam. Contact your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator about getting an Agent Orange Registry health exam.

QUESTIONS TO ASK ANY ROOFING CONTRACTOR BEFORE YOU LET THEM ON YOUR ROOF



When storms hit we see an influx of out of-town roofers (“storm chasers”), who often leave town not long after the storms do. How can you determine if you’re hiring a legitimate, experienced roofer who will be around after the storm season?

Here are some important questions you may want to ask any roofing company you may be considering. Please use this list as an aid to ensure that the contractor you choose will be there to provide ethical and responsive service before, during and after your project is complete.

1. Are they in good standing with the Better Business Bureau?
2. How many years of experience do they have as a roofing contractor ?
3. Are they insured? What type of insurance coverage do they have and what and how much does it cover? Don’t hesitate to ask a roofing contractor for a certificate of insurance and make sure the coverage is in effect throughout your project. You don’t want to be liable for accidents that occur on your property (and you will be if the contractor is not properly insured)!
4. Who will supervise your roofing project? How much experience do they have? How can you contact that person?
5. Where is the roofing company located? Has your prospective contractor just come to town with the storms? Drive by and check out their business address. You probably don’t want to hire a roofer who is operating out of his pickup truck or temporary P.O. Box.
6. What is the roofing contractor’s warranty on labor? What is the manufacturer’s warranty? Get warranty information in writing. Consider how long your contractor has been in business and where they are located when looking at their labor warranty.
7. Do they have credit references? Ask for a list of local suppliers, and call them to ensure the roofing contractor is in good standing. You don’t want to be left footing the bill for roofing materials.
8. Do they have customer references they can provide? Get a list of previous customers and call them.
9. Will they give you a detailed, written proposal with complete descriptions of the work, start and completion dates and payment schedule?
10. Is the contractor going to obtain the appropriate municipal permits?
11. Are they asking for money upfront? End users should beware of paying before the job is complete. A partial payment for materials, however, after they have been delivered to your project location, is not unusual.
12. Which roofing manufacturers are they certified to install? You can go to the manufacturer’s website to see which roofing contractors are certified to install their roofing system.
13. Is the roofer offering to “take care of” or “eat” your insurance deductible? Talk directly to your insurance company to ensure that any “deal” is legitimate and not insurance fraud.
14. Are they claiming they are licensed? If so, where? Ask to see their license.
15. If the bid is significantly lower than their competitors, why? If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Price is only one consideration when selecting a roofing contractor.