**ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR – NOELLE KINSER**

The Abbottsford engagement activities have increased thanks to the contribution of our Abbottsford residents. A big THANK YOU to all our volunteers whose creativity and tireless efforts make our long list of activities possible. Please let me know if you would like to join our fun Engagement Committee. My email is: noelle\_kinser@yahoo.com

**Survey Results**

* A survey was conducted Oct. 7 – 14, 2024. I am happy to report that we had a wonderful response rate. The results of the survey have been posted to the website and sent out to the community via eblast. I also printed a few packets that are available in Clubhouse for the HOA Semi-Annual Meeting. Thank you for providing your insight.

**Always Available**

* Little Library – Located in the playground area. It hosts a variety of current books which are rotated and available for any avid reader.
* Butterfly Garden – Located at the corner of Hyde Park and Abbottsford

**Weekly**

* Mah Jongg – Located at the clubhouse. Gatherings are on Wednesday from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Beginner Mah Jongg class will be offered at the clubhouse beginning Jan. 6th, 2025. For more information, please contact Donna Kestner or check out the Abbottsford website.

**Monthly**

* Happy Hours – Located at the clubhouse. The gatherings occur on the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Please stop by on December 5th to Jingle and Mingle.

**Annually**

* Directory – I am excited to share that we will have a printed directory for 2025. I am in the process of updating the pdf version from 2022-2023. I hope to have the directory available for distribution January/February 2025. A notice will be sent out prior to distribution to your mailbox. Thank you for your survey responses requesting this be reinstated. Please send an email to [noelle\_kinser@yahoo.com](mailto:noelle_kinser@yahoo.com) if you have any updates.
* Spring Clean Fling – Save the Date: **April 26-27, 2025**. We will have shredding, trash dumpsters, donation truck, etc.
* Summer Pool Party - A wonderful summer fun event. We look forward to seeing you next year to get your face painted, enjoy appetizers, drinks, and Kona Ice Truck while the kids adventure through the inflatable water slide or jump in the pool with our diligent lifeguard presiding.
* Fall Fest - An autumn event held the weekend before Halloween. It is full of yummy treats, costume contests, pumpkin decorating, smore’s and more.
* Halloween – An exciting time to welcome cute or spooky-cute children with goodies for homeowners who elect to participate.

**Throughout the Year**

* Book Club – Spend an enjoyable time sharing thoughts, interpretations, and perspectives on the story, characters, and themes of the selected book. The variety of books are selected by the club. Please reach out to Nancy Lorenzi at [nancylorenzi@vumc.org](mailto:nancylorenzi@vumc.org) to be added to the Book Club. Upcoming events held in the clubhouse and books are:
  + November 13, 2024 **Demon of Unrest** (*Erik Larson*)
  + January TBD, 2025 **This is Going to Hurt: Secret Diaries of a Jr. Doctor** (*Adam Kay*)
* Discover and Learn - An opportunity to explore something new. We had a wonderful lecture about the history of Abbottsford Redoubt #4. Please join us for the upcoming event held in the clubhouse:
  + December 7, 2024, at 10am **Nashville’s Highland Rim Forest**, Join Judson Newborn and Elizabeth Fox, who serve as Core Team Members of the Alliance to Conserve Nashville's Highland Rim Forest, share about their conservation efforts for the largest continuous forest found in any major city of 500,000 around the globe.
* Abbottsford Website – Please send any suggestions for community email blasts to Noelle Kinser at [noelle\_kinser@yahoo.com](mailto:noelle_kinser@yahoo.com).