**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**Randy Larson, chairman of the ACC for the Parkwood Place HOA would like to remind everyone that if you are contemplating changes to the exterior of your home, these changes need to be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Request forms may be secured directly from the JDH website at www.jdhassociationmanagement.com**

**BEST COOKIE RECIPE**

(Recipe may be halved):
2 cups butter
4 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
2 cups granulated sugar
2 cups brown sugar
5 cups blended oatmeal (measure oatmeal and blend in blender to a fine powder)
24 oz. chocolate chips
1 tsp. salt
1 8 oz. Hershey bar (grated)
4 eggs
2 tsp. baking powder
3 cups chopped nuts (your choice)
2 tsp. vanilla

Cream the butter and both sugars. Add eggs and vanilla; mix together with flour, oatmeal, salt, baking powder, and soda. Add chocolate chips, Hershey bar and nuts. Roll into balls and place two inches apart on a cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Makes 112 cookies. **Have Fun!!!**

**DECORATING TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**As you prepare your home for the holiday season, here are some safety tips to keep in mind:**

* **Keep live trees away from heat sources**
* **Keep your tree hydrated**
* **Make sure artificial trees are labeled “fire resistant”**
* **Don’t burn wrapping paper in the fireplace**
* **Work as a team when putting up lights outside**
* **Double-check lights for safety.**
* **Power down when you turn in or leave the house**
* **Secure candles**
* **Beware of poisonous plants such as poinsettias.**

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**OWNER'S MAINTENANCE**

**Please note this important information from Section 3 of the HOA bylaws:**

**Each owner shall at all times be obligated to maintain, repair, replace and renew, or cause to be maintained, repaired, replaced or renewed, his or her lot and residence so to keep same in a clean, sightly, safe and first-class condition consistent with its original intended appearance.  The owner shall promptly remove all paper, debris, refuse; removal and replacement of dead and diseased trees and plantings, the repair, replacement, cleaning and revamping of all outside lighting fixtures; the mowing, watering, fertilizing, weeding, replanting and replacement of all landscaping.**

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**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST**

**Parkwood Place neighbors will have the opportunity to participate in the Christmas Lights Contest. Lights must be up by December 15. Awards will consist of First Place, Second Place and Third Place. A sign will be placed in the yard of the winning entries.**

**Please note that all Christmas lights will need to be removed by January 15, 2014.**