

## Statement by the Atchison Village Audit Committee

Dear Fellow Members of Atchison Village—

The Audit Committee was disappointed by the recent article on the front page of *The Atchison Riveter*, entitled “Board Transparency and Confidentiality,” signed by Ron Kane.

First and foremost: *Did the Audit Committee Ask for “Confidential Information”?*

Answer: **No.**

The Audit Committee has never asked for, and is not interested in, “confidential” or “private” information concerning any member of Atchison Village.

Starting last October 2015, the Audit Committee asked to see maintenance-work record sheets, in order to assess and audit maintenance expenses. The Board of Directors refused to allow the Audit Committee to see the actual worksheets, and instead offered the Audit Committee only a simplified list of work requests. This does not allow the Audit Committee to do its job—which is to *audit* the expenses and records of Atchison Village. We requested this information to perform an audit, to assess whether there were any wasteful expenditures, and to provide a report and recommendation to the members on how to achieve greater efficiency, and reduce costs to the members of Atchison Village.

For example, in the simplified list provided to the Audit Committee there is no information concerning, among other things: 1) the actual time spent by Atchison Village staff performing a maintenance job; 2) the number of visits to a unit to complete the maintenance job; 3) supplies purchased for the job; and 4) the number of visits made to the supply store to complete the maintenance job.

The Audit Committee cannot “audit” the expenses of Atchison Village without actual receipts, and the work-record sheet created by the staff. Without independently reviewing the expenses of Atchison Village, the Audit Committee cannot do its job—which is to independently report and assess the expenses incurred by the Board, and then to make a report to **all** of the members concerning these expenses. Moreover, the Audit Committee told the Board that if any receipt or work-sheet contains “confidential” information, then the Board could redact that information before submitting it to the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee believes that every member of Atchison Village is a shareholder, and is entitled to know that member money—*their* money—is being spent in an efficient and non-wasteful way. We are simply trying to do the job we were elected to do.

Finally, the Audit Committee wants to allay any concerns that members may have. If you have any questions, please call us **Linda Ardakani at 575-740-4960 or Vicki Sawicki at 510-237-3987** or leave a message in the mailbox at the Atchison Village Office for the Audit Committee.

We, like all the members, care about our community, and we want to make sure that member money is being spent appropriately, and in a cost-efficient, non-wasteful manner. To achieve this, we believe that the Board should provide original records and receipts concerning all expenditures made with member money so that it can be independently reviewed. That's what an Audit Committee does—and all we want to do is to do the job we were elected to do for the members.

Sincerely,

Laraine Hernandez, Vicki Sawicki, and Linda Ardakani  
2015/2016 Atchison Village Audit Committee