

THE GRAPEVINE



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Calendar

Next Board Of Directors'
Meeting
Thursday, 1:30 PM
June 16, 2011



JOIN US!!!

in the Administration Building at 1:30 p.m. All unit owners and residents are encouraged to attend all Board meetings.



▶ Property Maintenance Committee,
Thursday, JUNE 2 at 1:30 PM,
Administration Building

Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday June 15
Clubhouse I at 10 AM

LWCC Executive Board
Tuesday, June 28, 9:30 am
Clubhouse I.

The President's Corner

First, I want to thank everyone for either turning in your proxy or attending our Annual Meeting on April 28. It is reassuring that our Mutual unit owners do respond to the call for the Annual Meeting and that we have always had a quorum for the meeting. It is necessary for us to conduct our elections and stay in business. Thanks for making the event successful.

It was particularly gratifying to have multiple candidates for our Board of Directors.

Richard Bambach and Agnes Glass, the incumbents running, were each re-elected for full three-year terms. John Radcliffe was elected for two years to fill out the unexpired term of Helen Bass and Ann Graham was elected for one year to fill out the unexpired term of Ralph Romano. The only thing wrong with having competitive elections is that not everyone wins. For those who did not get elected, please remember there are other ways to serve the Mutual. We are grateful that you were willing to be available and hope you will be open to either serving on one of our Mutual standing committees or on a Leisure World Advisory Committee. New members of these committees will be sought in the coming months. You will also be welcome as candidates for the Board in the future.

The officers of the Board of Directors for 2011–12 were elected by the new Board at a brief organizational meeting of the Board held immediately after the Annual Meeting. The officers are: President — Richard Bambach, Vice-President — Jackie Rabinow, Secretary — Agnes Glass, and Treasurer — Ann Graham. I hope I can serve the Mutual well. Jackie has rich experience in our Mutual (she was the President before me and she maintains our truly excellent website), Agnes has done a great job as our Secretary for several years, and Ann is bravely stepping in to serve as Treasurer and will be “breaking in” with a new member of the accounting staff being hired to replace our former accountant, Lamont Miller, who is now employed in the business world.

The grass is growing and flowers are blooming. If you have a plaza home or a unit on the ground floor of one of our apartment buildings and have any plantings by your building, please remember you are responsible for keeping up the planted area yourself. Our Landscape Committee has been working hard to make our Mutual look good. Your cooperation is needed, too.

The major replacement and maintenance work on our Mutual buildings has begun. New roof shingles and new insulation and vinyl siding are being installed on our plaza homes. Those that have been finished do look good. Painting of the painted exterior parts of two more of our apartment buildings will also begin soon. Buildings 14 and 15 are to be done this year.



Many of you were concerned about the idea of putting a grill and picnic table in “Central Park.” At our May meeting the Board of Directors decided not to do so. For those interested in having outdoor picnics, PPD does maintain an area in the park on Leisure World Boulevard near Turnberry Courts with grills and picnic tables.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic June 7. The Social Committee does a great job with our social events. The picnic last year was a happy occasion.

Richard Bambach,
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NOTICE

Please respect your neighbor’s privacy and boundaries by not looking into neighbor’s windows or doors. Any one will notice things in windows as they walk by a unit, but it is not appropriate to go up to a window or door and peer in.

Also, please remember the interior of a unit is for the exclusive use of the unit owner (unlike the exterior, which is part of our “common elements”). You may not enter your neighbors’ houses without the express permission of the resident of the unit—not a contractor, worker or anyone else who is not the resident of the home.



Personals...

Happy Birthday



- 6/09 Mary Louise Howard (B12-2D)
- 6/25 Ruth Boyd (B12-3F)
- 6/26 Ralph Romano (B13-1A)
- 6/30 Sylvia Pachenker (B15-3E)

Please Welcome
 William & Vera Milner



(B16 1-E)

QuickTime™ and a decompressor are needed to see this picture.

Good bye

Edward Waters (B11 2-D) moved to Bedford Ct.
 Viola Johnson (B12-2E) moved to Aspenwood.

June 14



Flag Day

Landscape Committee



Don’t forget to keep weeding and mulching your gardens! It really helps to keep us all looking good.



Social Committee

Annual Picnic is on June 7 Tuesday at 6 PM on Vantage Hill Court. If it rains, it will be June 8th.

June 19



Father’s Day

Reminders & Vital Info



• **Kitchen Drain Test - Check It Out!!!**

All apartment residents should perform the following test of your kitchen drainage **monthly** in order to avert a flood:

- 1) Fill the sink with water up to 1-1/2 “from the top.
- 2) Remove the stopper and let it drain.
- 3) If the water flows out quickly, all is well; your drain has ‘passed’ the test.
- 4) **BUT**, if the water drains sluggishly, your drain may be clogging up and could cause a flood in your apartment. **REPORT** this at once to our Mutual Assistant so that the drain can be checked and cleaned out by the plumber.



• Stairway Safety

HOLD ON TO THE RAILING!!! when using the stairs. During wet weather, the moisture in the air can settle on the stairs causing them to become slippery.



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Condolences

Philip Evans, 15127 VHR, passed away on May 8.
Helen Paniczko (B11-3A) passed away on May 14.



The Calendar is back on the web site!



Alert – Montgomery
From the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee

The Montgomery County Office of Emergency and Homeland Security administrates this alert system. Montgomery County uses the Roam Secure Alert Network to contact you during a major crisis, emergency or severe weather. Residents who register on this system will receive only the most urgent alerts (e.g. water main break, tornado warning) if they do not register for other optional groups. Alert Montgomery can deliver emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you on all of your devices at once: • e-mail account (home, work, other); • BlackBerry; • wireless PDA; XM radio channel 214; • Twitter: add “Montgomery County MD” in find people; • Facebook: add “Montgomery County MD” in friends; • Facebook: add “Montgomery County MD Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security” in friends; or • text MONTGOMERY to 411911.

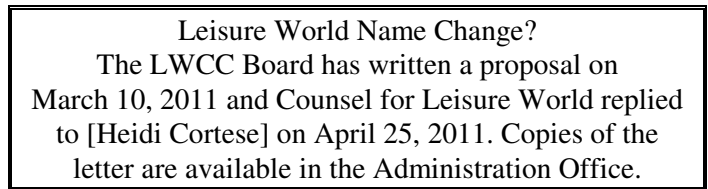
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While signing up for Alert Montgomery is free, your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to receive text messages. Check with your wireless service agreement and review your carrier’s pricing scheme.

For additional information on this system and registration instructions visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov and click on “Alert” at bottom of home page.

Leisure World Residents.

The current Emergency Plan for this community is available on the Leisure World website (www.lwmc.com). To review this plan, click on the General Info block, scroll down and click on Emergency Plan.



From the Editor:
Read this
LET IT REALLY SINK IN.

John is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, 'If I were any better, I would be twins!'

He was a natural motivator.
If an employee was having a bad day, John was there, telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up and asked him, 'I don't get it!'

"You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?"

He replied, “Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to



be in a good mood or...you can choose to be in a bad mood.

I choose to be in a good mood.'

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or...I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it.

Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or...I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life."

'Yeah, right, it's not that easy,' I protested.

'Yes, it is,' he said. 'Life is all about choices.

When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood.

You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life.'

I reflected on what he said. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that he was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower.

After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, he was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

□ I saw him about six months after the accident.

When I asked him how he was, he replied, 'If I were any better, I'd be twins...Wanna see my scars?'

I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

'The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon-to-be born daughter,' he replied. 'Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or...I could choose to die. I chose to live.'

'Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?' I asked.

He continued, '...the paramedics were great.

They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read 'he's a dead man'. I knew I needed to take action.'

'What did you do?' I asked.

'Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me,' said John. 'She asked if I was allergic to anything 'Yes, I replied.' The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity''

Over their laughter, I told them, 'I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.'

He lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude...I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully.

Attitude, after all, is everything.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

After all today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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