

THE GRAPEVINE



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The President's Remarks

Hurrah! We are not only celebrating a new year, the inauguration of a new U. S. President, but the last elevator has been renovated and passed inspection. The many days when our elevators were out of service had certainly been a trying time for you, our residents. You are to be commended for bearing up under this inconvenience. Now that all our elevators are fixed and in service, we can expect that they will be reliable.



Leasing Rules - As you know we have instituted an addition to our Leasing Rules. Because of our troubled economy, real estate sales have fallen and we, in Leisure World and in Mutual 14, are experiencing an unusual phenomenon. Since sales have slowed or are non existent, many owners are becoming landlords. It is important that, if you are planning to rent your unit, you are aware of both the County's laws and the Mutual's rules. You recently received a letter containing 'Vital Information for All Unit Owners'. There is an error in Rule Change: Sec.3.01 Leases and Leasing, Part C. Please delete this line. Part D will now become Part C. The updated information covering Leases and Leasing can be found on our website under Governing Papers: Digest of Bylaws and Rules and Rules of M14 Complete.

The statement (deleted from Part C) "A caregiver must occupy the unit of the person who requires care" is being added to our rules for Occupancy - Sec. 2.01 (a) (2) as part iv. You will soon be receiving a letter to this effect along with other important information. **And**, in order to update everyone to our Rules, the letter will contain the updated Rules of Mutual 14 - Complete. Please put them in a safe place and remember to refer to them if you have any questions about what is or is not acceptable.



GV Correction -There is another error that requires correction. The Recyclables listing attached to the Dec/Jan. issue of *The Grapevine* is being replaced in this issue of *The Grapevine* because it was an older list that had been updated in October. Please destroy last month's list and replace it with the attached list which you should keep handy especially for your house-keeper or caretaker.



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Mark Your



Calendar

Next Board Of Directors' Meeting Thursday, February 19, 2009



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, February 5, at 1:30 p.m. in Clubhouse I – Baltimore Room (NOTE CHANGE)

• **Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, February 18, at 10:00 a.m. in Clubhouse 1.



Help needed! First, this is the last issue of *The Grapevine* that will be edited by Linda Peters. Linda is, sadly, resigning because of family needs.

Linda, we all thank you and salute you for your interesting and attractive graphics and the format of our newsletter and wish you luck in your future endeavors.

Of course, we will need a replacement. Please contact me (301-598-3672) if you are interested in being Editor of *The Grapevine* and I will explain the duties in detail.

You are also invited to step forward and volunteer your time on one of the Leisure World Advisory Committee openings. A representation on an Advisory Committee only takes about one hour of your time per month. The committees on which we do not have any representatives are Audit, Education & Recreation, Energy, Golf & Greens, Health and Landscape. If you are interested on serving on one of these committees, please call me at 310-598-3672.

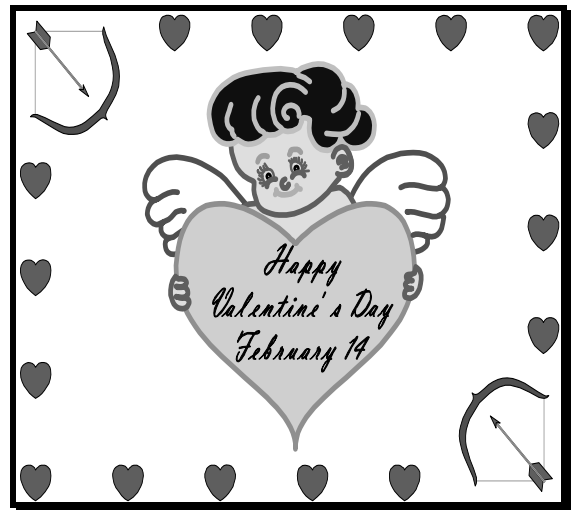
Also, the Mutual 14 Advisory Committee is in the need of building representatives. Building 14 and the Plaza Homes would each welcome the services of a building representative and an alternate. If you are interested, please contact Agnes Glass (301-598-6590) or Aleen Philips (301-438-1328). We look forward to your participation.




Nominating Committee – It’s that time again, when the terms of some of our Board of Directors is expiring. The Board is made up of seven directors and the term of each is for three years. Every year we need to vote for either two or three members whose terms have expired. This year there are three members whose terms are expiring. Please read and consider the content of the article about this need inside this newsletter.

In the meantime, stay warm and safe.

Jackie Rabinow



 **Mutual Assistant's Update**

1. Occupancy:

Unit Owner Occupancy:	151
Leased:	11
N-R-O	7
Vacant:	24

2. MA Information:

Approximately 11 maintenance related calls were received from December 18, 2008 through January 13, 2009.

With the passing of the State inspection of Building #15's elevator, the renovation of the elevators has been completed.

It is suggested that all trouble calls placed to the Mutual Assistant consist of name, phone number, description of work request (please be as specific as possible ie which bathroom, which door or window, etc.) and please do the same when leaving a message, this will expedite the response to your trouble call.

Gloria Robar
Mutual Assistant
301-598-1338



Social Committee

Happy New Year to all:

We hope everyone had a good time at last year's social activities and hope you are looking forward to this year. We are going to try and do something new. Maybe in March - Dinner and a movie - Soup, salad, roll and then a movie. Watch your Grapevine for an update.

The Social Committee

Reminders & Vital Info



• Garbage Disposal

It doesn't all go down the drain! Please use your garbage disposal prudently to prevent clogs and 'back-ups'. Your garbage disposal can be used for most types of food waste, OTHER THAN hard materials (no Bones, Fruit pits, Corncobs, Nut Shells, etc.) or fibrous materials (no Onion Skins, Celery, or other stringy materials).

Turn on the cold water, turn on the Disposal, and then place the garbage into the disposal. Let the water run for a full minute after you have turned the disposal off. (Running Hot Water into your Garbage Disposal does not help and can even be detrimental to its functioning.)

GREASE should NEVER be put into the Disposal. It should be poured into an empty can, placed in the refrigerator to solidify, and then discarded with the regular trash in a plastic bag.

• Water Heater Leak Check:

Please keep a sharp eye on your water heater. Especially check the pan under it for water. As soon as it shows signs of leaking, it is imperative that it be replaced immediately.

Here is a useful tip: Place a small post-it note, with the words "Check Water Heater Pan" on it, next to the clothes dryer switch (knob). Every time you turn on your dryer, you'll see the post-it note, and look into the water heater pan for a sign of water.



Personals...By Linda

Happy Birthday

Joan Reynolds, 13-2A, on February 12th
 Edith D' Ambrosio, 17-1E, on February 14th
 Jackie Rabinow, 13-2G, on February 17th
 Ken Schroeder, 15-2C, on February 27th



Landscape Committee



We want your input but only in writing. This is a new year and a new budget so we can do some things within reason. Also the majority will rule so if you want to be heard write it down. This is a list of all people on the landscape committee. Please take your request to one of them by March 1st.

Barbara Potocek B10-1G
 Ellen Wilson B12-1G
 Dorothy Powers B13-1B
 Barbara Martin B14-1A
 Nancy Nixon B15 1C
 Mary West B16 3-G
 Sharon Moores VHR, VHC

Building 11 and 17 have no rep. so just take your request to someone else. They will be happy to take it.

Now this is for everyone in the houses and patio apartments. The ground four feet out is your responsibility to maintain. This year an inspection will be done in February. If yours needs to be done and hasn't been you will receive a letter and have 30 days to take care of this. If after 30 days it hasn't been cleaned up, McFall and Berry will do the work and the owners of these properties will be billed. If you can't maintain it by yourself then call McFall & Berry before you receive a letter. We want all of Mutual 14 to look beautiful.

Sharon Moores



Fireman in a Can?

(by Judy Tarr – Vantage Point East)

Well, not really a human one, but a wonderfully simple one in a can that resides under your stove top's vent hood or microwave. After installation, the Stove Top Fireman remains on duty 24/7 for about five years. An occasional wipe with a soft, soapy cloth will keep it grease free.

Some of us remember the LW fire that destroyed Building 102 of Mutual 5 and caused the death of one resident. Citing statistics from the National Fire Protection Association, the StoveTop Firestop manufacturer states that "more than three in ten **reported** home fires start in the kitchen—more than any other place in the home... (and) 55.3 percent of all **unreported** home fires" originate in the kitchen. The Mutual 5 fire started in a kitchen on an unattended stove, causing the loss of home and possessions of the building's entire population.

LW's Master Insurance Policy paid to rebuild this structure in compliance with current safety codes, which did not exist when it was erected years ago. A letter to all Mutual presidents from LW Insurance Administrator, Susan Galbraith, states that the StoveTop Firestop is "essential to install in all non-fire sprinkler buildings. Even in a high rise, however, they may prevent the sprinkler heads from being activated by a small cook top fire and prevent a great deal of costly water damage."

The Fireman in a can works automatically. When flames reach the device, it releases several ounces of a fire suppressant powder - harmless bicarbonate of soda - and emits a loud "pop" to alert you if you are not in the room. Normal cooking heat alone will not activate the device, which extinguishes fires on both the front and back burners.

The parts counter in the Physical Properties Department building (PPD), next to the Medical Center, sells the vent hood fire suppressor for \$45.20 a pair. Installation is as easy as attaching the built-in industrial strength magnets to the underside of your vent hood. A microwave pair is \$72.30 and requires a simple screw mount under the microwave. If you are not "handy" professional mounting is suggested.

Information and videos can be found on
www.swiftfireprotection.com

➔ Nominating Committee ←

Winter! The season brings us cold and dreary weather, bare trees, weathered grass and plants, and – the end of three of our Board members terms of service.

Spring! Thankfully, spring will be here before we know it. Along with the new beginnings of warmer breezes and fresh green landscaping comes the chance for three of our homeowners to give back to Mutual 14 for all of the wonderful things we have in this community.

At the Annual Meeting in April, we will have the opportunity to choose three people for the next Board of Directors. These will be the people who will help to support and maintain all of the benefits we experience from living in Leisure World. Our community would not exist without the efforts of our Board of Directors. And the Board of Director would not exist without the support of the homeowners in Mutual 14.

Your 'world' within Leisure World needs you to continue to flourish. Please give some thought to helping out. Many of us have the background and talent to be on the Board. We are all busy, but surely most could find a little time and not always depend on someone else to do it. If it's just not the right time or match for you to be on the Board, please look around to your friends and neighbors. We all know someone we would trust to help maintain all we enjoy!

Please talk to a Board Member, your building representative or Harold Crisp at 240-393-4800 (your Nominating Committee Chair), and let us know that you are interested in the future of Mutual 14. Volunteer, suggest someone you think could help, give some advice or even just some words of support. Make that call now while it's on your mind.

President's Day





Just Call 911

By Roma Enid Sohn –
Emergency Preparedness Committee

It has come to the attention of our committee that, many of our residents are not completely certain about whom to call in various emergency situations. They know that 911 is the number to call if they think they are having a heart attack or a stroke, but at other times they make inappropriate calls that can seriously delay a proper response.

When you see sparks or smoke coming out of an electrical outlet, appliance or lighting fixture, CALL 911 By contacting an electrician, PPD or security, you are delaying the call you should be making and a large fire can break out before the Fire and Rescue Team can reach you.

When you or your housemate falls and cannot get up. CALL 911 Calling security delays proper assistance. They are not allowed to pick anyone up that has fallen and will only call 911 after they have come to you home and told you that they are unable to help in this situation. Don't ask a friend to help because there are times when an untrained person can do more harm than good.

If you have injured yourself and are unable to stop the bleeding, CALL 911. The Leisure World Medical Center has no emergency facilities and therefore cannot attend to acute injuries.

Should you experience sudden loss of vision or hearing, sudden inability to speak, or maintain balance, CALL 911. These are acute emergencies that require evaluation in a hospital. The fastest way to a hospital is via ambulance.

Acute onset of unusual pain or inability to move any part of your body can be a sign of a serious medical problem that requires immediate care. CALL 911. Don't rely on anyone other than a trained Emergency Medical Technician to evaluate the situation.

Even if you cannot talk or hear, the 911 operators can trace the call as long as you stay on the line and try to communicate any way that you can. Putting a speed dial button for 911 on your phone can help you dial when you are excited and upset. Don't worry that the Fire and Rescue Squad may be making an unnecessary call to your home. They would much rather be able to evaluate the situation and advise you, without having to take you to the hospital, than miss the opportunity to save your life.

Just remember, CALL 911 FIRST.

L.W. Social Workers

Leisure World employs one full time and two part time professional, certified Social Workers to help residents cope with emergent health and quality of life issues. Working out of offices at the Leisure World Medical Center during regular working hours M-F, they provide free, confidential services including assessment of resident needs, support in arranging for professional assistance for residents in their condo units and interaction with family members.

The L. W. Social Workers can be contacted at:

Myrna Cooperstein, LCSW-C	301-598-1581
Wilma Braun, LCSW-C	301-598-1007
Meg Vaughan, LCSW-C	301-598-1007

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<i>President:</i>	<i>Jacqueline S. Rabinow</i>
<i>Vice President:</i>	<i>Frank Lozupone</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Agnes Glass</i>
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<i>Director:</i>	<i>Ralph Romano</i>
<i>Director:</i>	<i>Richard Bambach</i>

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<i>Advisory:</i>	<i>Agnes Glass & Aleen Phillips</i>
<i>Budget & Finance:</i>	<i>Paulina Garner</i>
<i>Landscape:</i>	<i>Sharon Moores</i>
<i>Property Maintenance:</i>	<i>Frank Lozupone & Charles Glass</i>
<i>Social:</i>	<i>Sharon Moores & Mary West</i>

Web Site: <http://www.professionalusa.net/m14/>

Mutual Assistant: Gloria Robar - 301-598-1338

- *Building Problems? - Call Gloria at 301-598-1338*
- *Emergencies, when Gloria is not available - Call Physical Properties -301-598-1500*
- *After hours & weekends - Call Main Gate - 301-598-1044*

**MUTUAL 14 - RULES FOR
TRASH - RECYCLABLES - NEWSPAPERS - MAGAZINES**

YES

•TRASH/GARBAGE

Place in strong (or double) PLASTIC BAGS
Tape or tie everything well

***PLAZA HOMES -**

BLACK OR GREEN PLASTIC BAGS
OR covered Trash Can.

•LARGE BOXES

Knock down & bring to Trash Room
Place alongside dumpster- Not in dumpster

•LARGE ITEMS (furniture, mattresses, etc.)

Put out with regular trash. If pick up is missed
Call PPD (301-598-1500)

•NEWSPAPERS & OFFICE PAPER

Place Newspapers & Office Paper in a PAPER bag
OR TIE with twine or cord

•MAGAZINES

The Monday before the 1st Wed. of the month place
Magazines in a PAPER bag OR TIE with twine

•PLASTIC

All Washed clear or colored Plastic bottles, tubs, containers,
jars, buckets, cups, lids, flower pots
~ Place in the Special Bin in the Trash Room
***PLAZA HOMES** - Place in the 'Blue' Pail

•GLASS

Washed **Bottles/Jars, only** without lids

•METAL

All Washed Cans (with only the top removed)
Washed Aluminum pie pans or foil wrap
Tins from cookies, fruit cake, popcorn, etc.

•BOOKS

Tear off rigid book covers and pages for collection with your
paper recyclables.

•BATTERIES

Dry cell & alkaline used in flashlights, toys and appliances.

NO

•TRASH/GARBAGE

NO Bags that may split or leak
NO Broken Glass tossed down chute

•LARGE BOXES

NOT placed inside the dumpster
NOT blocking doorway, dumpster or recyclable
bin

•NEWSPAPERS & OFFICE PAPER

NO Newspapers or Office Paper are to be placed in Plastic
bags

•MAGAZINES

NO Magazines are to be placed in Plastic bags

•PLASTIC

NO plastic wrap, plastic bags, Styrofoam/polystyrene
None that have held toxic chemicals
NO plastic flower trays (#6)

•GLASS

NO Bottle or Jar Lids

•METAL

NO Tops of cans
NO cans with both tops & bottoms removed
NO crushed cans
NO Aerosol cans

•BOOKS

Not in Plastic Bags.

•BATTERIES

No button batteries, nickel-cadmium, uninterruptible power
supplies and lead acid

January 21, 2009