

THE GRAPEVINE



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Calendar

Next Board of Directors' Meeting Thursday, March 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** – Thurs., March 5, 1:30 PM, Administration Building at 1:30 PM.
- **M14 Movie Night** – Tuesday, March 10, 5:00 p.m., Activity Rm., Clubhouse II
- **LWCC Executive Committee** – Fri., March 13, 9:30 a.m. in the Sullivan Rm. Administration Bldg.
- **LWCC BOD** – Tues. March 24, 9:30 a.m., Montgomery Rm, Clubhouse I
- **Annual Meeting** – Thursday, April 23, 2009, Clubhouse II, Social Hour @ 2:00 p.m., Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.

President's Remarks

GV Editor - Kudos and thanks to Linda Peters for her past editorship of *The Grapevine*.

We need someone to replace Linda. If you are interested in helping publish this newsletter, please contact me (301-598-3672) to find out just what is involved. It is not a difficult task.



LW Community Corporation – At the January 9th organizational meeting of the LWCC of the Board of Directors, the following officers and members at large of the Executive Committee were elected to serve for one year. Marian Altman, Chair (M12), Phillip Marks, Vice Chair (M20B), Billie Saunders, Secretary (M13), James McAlister (MM), Edmond Psaltis (M18), Jacqueline Rabinow (M14), and Lawrence Traynham (M20A).

Agendas of the meetings of both the Executive Committee and the LWCC Board of Directors will be posted in the Administration Building, in the lobbies of both clubhouses, on the Leisure World Web site (www.lwmc.com), and on notice boards in the high rise buildings. Please be sure to read the *Leisure World News* for Open Forum Procedures.

The Grapevine will publish the dates of both the Executive and BOD meetings of the LWCC in their calendar. Remember, all residents are welcome to attend all meetings.



Bus Schedules - The Leisure World Shuttle Bus schedule will change March 2, 2009. Copies of the new schedules will be posted on the bulletin boards of the lobbies in each apartment building. Be sure to check them and/or pick up copies from the E & R office in Clubhouse I.



Call for Candidates – Our Annual Meeting will be held April 23, 2009 and the terms of three directors on our board will expire this year. Look for the 'Call for Candidates' letter from the Nominating Committee. The committee members are Harold Crisp, chair, Stephanie Sidella and Joseph Fones.



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Birthdays, Personal Info, etc. – It would be nice to have the opportunity of helping you celebrate your birthday. If you haven't given us this information please either call or email that information to me so that your birthday can be published in *The Grapevine*.

We also welcome articles submitted by you for our newsletter. If you have had an interesting experience, had an exciting vacation, have a good recipe, etc. that you would like to share with your fellow residents, please send it to me by the end of the third week in the month so that it can be included in the next issue of *The Grapevine*.

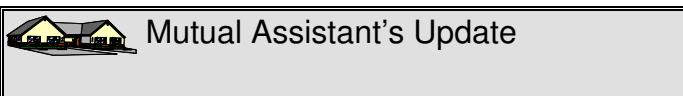
Jackie Rabinow

TO ALL OWNERS OF VACANT UNITS

Care of a Vacant Unit

If you are an owner of a Mutual 14 Unit and the unit is to be vacant for more than one month, it is very important that the following is performed:

- o Set the thermostat to 55° - 58°
- o Turn Off the Water Heater
- o Turn Off the empty Refrigerator and open the door
- o Notify the Mutual 14 Office (Gloria Robar @ 301-598-1338) about the:
 - Location of a key
 - Phone number of the Unit Owner or Agent
- o At least once a month have the:
 - Toilets flushed – preventing the forming of mold and mildew
 - Water faucets checked for leaks
 - Any lights turned off. (Sometimes real estate agents leave lights on.



**MUTUAL ASSISTANT' S REPORT
February 2009**

1. Occupancy:

Unit Owner Occupancy: 152

Leased:	10
N-R-O	4
Vacant:	27

2. MA Information:

Approximately 18 maintenance calls were received from January 14, 2009 through February 18, 2009.

When leaving a trouble call on my voice mail – Please leave your name, phone number, description of your problem (be as specific as possible i.e. which bathroom, which door or window, etc.) this will expedite the call to PPD and a faster response to resolving your problem.

At the time of your moving into Mutual 14, included in the New Resident Orientation Packet that you received was a copy of the Who Pays Listing document. The listing states what repairs the Mutual will pay and what the unit owner has to pay. The unit owner calls PPD if the repair is their responsibility. This could save time as well in the response time to resolving your problem.

PPD can be contacted at 301-598-1500 – Monday – Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For calls after hours, the weekends, and holidays – Contact the Main Gate at 598-1044.

**Gloria Robar
Mutual Assistant
301-598-1338**

March 17, 2009





Social Committee

Don't forget to sign up for "Tuesday at the Movies" March 10, 2009 at 5 PM.

If available, we will be showing either "MILK" with Oscar winner Sean Penn, or "Baby Mama" with Tina Fey.



AMERICAN HEART MONTH

February is American Heart Month. Here's a reminder from the American College of Emergency Physicians of the key symptoms of a heart attack:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or a squeezing sensation in the corner of the chest, lasting several minutes
- Discomfort that spreads to the shoulders, neck, jaw, arms or back
- Light-headedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath

If you notice any of these warning signs, don't hesitate. Call 911. The American Heart Association also recommends taking aspirin, which can slow the development of a clot. For more, visit www.americanheart.org.



STROKE: Remember the first three letters: S.T.R.

A bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S *Ask the individual to SMILE.

T *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (e.g., it is sunny out today.)

R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

Ask the person to stick out his/her tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked,' if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.



Property Maintenance Committee

CARE OF KITCHEN DRAINS

There have been a number of instances of kitchen drains backing up even after we have cleaned the drain lines which we do every two years.

In one instance a unit owner had kitchen sink blockages on several occasions and noticed thick black grease on the snake when it was withdrawn. These blockages occurred in spite of the fact that they had stopped using the garbage disposal and were very careful not to put grease of any kind down the drain. On the 20th of January, there was another blockage in the drain and the same grease was present.. The plumber from Physical Properties informed the unit owner that he had to extend the snake 35 feet in order to unblock the drain. This means that the blockage was not due to the unit owner's use of their kitchen sink.

Your drain connects to 5 other drains as it goes to the sewer and any grease will coagulate as it hits cold water sticking to the pipe and will cause blockages.

All units should realize that any grease you put down the drain can cause blockages to your neighbor's drain as well as yours. Please remember not to put grease of any kind down the drain.



Reminders & Vital Info

• **Annual Meeting**

Notices about the Annual Meeting of Mutual 14 which is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2009 will be mailed to all unit owners by the end of this month. Watch for it! If you know of someone (including yourself) who is willing and able to serve on the Board of Directors and/or on one of the committees, please contact Harold Crisp (240-393,4800), the Nominating Committee chairperson.

URGENT! Also, if you will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please execute your Proxy and make sure that it reaches our Board Secretary in the Administration Office or is taken by a neighbor to the meeting.

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

In the past, the 1st floor residents were reminded to check the drainage in their kitchen. Recently, it has been learned that stoppages and overflows



can also occur in 2nd and even 3rd floor kitchen drains. Therefore, we ask that the drain test be performed **monthly by all** in order to prevent water damage:

Please perform the following 'test' of your kitchen sink drainage 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 or the one below. **REPORT** this at once


to our Mutual Assistant at 301-598-1338 so that the drain can be checked and cleaned out by the plumber.

• Smoke Alarms

It is important that you DUST and CHECK your Smoke Alarm periodically. Please consider this as a reminder to take care of one of our most important safety gadgets.

HARK !!!
The Vernal Equinox begins March 20th



 **Personals...**



Happy Birthday

- Margaret Meredith – 13-1G on March 6th**
- Frank Lozupone – 17-3A on March 7th**
- Evelyn Perlmutter – 12-2G on March 11th**
- Steve Grillis – 11-1G on March 16th**
- Sue Bailey – 12-3C on March 21st**
- Bette Campbell – 13-1C on March 23**

 **IN MEMORIAM**

Mutual 14 sends its condolences to families of the following residents who passed since we published our last issue:

George Orme of B10-2G passed away on January 17, 2009;

Dorothy Dolleck of B11-1C died on January 21, 2009;

Shirley Klauber of 11-3E passed away on January 23, 2009.

Marge Beary of 16-2G died on February 11, 2009

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Vice President: Frank Lozupone
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Advisory: Agnes Glass & Aleen Phillips
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Web Site: <http://www.professionalusa.net/m14/>

Administration

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

Comcast Issues – contact - 301-920-9941