
THE GRAPEVINE



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Calendar

Next Board Of Directors' Meeting Thursday, September 17, 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, Sept. 3 @ 1:30 P, Administration Building
- ▶ LWCC Executive Committee, Friday, Sept. 11 @ 9:30A, Administration Building
- LWCC BOD, Tuesday, Sept. 22 @ 9:30 A, Montgomery Rm. Clubhouse I

The President's Corner

This month the big news is that the Board of Directors of Mutual 14 has decided to begin a major program to bring maintenance of our buildings back up to a high standard. We have the good fortune of having accumulated enough surplus in our operating account and in reserves that we can pay for complete painting of exterior metal and wood surfaces for two of our buildings this year without requiring a special assessment from unit owners. Buildings 11 and 13 are the two planned for this year (2009) and we intend to do two more each year for the next three years.

We are also in the final stages of preparing our budget for 2010. Although we will need some modest increases in the condo fee in each of the next two years to fully fund the necessary increased maintenance program I can give you the good news that the average total increase for next year (2010) will be under \$20 per month per unit. This will be the first time in six years that the average increase has been less than \$20 per month!

Looking ahead, 2010 is when the official United States Census will occur. The census, which is mandated in the Constitution, is used not only to determine how members of the House of Representatives are apportioned among the states; it is used to determine how funds for services based on population are distributed. At an informational meeting on August 21 a census official reported to us that about \$1,000 per person in services is distributed according to population, so it is truly important that everyone cooperate and be counted so that our community gets its "fair share."

At the same time, you need to be aware of scams that falsely claim to be connected to the census. NO official census forms will be mailed out until March of next year. NO telephone or e-mail requests for information will ever be made by the Census Bureau except for follow-up checks by phone on incomplete forms or requests that non-respondents mail in their forms and that won't be done until May, 2010. Do not supply any information to anyone calling on the phone or contacting you by e-mail this fall or early next year and claiming to be associated with the census. Only respond to the census form that will be sent by mail next March — but please do fill out and return that form.

Richard Bambach, President, Mutual 14



Monday, September 7, 2009

FLU CLINICS 2009
Clubhouse I Crystal Ballroom

- OCTOBER 15 THURSDAY
- OCTOBER 19 MONDAY
- OCTOBER 21 WEDNESDAY
- OCTOBER 23 FRIDAY
- OCTOBER 27 TUESDAY
- OCTOBER 29 THURSDAY

DOES NOT PROTECT AGAINST H1N1 (SWINE) FLU

9 AM TO 1 PM
MEDICARE FEE-FOR-SERVICE PLAN ACCEPTED
ALL OTHER PLANS - CASH OR CHECK \$30.00
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY



Personals...



- 9/03 – Helen Nichols – 17-2A
- 9/06 – William Fillman – 16-3D
- 9/30 – Allyne Ike -11-3B

Also a belated Happy Birthday to Delores Fowlkes – Pl.H. whose celebration was on 7/31. This was left out of our Grapevine, because it wasn't on the list.

If you are new to the Mutual and would like to be remembered, please either call or email the editor with that information.



WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

Linda Williams of 15151 Vantage Hill Road
William Shaefer of B14-1B
Be sure to introduce yourself when you meet our new residents.

September 22, 2009



The Autumnal Equinox



Social Committee

On Tuesday, September 22nd, in Clubhouse II Activities Room, we will be having a Pot-Luck Dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meat (Chicken and B-B-Q beef) will be provided by Branded 72.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. You may bring a vegetable salad or dessert. We are asking everyone, whether you buy or make a dish, to have it on a serving plate with a serving utensil. If anything needs to be cut (example: a cake), please do it before you come. Doing this makes less work for everyone and we won't have to scramble looking for plates or extra utensils to serve your dish.

We will provide coffee and sodas. All this for a wonderful evening to socialize with new and old neighbors ... AND it will only cost you \$10.00.

NOTE: There has been a change to the functions in Clubhouse II. You may now bring alcohol into the Activities Room during functions. You will be required to



sign a Waiver from E & R releasing them and Mutual 14 from any liability from your drinking.

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..

► **Mutual 14 - Rules For Trash - Recyclables**
Newspapers – Magazines. (See attached list)

• **Please be certain to point these rules out to your caretaker and/or cleaning help. It is important that these rules are followed to ensure that our recyclables are collected and not thrown in the trash because when they are improperly packaged. And, following these rules also ensures that our Trash Room isn’t impassable or odoriferous.** ◀

• **Water Valve Test**

Residents are urged to conduct a test of their water valve handles. To test the valves at the **main shut off, under bathroom sinks, under toilets, and under the kitchen sink**, all of which should be in the normal, "open" position do the following:

1. Turn the handle to the right (clockwise) until it stops. This will close the valve.
2. If it does not drip, the valve is okay. If it does drip, notify our Board Secretary.
3. Turn the valve handle back to the "open" position (counter-clockwise) until it stops and then give it a quarter turn to the right (clockwise).
4. **If you cannot do any of the above, call our Mutual Assistant and she will arrange for repairs.**



Rosh Hashanah
(Jewish New Year-5770)
Begins at sunset
September 18, 2009

Yom Kippur
(Holiest day of the year)
Begins at sunset
September 27, 2009



IN MEMORIAM

Mutual 14 residents send their condolences to the family of Miroslawa Jankovic of B14-3C who passed away on August 9, 2009.



Let’s Celebrate Grandparents Day
On September 13th

When Julie Andrews Turned 69:

To commemorate her birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan’s Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favorite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used:

Sing It! - If you sing it, it’s especially hysterical!!!!



Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Leisure World Advisory Committees

The Advisory Committees of Leisure World determine all the policies and activities of the community. We have the opportunity to be part of our own governance. The Advisory Committees normally meet once a month, so serving on a committee is not overly time-consuming. At the moment we have three openings. If you have an interest in any of these, please contact Richard Bambach (301-598-5322), president of the Mutual, for more information. Joining an Advisory Committee requires that the president of the Mutual nominate you (this must be done by September 25) and then the Board of Directors of the Leisure World Community Corporation votes you in.

The three vacancies that we would like to fill are (1) Landscape, (2) Health, and (3) Golf and Greens. Landscape is an important committee and is responsible for the general look of the whole community. Health is an important committee, especially for a community of senior citizens. Golf and Greens is important, too. Our

golf course is unique among "retirement" communities in this area and it is a valued resource for all of us because of the beauty the open spaces provide and the opportunity it gives us all to enjoy natural settings here in an urban environment. Remember, we are a self-governing community and it is the responsibility of all our residents to take part in the community. Again, if you are interested in any of these committees and would be willing to give just an hour a month in service for the community, let Richard Bambach know (301-598-5322).



Property Maintenance Committee

A description of the work done on building 13 will be published in the next issue of *The Grapevine*.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President:** Richard Bambach
- Vice President:** Frank Lozupone
- Secretary:** Agnes Glass
- Treasurer:** Paulina Garner
- Director:** James Moores
- Director:** Jackie Rabinow
- Director:** Ralph Romano

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Advisory:** Agnes Glass & Aleen Phillips
- Budget & Finance:** Paulina Garner
- Landscape:** Sharon Moores
- Property Maintenance:** Frank Lozupone & Bill Buck
- Social:** Sharon Moores & Mary West

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

Comcast Issues - contact 301-920-9941