

THE GRAPEVINE



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Calendar

Next Board of Directors'
Meeting Thursday,
July 15, 2010



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, July 1, 2010 @ 1:30 P, Administration Building
- ▶ Independence Day Parade, Monday, July 5, 2010 @ 9:00 A, Veterans Park (formerly Cascade Circle).
- ▶ Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, July 14, 2010, @ 7:00 P, Club-house II.

The President's Corner

The heat of summer is already on us. While some spend time at the beach and others read in air-conditioned comfort several important work projects are underway in the Mutual. The painters are working on the exteriors of Buildings 10 and 12. The first floor carpeting of Building 12 was taken up some time ago to repair its cracked and broken base covering the cement. New carpeting should be installed soon. Concrete work this summer will focus on the ends of Building 12 and on its carport. This work is funded from the reserves we accumulate from our condo fees. It is such projects that keep our property up and sound to retain its value.

The Social Committee achieved another triumph with the delightful picnic held in Vantage Hill Court on June 15. It was great that we could dodge the rain showers and have a real outdoor get-together. The food was good, several good-hearted folks joined in with the Committee to do cooking and help in general and a good time was had by all. Our Social Committee (co-chaired by Sharon Moores and Mary West) provides us with great opportunities to meet our fellow residents. Don't miss the next event — an ice-cream social, always a favorite.

My wife, Susan, and I spent early June on a wonderful trip to Colorado and Arizona to see our two daughters (who both live near Denver) and to see some of the great national parks in that area (Mesa Verde, Petrified Forest, Grand Canyon). I hope you have a happy summer, too.

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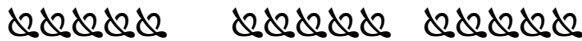


A HAPPY ▼ TO ALL!



NOTE:

- The outdoor pool is FREE to all residents. Be sure to bring your Leisure World ID card.
- The Terrace Room is not open for breakfast from 8 AM to 2 PM.
- Our Closed Circuit TV channel number is 952.



Restaurant Committee Report

By James Moores

At the committee meeting on Monday, June 21st I will ask the Management to consider enlarging the Stein Room and to change the hours of operation. The reason for the suggested changes are to accommodate the younger people moving into Leisure World and as you know the food has been improved so much that the restaurants are at capacity on most all days. With younger people now in our community a lot of them are still working and would like to be able to enjoy the restaurants.

As of Monday, June 14th, breakfast in the terrace room will start at 8:00 a.m. and will be served until 2:00 p.m. along with the regular lunch specials.

If you have anything that you would like me to take to the committee for consideration please feel free to drop me a note and I will try to have the committee at least consider your ideas. The next meeting of the committee will be July 19th.

 **Personals...**



Welcome to our new residents –

Charles and Anne Marie Martinez, who recently moved into 16-1D.

Be sure to introduce yourself when you see them.



A very Happy Birthday to:

7/10 – **Maizie Smith** – 16-3G

7/13 – **Pat Leanza** – 12/1B

7/19 – **Rae Romano** – 13-1A

7/21- **Annette Connison** – 13-3E

7/27 - **Barbara Bowers** – 12-3E

7/29 - **Stephanie Sidella** 12-1C

7/31 – **Vivian Layman** – 16-2C

7/31 - **Delores Fowlkes** – Pl.H



Welcome Home **Janet Englehart** (11-3E), after several weeks in rehab. Continue your successful recovery from a serious fall.



Sadly two of our residents have left us. **Annette Conison**, formerly of 13-3E, is now in the Hebrew Home and **Judy Fratoroli**, formerly of 13-3F, is living in Country Meadows of Fredrick. We certainly will miss them.



Landscape Committee



Mutual 14 is looking like we are taking pride in ownership again. We have 81 residents who have patios or yards that need to be taken care of. We sent out 40 letters asking people to clean up their areas and the majority of them have done a great job.

We have about six (6) residents who have chosen to ignore the letters. In the following weeks we will have a landscaper look at the areas. We will be getting estimates, sending letters to owners with a five day response time. If in this time they do not contact our Mutual Assistant about any plans to fix their yards or hire this contractor to do the work, the Mutual will have the work done and send them the bills.

A few renters are upset that they didn't get a letter about their yards and that the owners did. In the future the owners and tenants will get the same letter, since the owners may not have explained the responsibility about the yards to their tenants. However, this fact is communicated to new residents who reside on the first floor of the apartment buildings or the houses.

A few points about landscaping in our Mutual

(By Kathy Viney)

You are responsible for the 4 feet of planting beds extending from, or surrounding, your residence. Our committee sent out forty letters a few weeks ago and all but about six have made the effort to clean up their garden spaces, for which we are very grateful. Our entire Mutual has benefited. But we want to remind everyone that gardens are living things requiring *maintenance, maintenance, and more maintenance.*

There should be four to six inches of clear foundation between the top of your mulch and bottom of your siding (on Plaza homes), and all plantings should be kept four to six inches away from the sides of buildings. This is to prevent termites. Some plants, like ivy and periwinkle, are very destructive, attaching to, and eroding, brick and wood. Eliminate them if you can.

Shrubs must be kept below the level of the gutters. Branches and dead leaves blocking the gutters can cause water to back up into the roof. Shrubs must also be kept clear of air conditioning vents and pumps. Without sufficient air flow your unit will have to work harder and your home will not be as cool.

And finally, *no bird seed!* A few pretty birds may stop by for a nibble but it's more likely that wood rats and other nasty critters will call your house 'home'.



Social Committee

As you read this the first Mutual 14 picnic will be history. The day started off by doing several rain dances and it worked!

Everyone who came seemed to have a good time. None of this could have been possible without the help of a lot of great neighbors. The Social Committee (**Dolores Scott, Kathy Viney, Ellen Wilson, Margaret Meredith, Dorothy Taylor, Barbara Martin, Margaret Steffen, and Mary West**) did a great job.

Special thanks to **Ralph Romano and Don Emel** for being perfect chefs, to Ed Andrews, Bill Buck and Jim Moores for helping set up and take down tables and such, and to Dolores Scott for making the "dirt cake".

What was talked about most was that without the tables, people moved about and talked to people not in their building or on their street. Maybe we should do away with tables from now on so that everyone can meet someone new at each function.

We look forward to seeing everyone July 14th at the Ice Cream Social.

Annual Picnic – by Kathy Viney

The recent "Summer Picnic" was held on Tuesday, June 15th. Despite iffy weather during the day the evening was perfect and seventy residents met, mingled, and ate under the stars. It was a wonderful evening. If you missed it, you have another opportunity coming up soon. It's everyone's favorite event – the Ice Cream Social – to be held in Clubhouse II on Wednesday, July 14th at 7pm. All residents (owners and renters alike) and their paying guests are welcome! Sign up, make your check out to "M14 Social Committee", and deliver it to your building's Social Committee rep by July 9th.



Reminders & Vital Info



• **File of Life**

Do you have the “File of Life” information in a red vinyl case magnetically attached to the outside of your refrigerator? If your answer is “YES”, this is reminder to update the information on it.

What is the File of Life? This is an information sheet which contains your known medical problems, the current medications you are taking, your primary doctors, and family members or others to be notified in case of serious illness. This information is exceedingly important to an emergency crew or to a nurse when they are called in case of sudden illness. In times of confusion, your spouse or housemate might have difficulty supplying this information and you may be unresponsive. The rescue crew can then check your refrigerator door for your File of Life.

In the event you do not have the File of Life, check with the L. W. Medical Center for a packet. In order to easily, periodically update the information on this sheet, it is advised that you fill it in, in pencil.

• **Lifeline**

Do you live alone? If ‘yes’, and you don’t have “LIFELINE”, it is strongly recommended that you seriously consider getting it. The Lifeline Response System links you to 24-hour assistance, should you have an accident or suffer a sudden illness. At the push of a button, help will be on the way immediately.

Call the Administration Office receptionist who will put you in contact with the Lifeline Coordinator so that you can find out more about this Emergency Response System that is offered to Leisure World residents.



IN MEMORIAM

We send our sincere condolences to the family of Verna Etheridge, a former resident, who passed on May 24th.

M14 ONLINE:



www.professionalusa.net/m14/

The website has been updated and corrected in many areas. If you notice any errors please let the webmaster know by sending an email to m14@verizon.net.

A new page is being prepared bearing all the Physical Properties Department services. Hopefully it will be ready by the end of the summer. An announcement will be published here when it is available.

If you have any suggestions about what can or should be added to our website, send those along also.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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 301-920-9951



Everybody's favorite...

The Mutual 14 Ice Cream Social!



All Mutual 14 residents & their paying guests are welcome!

Get your 'just desserts' (including sugar-free):
Ice Cream, cookies, cakes, coffee & soft drinks for
only \$4.00 per person!

Wednesday, July 14th, 7 pm

Clubhouse II

Sign up; make a check out to "*M14 Social Committee*",
And deliver it by Friday, July 9th to
Your Social Committee Representative