
THE GRAPEVINE



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The President's Corner

This is going to be a longer column than usual because there are several important topics that each needs your attention:

Read the Rules — A problem that seems to come up on a regular basis is that residents often find they are unfamiliar with our rules. Those of you who have lived here a long time may not have reviewed the rules for many years (you did get them when you had your welcoming visit). The many things happening when establishing a new home often understandably distract new residents. I suggest we work to clear up the problem of lack of familiarity with our rules. Leisure World has rules and they are published in "Leisure World Living", which should be available at the Administration Building or, if you use the internet, can be downloaded from the Leisure World website under the heading "Leisure World Life Style" (<http://www.lwmc.com/prospecting/qthe-leisure-world-lifestyleq.html>) from the column at the right hand side of the webpage.

Likewise, Mutual 14 has its own rules. It is time to get them out and give them a read. If you can't locate the copy you received when you had your welcome call you can download a set from the mutual website (<http://www.professionalusa.net/m14/>), where they can be found at the left side of the homepage in the menu column under the heading "Governing Papers, or, if you do not use the internet, please contact Gloria Robar (598-1338), our Mutual Assistant, and she will make sure a copy is sent to you. Our rules cover a lot of topics, from pet control to estate sales. I ask that you read over the rules so that you aren't surprised or inconvenienced about following the rules. Almost all violations of our rules happen because a resident had not paid attention. If you know the rules I am confident you can find convenient ways to fit in with them. They are designed to help the community be a place where we all get along.

Clean up after your dog — I would expect everyone would know this. It is part of Montgomery County's regulations and our Mutual rules state that we follow Montgomery County regulations on pets. Cleaning up after your dog is also simple common courtesy to your fellow residents. Few things offend other residents more than a dog owner leaving his or her pets' droppings on our common areas. But I have heard several complaints about this recently, hence this reminder and the suggestion above that we all review our rules.

Barking dogs — It is startling and upsetting to have a dog bark at you when you are going about your business and simply walking from the elevator to your own residence in an apartment building. It is important that dogs living in apartment buildings be trained not to bark at people walking past their residences. I agree with those who feel electric shock collars are too harsh. But I am told that citronella spray collars are very effective at training a dog to refrain from barking and research at Cornell University in New York supports that idea.

Mark Your



Calendar

**Next Board Of Directors'
Meeting Thursday, August
19, 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, August 5th @ 1:30 P, Administration Building
- ▶ Advisory Committee on Wednesday, August 18th at 10 am in Clubhouse I
- ▶ LWCC Executive Committee meeting Friday, August 20th at 9:30 am in the Administration Building
- ▶ LWCC Board Of Directors on Tuesday, August 31st at 9:30 am in Clubhouse I



For those few who may need to deal with a barking pet, this may be a good tip.

Submetering of electricity use — The idea of submetering is still being studied but, since several other Mutu- als have decided formally that they do not want to submeter, submetering will not happen anytime soon. It will probably take something major like a boom in electric cars or a sharp and rapid rise in electric rates before those groups will reconsider. At some point in the future individual Mutu- als might consider submetering separately, but the cost of doing that is clearly not practical now. So, the subject is not dead, but no action is going to be taken in the next few years.

Annual Drive for School Supplies — I ask you all to consider supporting the Annual Drive for School Supplies by the Leisure World Interfaith Committee for the Homeless and Working Poor. They are appealing for all residents to join in this outreach program aimed at benefiting the Georgian Forest Elementary School in the Aspen Hill neighborhood. The school has a diverse population of about 500 students, many from families that have incomes below the poverty level, making it difficult for them to purchase recommended items. Supplies requested include: pencils (#2), 3-ring binders, markers glue sticks, crayons (24 color boxes), erasers, scissors, rulers, pocket folders notebook paper (wide-ruled), composition books, backpacks (no wheels), boxes of tissues, liquid hand sanitizer, and zip- lock bags. Cash or check donations will also be accepted. The drive is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, 2010, from 9:00 AM to Noon in the Baltimore Room of Clubhouse 1. Curbside drop-off will be available in front of Clubhouse 1 from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

If you have questions please contact Mary Marcoux, Committee Coordinator, at 301-438-7496. Articles will also be published in the *Leisure World News*.

Good times — The Ice Cream Social on July 14 was a great party. The Social Committee had decided to use smaller tables and it did stimulate mixing, so we all met residents we normally do not see in our own buildings. Cheers to Sharon Moores and Mary West, the co- chairs of the committee, and all the committee members. The next event on the schedule will be a pot-luck dinner. More soon.

Transition at The Grapevine — This issue of the Grapevine marks the first issue edited by Beth Leanza. Beth has assisted Jackie Rabinow for several months and is now taking over as editor. We not only welcome Beth, who has become an active part of the Leisure World community in other ways as well, but also want to give a sincere “hats off” to Jackie for her

years (many) of devoted service to the Mutual, Leisure World, and The Grapevine. Fortunately, Jackie isn't escaping (she is still a member of our Board of Direc- tors and several other community activities). And Jack- ie is still our webmaster. Our Mutual website (<http://www.professionalusa.net/m14/>) is really well done and is a great resource. Jackie, thanks for your work on *The Grapevine* and, Beth, glad to have you on board.—

Richard Bambach
President

NEW GRAPEVINE EDITOR

After about 15 years as editor of *The Grape- vine*, it is time for fresh new blood. I am very pleased to announce that Beth Leanza of Building 12 has gra- ciously agreed to take over the leadership of our new- sletter.

Beth's contact information can be found in the footer of the first page of this publication.

We welcome her warmly and assure her that she has everyone's complete cooperation.

Jackie Rabinow

Emergency Preparedness Committee Cell Phones Can Be ICED

The Police department has developed a system by which your choice of contact person can be called in an emergency, using your cell phone. You should pro- gram the number of the person you want to be con- tacted under the contact name of ICE (**In Case of Eme- rgency**). The police will look for this contact and call it, should you be unable to do so yourself. It only takes a minute and it can give you peace of mind.

Lots of folks are unaware of this feature – but it can be the difference between life and death. Using this code means that emergency personnel know exact- ly who should be contacted in case of need.



Leisure World News spotlight

Don't Miss these articles!

LW News, July 6th issue---

- Page 5- 'Oasis at Leisure World'--; a new opportunity to learn
- Page 7- 'New Club for Baby-Boomer wannabes: the Young at Heart Club ...';



- Page 13 – Energy Savings Tips;
- Page 45 – ‘Ten Steps to Take Before Hiring Domestic Help’

Fourth of July Parade

If you missed the Fourth of July parade you missed something really exceptional! Our mutual had five golf carts all decorated up –

Joan Reynolds drove our president, Richard Bambach.

Bill Buck was accompanied by Susan Bambach.

Mary West drove with Edie D’Ambrosio and her dog Richie.

Ann Graham was escorted by her dog Archie and his friend Keetchie.

Linda Andrews paraded with her two grandchildren.

Thank you so much, Joan Reynolds for organizing everyone! Events like this make LW really special.



Personals...



- 8/01 - Joe Moran - 12-3A
- 8/05 – Irving Flyer – 17-2G
- 8/06 - Agnes Glass – VHC 1A
- 8/09 - Beth Leanza - 12-1B
- 8/14 - Grace Straw – VHC 2B
- 8/15 – Gerald Ungar – 12-2F
- 8/19 - Charles Glass – VHC 1A
- 8/28 – David Peters – 17-3G



Please welcome our newest resident: Wilma Townsend who moved into Building 14, 1C.



Landscape Committee

Some trees have been ‘topped,’ other trees have been taken out and new ones planted in their place. Weeding is a continual process. Some of you may have noticed that the apartment atria have finally received their ‘spring maintenance’ pruning. Pruning is supposed to be automatic (like mowing the lawns) but apparently gets done more automatically when members of the Landscape Committee are there to supervise. We’re working on this problem.

The garden in the park has its own set of problems. The tree has an extensive root system that allows a spade less than six inches. Then there’s the deep shade, the competition for water that calls for low maintenance plants, and the deer. This bed will never be a neat and tidy flowerbed, and will look a little scraggly for this first season, but it’s looking better now that some of the plantings have had time to settle in and spread. Remember volunteers on your Landscape Committee maintain it – not McFall and Berry.

Also, please keep in mind that we are only looking out for everyone’s interests when we monitor your gardens. When Leisure World looks good to us, it also looks good to prospective residents. Thank you to all of you who have worked so hard helping our Mutual look its best.

If you see something in our Mutual that should be addressed, please contact Sharon Moores or your committee rep: Kathy Viney (B10/B11), Ellen Wilson (B12), Dorothy Powers (B13), Barbara Martin (B14), Marge Steffen (B15), and Mary West (B16/B17).



Social Committee

July 14th saw another successful event organized by your social committee. 80 of our neighbors came out for the Ice Cream Social, an evening of camaraderie and ‘just desserts’. Congratulations go to Building 12 for having the highest attendance (19) while commiserations go to Building 10 for the least (1). We hope for better attendance across the mutual for our next event. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 28th and the Mutual 14 Pot Luck and Fried Chicken Dinner. Details will be posted closer to the date. See you then!



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, Banana Peels 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.

• Washing Machine Hoses

If your washer hoses are 10 years old or older, they are liable to burst and cause a great deal of inconvenience and damage from flooding. Better be safe than sorry. Call PPD to inspect and replace any hoses that are in bad shape.

• 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.



IN MEMORIAM

We send our sincere condolences to the family of Krystna Zielkiewicz who passed away on July 6th. She lived in Building 11, unit 1D.

M14 ONLINE:



www.professionalusa.net/m14/

As promised in the last issue of *The Grapevine*, PPD has updated their services and the Useful Information section reflects this change. Do read that section so that you'll be informed especially about PPD's new rates.

Remember this website is intended to communicate to you important and timely information about our community. Use it to research useful information, such as "Who Pays", By Laws, Vacation Information, Medical Center Resources, etc. In Addition it would be a good idea for you to review the Fire Safety information while you have the website visible on your computer.

Our website can also be accessed through the Leisure World website at www.lwmc.com. Go to Leisure World Residents, click on Mutual Websites and click on Mutual 14 to display our site from that location.

What additional information would you like to be included in our website? Your input would be greatly appreciated. Please email your ideas to either m14@professionalusa.net or js.rabinow@verizon.net.

Also, if you have something you wish to have published on our website, send the article via e-mail to one of the addresses mentioned here or deliver it to our Mutual Assistant and we will consider its appropriateness prior to publishing it.

Don't forget to send your e-mail address to m14@professionalusa.net or js.rabinow@verizon.net.



Flag Rules and Regulations

The following information is drawn from <http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/faq>

- Should the American flag be taken down during a rainstorm?

Most flags sold nowadays are all-weather flags (refer to the packaging). These are permitted to fly during inclement weather, according to the **Flag Code**. Section 6-c: "The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed."

- Is it proper to wash or mend a flag?

Yes. If a flag is torn, it can be repaired, preferably by a



professional or someone skilled in mending. If it is dirty, it can be washed, preferably by hand with a mild soap. If it is faded or tattered beyond repair, or dirty beyond cleaning, then it is time to replace the flag. Any flag that is tattered on the fly end can be repaired if the stripes (cut off where the tatter begins) are still longer than the field. If you fold the flag in half and the field overlaps the frayed fly, then it is time for a new flag.

Many dry cleaners will clean your flag at no cost. Ask your local cleaner their policy on cleaning flags.

- Can I fly my flag at home 24 hours a day?

Yes, provided it is "properly illuminated."

Section 6a: "It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness."

The Flag Code offers no additional guidance on what "properly illuminated" means. We interpret it to mean that there should be either a light directly upon the flag or that there be sufficient local lighting to make the flag visible at night.

If you cannot "properly illuminate" your flag, we recommend that you retire it at sunset, as the Flag Rules specify.

The American Legion defines *proper illumination* as a "light specifically placed to illuminate the flag (preferred) or having a light source sufficient to illuminate the flag so it is recognizable as such by the casual observer."

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