

The Grapevine



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Calendar

**Next Board Of Directors'
Meeting Thursday,
February 18, 2014 at
9:30am**



JOIN US!!!

in the Administration
Building at **9:30 a.m.** All unit
owners and residents are
encouraged to attend all
Board meetings.



Property Maintenance
Committee, Thursday,
February 6th at 2 PM,
Administration Building



Advisory Committee
Meeting of Building Reps is
February 12 at 10 am in
Clubhouse I.

From the President:

A few members of the Property Maintenance Committee are retiring. Ken Schroeder and Jim Straw have been on the PMC for a long time and I'd like to thank them for their service. Frank Lozupone, who has worked in almost every capacity of Mutual governance and oversight over many, many years, has finally retired from the PMC, his last post. And Bill Buck, who has tirelessly walked the Mutual, keeping a trouble-shooting eye on all our property, is leaving due to ill health. Our Mutual is a better place because of their service. If you see any of these men, your neighbors, give them a warm 'thank you' for all of their tireless work on our behalf!

I'm pleased to announce the members of Mutual 14's Property Maintenance Committee for 2014: Don Emel, Barbara Martin, Linda O'Neil, Richard Bambach, Hal Crisp, and the new chairman, Pat Leanza. I'm looking forward to working with them all. And if you have a special interest or expertise in this area, we're always looking for new members for this very important committee. Call me or Pat if you're interested in serving.

John Radcliffe 301-233-0093 jradrltr@aol.com

• File of Life KEEP it up to date!

And On your refrigerator!

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 a reminder to update the information on it.

What is the File of Life? This is an information sheet that 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.

Notes from the Board

- **Nominating Committee**

The Board appointed Hal Crisp to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. In accordance with our by-laws, a letter will be sent to each unit owner inviting them to recommend residents to serve as Directors.

- **All future BOD Meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am.** Our next meeting will be on February 18th.
- Residents should not instruct their guests to park in carport bays that are not assigned to them. ***Visitor parking is in the open lots only!***
- The Social Committee is in dire need of volunteers. At least three of the members have resigned for a variety of reasons. If you've enjoyed the socials in the past, please consider joining Sharon Moores' group. If she doesn't have sufficient able-bodied helpers, we may not have socials any more! Call Sharon at [301-438-0048](tel:301-438-0048).

Writer needed for the Grapevine

Would you like to write for the Grapevine? Would you like to be featured in the Grapevine?

We are looking for someone to interview some residents and write up an article.

We would especially like to run short items about our residents. Just a brief biography, highlighting especially any thing more or less unique or special: an unusual job, unusual experience? unusual place of former residence?

Also, let us know if you are willing to be interviewed.



Rules Committee



The new pet rule is now in effect, limiting the number of cats and dogs allowed in a unit to two, with a maximum total adult weight of 30 pounds. Note that if you had more than two animals on November 1, 2013, those animals are 'grandfathered'. The new rule also requires that each pet owner registers their animal with the Mutual and shows that it is properly licensed with Montgomery County. Our new Pet Registration form is attached to this Grapevine for your convenience. Please complete it and return it (with a copy of each pet's current Montgomery County Pet License) to Kathy Viney's mailbag outside unit #1B Bldg 10 or to our Mutual Assistant, Gloria Robar, in the Administration Building.

Emergency Preparedness Quiz

From the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee
Monthly Quiz—**Winter storms and cold**

Winter is coming and WTOP and other media are starting to talk about what you should do for dealing with winter storms and cold. Use the following quiz to jog your memory about preparing for winter storms and cold. Pick the one best answer. Answers are on the last page.

Question 1. Which of the following items on your car should you check to prepare for winter driving?

- A. Wiper blades.
- B. Tire treads and inflation.
- C. Car emergency supply kit.
- D. All of the above.

Question 2. How far behind a snow plow should you drive?

- A. 10 feet.
- B. 25 feet.
- C. 75 feet.
- D. 100 feet.

Question 3. When should you fill your gas tank?

- A. When the gas light comes on.
- B. When the tank is $\frac{1}{4}$ full.
- C. When the tank is $\frac{1}{2}$ full.
- D. When the tank is $\frac{3}{4}$ full.

Question 4. If your car breaks down in winter weather, what should you do?

- A. Try to flag someone down for help.
- B. Start walking to the last town that you can remember.
- C. Pull off the road and put your emergency flashers on.
- D. Pull off the road and hang a scarf or cloth from the driver's window.



Architectural Design
(Subcommittee of PMC)



Updates: We are in the third year of our design updates. The plaza homes received new siding and roofs in 2011. Four of the 8 apartment buildings have had the exteriors painted with neutral colors and the interior lobbies have had new neutral paint. All the lobbies have been refreshed with new furniture, artwork and plants. Carpeting on the catwalks has been replaced in 4 buildings with a neutral color. We have residents moving in who are enthusiastically renovating and updating their units. Our property values have been rising. We have some of the lowest vacancy rates and accounts in arrears in Leisure World.

Many thanks to the landscape committee for its beautification efforts that keep our grounds looking so attractive.

We are all working very hard to keep Mutual 14 a vibrant and sustainable community.

Reminders: Did you know that the Mutual 14 Bylaws state: "that in order to preserve the harmony of the exterior design of the buildings the BOD shall have the authority to require that all drapery liners/window treatments be of uniform color and material. Drapery liners/window treatments installed in any condo unit shall be maintained and periodically replaced at the owners expense."

Green, blue, red, pink or dark colors are not neutral and are unacceptable.

As a resident of Mutual 14 you are part of a community and enjoy the benefits and responsibilities of living in a condominium community.



Personals...

DID WE MISS YOUR BIRTHDAY? Let Beth Leanza know and we will include it.

Happy Belated Birthday to:
Margaret Cross (B13-3F) 12/26



Happy Birthday

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|------|----------------|----------|
| 1/05 | Kyle Wilson | (B12-1G) |
| 1/23 | Pat Shepard | (B11-1E) |
| 2/12 | Joan Reynolds | (B13-2A) |
| 2/17 | Jackie Rabinow | (B13-2G) |
| 2/27 | Ken Schroeder | (B15-2C) |



Please Welcome

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| Steven and Mary Goldstein | 15126 VHR 6B |
| Bill Brown | (B12-1A) |
| Richard Saunders | B11-1F, |
| Gary and Ruth Hunter | B-15 2G |
| Jessica Chuang | B-16 2F |
| Vladimir Ivanenko | B-16 2E |



Congratulations to Chuck!

Our neighbor, Chuck Martinez recently completed the Marine Corps Marathon! Way to go, Chuck!

Reminders & Vital Info



Editor's note: cut out this reminder and tape it inside a kitchen cabinet door. Beth L.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRASH AND RECYCLING

- NO PLASTIC BAGS & NO STYROFOAM in the recycling bins!
- If you need a small blue recycling basket for carrying your recyclables to the curb or trash room, call Kathy Viney at 301-598-2691.
- Please don't put out large quantities or bulky items until the evening before pick-up.
- Please don't block the door to the trash rooms. Boxes that cannot be flattened should be put in the far right corner.
- Electronics will be recycled if you take them to the wooden pallet in the small parking lot at the rear of Clubhouse 1 (on Gleneagles Drive.)

COLLECTION DAYS:

- Regular Trash – Tuesday and Friday mornings
- Plastic / Other Recycling – Tuesday and Friday mornings
- Newspaper, Mixed Paper, & Cardboard
- Recycling – Wednesday mornings
- Magazine & Catalogue recycling – 1st Wednesday morning of the month.

The attached list specifies what is considered acceptable recyclables. Tape it near your trash or recycling bin, and make sure your helpers know the rules, too.





• **Garbage Disposal** **NEW UPDATED**

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.

Fibrous materials should be fed in small amounts. Turn on the water first; turn on the disposer; slowly feed small amounts of fibrous materials.

Ice can be ground to scour the disposer. Use caution with bones or other hard materials.

When using the disposer, ALWAYS turn on the cold water first, 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 while it is grinding does not help and can even be detrimental to its functioning. (You can let hot water drain when the grinder is not in use.)

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.

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**Hours for moving in or out of a house or an apartment
are between 8am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday only.**

The Mutual President *may* make an exception, but *only* if you contact him in advance, *and* if you have a very special circumstance. Otherwise, if a truck turns up at the Main Gate on a Saturday or Sunday it will be denied entry!

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Don't Let your Water Heater cause Trouble!!

As water heaters age, they can begin to leak – eventually flooding your home. It is very important to replace your water heater at the first sign of leaking.

Give yourself a reminder to check it frequently – placing a post-it note near your dryer's on switch may remind you to take a peak into the catch basin for the water heater.



NOTE: THE COMCAST PHONE NUMBER HAS CHANGED.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: John Radcliffe
Vice President: Linda O'Neil
Secretary: Agnes Glass
Treasurer: Richard Bambach
Director: James Moores
Director: Bobbie Palmer
Director: Barbara Martin

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Advisory: Agnes Glass & Aleen Phillips
Budget & Finance: Richard Bambach
Landscape: Sharon Moores
Property Maintenance: Frank Lozupone & Bill Buck
Social: Sharon Moores
Architectural Design: Linda O'Neil
Rules: Kathy Viney
Mutual Assistant: Gloria Robar
- 301-598-1338

- Building Problems? - **Call** Gloria Emergencies, when Gloria is not available - **Call** Physical Properties -301-598-1500
 - After hours & weekends – **Call** Main Gate – 301-598-1044
- Comcast Issues** - contact **1-855-638-2855**

M14 ONLINE:



Contact the Mutual with our e-mail address: M14@mutual-14.org

Web Site: www.mutual-14.org
<http://www.lwmc.com>

Answers to the monthly quiz

- Question 1--D
- Question 2—B
- Question 3—C
- Question 4--D

At this time the TV schedule has not been updated. You can go to www.lwmc.com and click on CCTV schedule

- The LWCC Executive Board meets Friday, January 17th at 9:30 am
- The LWCC Board meets Tuesday January 28th at 9:30 am in Clubhouse I



YES!

Glass Bottles and Jars

Clear, green, and brown food and beverage glass bottles and jars.

Examples: soft drink, beer, juice and wine bottles; spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, and pickle jars.

Remove lids from bottle/jars before placing them in the recycling container.

Plastic Bottles, Containers and Lids

Plastic bottles, containers, jars, tubs, lids, pails, buckets, and flower pots.

Plastic durable reusable containers and lids such as Rubbermaid®-type containers.

Aluminum and Bi-Metal Cans and Foil Product

Non-hazardous empty aerosol cans.

Aluminum cans and bi-metal (steel/tin) food and beverage containers.

Aluminum foil and foil products.

Lids are recyclable. Please secure lid inside can if possible.

Please empty and rinse all containers and foil products. Labels are okay.

Mixed Paper

Milk/juice cartons, drink boxes, frozen food boxes and produce boxes

Newspapers and inserts

Magazines and catalogs **ONLY ON 1ST WED'S**

Cardboard boxes **flattened**

Cereal boxes (remove liner) and other paper-board boxes

Unwanted mail, receipts, and envelopes (plastic windows are OK)

Shredded paper (in paper bag)

Office/Computer paper

All other clean, dry paper

Use a paper bag for easy mixed paper storage in your home.

Hard/soft cover books and telephone books

NO!

GLASS

No broken glass or mirror or window glass

No drinking glasses, cups, plates, or cookware

No ceramics or light bulbs

No automotive parts

No household metal items such as pots, pans, or furniture. Recycle these items separately as scrap metal.

Plastic

No packing material such as Styrofoam /polystyrene

No "clamshell" containers, packaging from small electronics and toys, or jewel cases from CDs

No microwavable trays

No plastic utensils, bowls, or plates

No plastic wrap

No plastic bags

No plastic toys, kiddie pool

No plastic flower tray packs (marked #6)

No other large plastic items

Aluminum

No automotive product containers (such as motor oil, antifreeze, or brake fluid)

No pesticide containers

Mixed Paper

No plastic wrap or bags

(Plastic bags can be recycled at most local grocery stores.)

No carbon paper

No paper/cardboard contaminated with food (pizza boxes), paint, chemicals, or kitty litter

No foil gift-wrap, paper towels, napkins, or tissues

Scrap Metal

Do not place scrap metal in trash or commingled materials recycling containers

No vehicle or automotive parts, including engine blocks

No paint cans

No oxygen or propane tanks or other containers under pressure

Scrap metal (like pots and pans) may be brought to Transfer Stations – do not put scrap metal with mixed recyclables.



MUTUAL 14 PET REGISTRATION

Residents may keep in their unit not more than a total of (2) dogs or (2) cats or (1) dog and (1) cat whose combined adult weight is not more than 30 pounds.

Residents whose pets are in excess of the number and weight limits on or before the effective date of this rule (November 1, 2013) will be exempt from the rule while those pets live in the unit, after which the rule will take effect.

Bldg/Unit # _____

Resident's Name: _____
[Please print clearly]

Resident's Address: _____

Name of Pet: _____ **Color / Breed:** _____

Dog () Cat () Male () Female () Weight (approx): _____

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Dog () Cat () Male () Female () Weight (approx): _____

Attach a copy of your current Montgomery County Pet License for each pet.

Resident's Signature: _____ Date: _____