

# The Grapevine



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## Mark Your



## Calendar

**Next Board Of Directors'  
Meeting Tuesday,  
April 15, 2014**



### 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, April 3, at 1 PM, Administration Building



Advisory Committee  
Wednesday April 16 10 AM  
in Clubhouse I.

## The President's Corner

Mark your calendar! Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the auditorium of Clubhouse 2: that's the date, time, and place of the **Mutual 14 Annual Meeting**. Meet your neighbors at 2:00 pm for a social hour with cake and coffee. This is a very important community meeting, the forum where I present my "State of the Mutual" address, and where you can raise any questions or concerns you may have about the running of our Mutual.

You should receive an Annual Meeting packet by the end of March, with the ballot for electing two members to the Board of Directors. We need as many residents as possible to attend in order to conduct business, so if you can't be there please mail Gloria your proxy or send it along with a neighbor.

Richard Bambach and Agnes Glass, who have each given years of service to our governance, are retiring from the Board. We have four terrific candidates vying for their seats: Ron Krams (B15-2F), Vicki McCarty (B16-1F), Kathy Viney (B10-1B), and Elinor Walker (B11-2G). You'll find in your packet that each of these candidates has written a brief description of their work and life experience and their reasons for wanting to serve on the Board, which I hope will assist you in making your choices.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.

**John Radcliffe**  
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## Notes from the Board

Members of the Board and visitors at the March meeting had a lively discussion about poor drainage in kitchen sinks and garbage disposals. Regular running and flushing of the garbage disposal (*whether you use it or not*) is the responsibility of all residents, but it's especially important for those in the apartments. If the third- and second-floor residents don't clear and flush their kitchen drains, it will have an impact (ugh!) on the first-floor resident. Unclogging drains is an all too common event, with considerable costs to the Mutual.

So this is what Google has to say on the matter. The disposal works by slamming the food waste around at high speed and pulverizing it into sludge. You don't want to put **grease** down the drain because it will turn that sludge into glue. **Eggshells & coffee grounds** create very tiny granular waste that stick to the sludge in the pipes creating a clog. And **potato peels** form a starchy paste (more glue!) while **banana peels** add stringy fibers to the mix.

The simplest way to avoid a clog, and cure a slow-draining sink, is to make sure you flush the disposal with plenty of water - before, during, and after grinding. Then maintain your disposal by regularly grinding up pieces of lemon or orange peel and ice cubes. The In-Sink-Erator Company, the country's largest producer of kitchen sink disposers, recommends that you **run cold water for 15 seconds before introducing waste, while the unit is running, and 15 seconds or so afterward to clear the unit.**

## Rules Committee



### Noise Complaints

In case you hadn't noticed, our buildings are not sound-proof! We can hear your vacuum cleaner, television, garbage disposal, and running water; your dog scratching the carpet, your tea kettle singing, and your general galumphing. Most of these sounds we ignore. But noise in the evening hours is the #1 complaint among residents. The Noise Control Ordinance, Chapter 31B of the Montgomery County Code, states that residents should be "allowed the peaceful enjoyment of their property" **between the hours of 9:00 pm and 7 am weekdays and between 9:00pm and 9:00am on weekends and holidays.** While 9 pm is early even by Leisure World standards, please be aware of the hour and show some consideration for your neighbors.

## Advisory Committee



Next meeting is in Clubhouse I (room to be determined) on Wednesday April 16 at 10 AM.



### Property Maintenance Committee

The Property Maintenance Committee approved bids for roofing for Building 16; for gutters and downspouts for Buildings 11, 12, 15 & 17; for painting of Buildings 10 and 11; for adding EPDM and carpeting in Buildings 11 and 15. We expect these projects to be done this summer.



### Personals...

Please Welcome



Euclid Coukouma (B12-2A)  
Marcy L. De Leon (B17-1B)

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



### Happy Birthday

- 4/02 Kathy Viney (B13-1B)
- 4/04 Ellen Wilson (B12-1G)
- 4/06 Margaret Friedrich (B10-3D)
- 4/12 Jim Straw VHC 2B
- 4/20 Pearl A. White (B11-1E)  
(Will be 100! this year.)
- 4/20 Arnold Birkett (B12-2E)
- 4/28 Diana Kennedy (B13-3A)
- 4/29 Mary West (B16-3A)

### Landscape Committee



The Landscape Committee is planning a walk around on April 14. If you see something that needs to be done, please call Sharon Moores before then (301-438-0048)



### Social Committee

There are plans to have Bingo and Subs on April 29. Watch for flyers with more details.

**Reminders & Vital Info****• Annual Meeting**

Notices about the Annual Meeting of Mutual 14, scheduled for Thursday, April 24, have been mailed to all unit owners.

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

**Water Use Caution**

\*\*\* Mutual 14 has aging pipes so please don't run your dishwasher and washing machine at the same time. This could cause backups in the system.

**Clothes Dryers**

We have a responsibility to ourselves and to our neighbors for properly operating and caring for our Dryers. Keeping the dryer clean from lint build up will prevent unnecessary energy use. **Lint screens should be cleaned after each use.** Some lint particles can accumulate around and under the dryer increasing the fire hazard.

You are, of course, aware that the Mutual cleans the exhaust lines every two years. However, it is a good idea for you to test for any excess heat while it is running. Alert our Mutual Assistant if you find this to be so. It is also a good idea to make a visual check of the outside exhaust point to assure there is no lint build up there and that the flap is operating freely.

\*\*\***Use of fabric softeners have been found to cause a waxy, invisible substance to build up on the lint screen blocking the air. Occasional washing of the lint screen with soap and water will prevent this.**

\*\*\* **Be aware that new modern fabrics, especially fleece, cause more lint.**

From the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee  
Monthly Quiz—**Household chemical emergencies**

Every household uses products containing hazardous materials or chemicals. They are found in cleaning, indoor pesticide, flammables, personal care, and other products. Use the following quiz to refresh your knowledge about preventing and responding to household chemical emergencies. Pick the one best answer. Answers can be found on page 6.

Question 1. It is springtime and Giant is having a sale on cleaning products:



How much should you buy?

- A. A year's supply.
- B. As much as you have room for.
- C. As much as you think you will use.
- D. Call the main gate and find out.

Question 2. What should use to clean up a chemical spill?

- A. Rags.
- B. The kitchen sponge.
- C. Paper towels.
- D. A mop.

Question 3. What are some symptoms of toxic poisoning?

- A. Diarrhea.
- B. Changing skin color.
- C. Dizziness.
- D. All of the above.

Question 4. Where should you keep emergency telephone numbers?

- A. In a good place.
- B. In a drawer by your bed.
- C. By all your telephones and in your contact list in your cell phone.
- D. By the door.

Answers can be found on page 6.

To find the Emergency Plan for Leisure World that has additional information on emergency preparedness in Leisure World, go to <http://www.lwmc/gen-info/emergency-plan.html>.

### **Understanding Dementia Care Seminars**

Join Senior Helpers and Arden Courts as we welcome nationally renowned dementia expert Teepa Snow to our area!

- ❖ Demystifying Resistance and Refusals – Understanding Behaviors and Then Helping  
Tuesday, April 22, 2014 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- ❖ Connecting and Communicating: It's MUCH More than Words  
Tuesday, April 22, 2014 – 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

The Interfaith Chapel of Leisure World

3680 S Leisure World Boulevard

For more information, call [301-592-1611](tel:301-592-1611)

or email [silverspring@arden-courts.com](mailto:silverspring@arden-courts.com)

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### **How can I receive information about County programs and services?**

Sign up for our Senior News, an electronic newsletter that will update you about events and meetings of interest in your community, new or modified programs, benefits and services, changes in policies and/or laws, and other relevant information for seniors and caregivers.

Go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/govdelivery>



Click on Create An Account (you have to enter your email address) or Update an Account. Select Senior News under Health and Human Services.

**If you need help with this – you can go to the Computer Center in Clubhouse II and the monitor can assist you.**



**IN MEMORIAM**

Our condolences to the friends and family of **Margaret Meredith (B13-1G)** who passed away on February 20<sup>th</sup>. She was one of our longest-term residents, having moved into LW around 30 years ago!



**M14 ONLINE:**

Contact the Mutual with our e-mail address: [M14@mutual-14.org](mailto:M14@mutual-14.org)

Web Site: [www.mutual-14.org](http://www.mutual-14.org)  
<http://www.lwmc.com>

The LWCC Executive Board meets (met) Friday, March 14 at 9:30 am

The LWCC Board meets Tuesday March 25 at 9:30 am in Clubhouse I.

**Tune in to Channel 974 beginning Thursday March 20** at 4PM and 7PM to see the March 14 Exec meeting televised.

**Tune in to Channel 974 beginning Thursday April 6** at 4PM and 7PM to see the March 25 LWCC Board of Directors televised

Each meeting is broadcast each day until the next meeting replaces it.

- Answers  
Question 1—C.  
Question 2—A.  
Question 3—D.  
Question 4—C.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- President:** John Radcliffe  
**Vice President:** Linda ONeil  
**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:** Pat Leanza

**Social:** Sharon Moores

**Architectural Design (Subcommittee of PMC)** Linda ONeil

**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