

# The Grapevine



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## Mark Your



## Calendar

**Next Board Of Directors'  
Meeting Tuesday,  
October 21, 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, October 2 at 11 AM, Administration Building



Advisory Committee  
Mark your calendar:  
October 15 at 10 am  
in Clubhouse 2.

What a compliment! Our President, John Radcliffe, told the Board today that Mutual 14 is viewed throughout Leisure World as the example to which other mutuals aspire. He often fields questions from other mutuals' representatives about how we get things done here. Unlike some mutuals, we have a full Board that meets regularly, our committees are active and accomplish great things (from Property Maintenance to Rules to Social), and crucially, everything we do is supported by our unit owners. Keep up the good work, Mutual 14!

On the other hand - sounds crazy, but it's true - we have a light bulb thief. Three times already this year we've had light bulbs stolen from the trash rooms and, once, all the motion sensors disappeared! Whoever it is, they bring their own stool to reach up to the ceiling. So keep your eyes open and if you see something, call Pat Leanza.

Leisure World events you should know about:

- The quarterly "New Resident Orientation" will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the Ballroom of Clubhouse I. This is a good way for new (and old) residents to find out how things work in Leisure World, so you should make a concerted effort to attend.
- Shredding Day, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. If you have lots of things to shred, you can drive it right up to the truck.
- MedStar Pharmacy is now an accredited Medicare Part B provider of diabetic supplies.
- The Emergency Preparedness Committee will hold a Fire Safety Forum in Clubhouse 2 on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 to 12:00.
- The MedStar Visiting Nurses Association is sponsoring a flu shot clinic from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm on September 15, 23, & 30, October 9, and November 13. Check the *Leisure World News* for details.

Notes from the Board



## Rules Committee



All our committees work hard to make Mutual 14 a showplace, well maintained and attractive to the rest of Leisure World and to prospective buyers. The Rules Committee would like you to look at your unit from the outside - balcony side & catwalk side, street side & golf course side - and **SEE WHAT WE SEE ...**

Curtains and blinds sagging or torn, held together with safety pins or tape, or brown with age or tobacco, in red, blue, green, purple, and pink. Light-filtering window film that has turned purple and bubbled with age and sun, or window laminates in stained-glass colors. This is unacceptable. The Bylaws of Mutual 14, Article IX (Use Restrictions), Section 4 (Drapery Liners), page 28, state that in order **to preserve the good appearance and harmony of the exterior of the buildings, the Board of Directors has the authority to require** all window coverings [facing the outside], to be a neutral color, i.e. shades of white or a wood-tone. Window coverings are also required to be properly maintained, [repaired and/or cleaned] and periodically replaced if necessary, at the expense of the owner.

We don't expect everyone to go out and buy new window coverings overnight; we're allowing a few months for compliance and will give offenders plenty of notice. But the Rules Committee is serious about enforcing this Bylaw, and will begin in 2015.

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We also see STUFF on balconies, patios, and in open carport storage areas: big plastic storage bins, cardboard boxes, baskets and fake flower arrangements, *coolers, coolers, coolers* (summer's over, folks!), boxes in a pile with tarps or table cloths thrown over them (a tarp is not a disguise) ... piles of *stuff*.

Our Bylaws state that storage is not permitted on balconies or patios, whether they are open or enclosed. If it's out there... you can't see it - but we can. Please put your stuff in your closets or enclosed carport storage, or donate it to charity.



## Property Maintenance Committee

Be sure to notice the work being done on the new patio – across from Building 12!  
Soon it will be large enough for 2 benches, and, it will be handicap accessible!

A few things from the last PMC meeting:

\* If you ever notice sparking when you plug something in, let Gloria, our Mutual Assistant, know right away!

- The fencing around the transformers (at the entrance of each apartment building) is going to be replaced.
- Owners of enclosed (improved) balconies are responsible to make sure that proper flashing is in place to prevent water from dripping down.
- Owners of open (unimproved) balconies (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> floors) should inspect the outside edge of the floor to make sure there is still caulking between the floor and the I-beam that is supporting it. Over the years, the caulking can wear away, and it is important to repair it.

Pat Leanza, Chair PMC Committee



## Personals...

### Directory corrections:

Kathy Viney B10-1B	301-598-2691
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Jim & Julie	
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Jenny Wong B14-3B	301-330-2129
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Gary & Katrine	
Leiber B14-2A	301-822-4686
Diane Grimes	
15119 Vantage Hill Road	301-598-4092
John Radcliffe	
15121 Vantage Hill Road	301-438-7776

Please Welcome



Charles & Sara Hoffman B11-2A  
240-460-5095

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



Happy Birthday

10/03 Louise Hajjar (B10-1A)  
10/28 Christine Lozupone (B17-3A)

## Landscape Committee



Weeds don't only pop up in the spring. Some of you have a gardener come once a year and think that's enough. But gardens are active about eight-months of the year in our climate zone (April-November). So you have to do maintenance *at least* every other month during that time. Weeds and grass are the biggest culprits and make an otherwise tidy garden look shabby. If your garden is shabby, our neighborhood is shabby. Put your garden refuse in a brown paper bag and put it out for collection by the Grounds Department on Monday and Thursday mornings, or just toss it in the trash bin.

## Reminders & Vital Info



### Apartment Dwellers – Pay attention! Stop at the Yellow Line!

I started telling my young grandchildren – Stop at the Yellow Line! Wait for Grandma! Then I started stopping at the yellow line when I was by myself. TWO TIMES, I was so grateful!

If I had stepped out I would have been right in front of a car! So now I am reminding the grandkids, who are getting bigger (six and eight years old!) that the rule “Stop at the Yellow Line” is for everybody – even grownups!

And now I am telling all you grownups – Stop at the Yellow Line! Look for cars!

### Drivers – Pay attention! Don't drive too close to the buildings!

Drivers – don't get too close to the buildings when you are driving by. It is impossible to see if someone is about to step out onto the street until it is too late.

Beth Leanza



## ☐ Smoke Alarms

It is important that you DUST and CHECK your Smoke Alarm periodically. Please consider this as a reminder to take care of one of our most important safety gadgets.

### **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 property manager 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.

### **What you need to know about Fire Safety in Mutual 14:**

The smoke detector in your unit only alerts you to a possible fire in your unit. It's not connected to LW Security or the Fire Department.

Fire alarms pulls can be found in the apartments' atrium or catwalks near the stairwells. They only alert your neighbors to a potential problem; they aren't connected to LW Security or the Fire Department. **You still have to call 911.**

If you hear the Fire Alarm:

- Leave your unit and close the door behind you. Don't lock it.
- DO NOT use the elevator!
- Go to the carport of the building opposite, or next door.
- Wait for the all-clear.

If you need assistance, go to the nearest stairwell and wait for Fire Department personnel. If you are bedridden: call 911, tell them you hear the alarm and are bedridden, wait for Fire Department personnel

### **From the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Tips on Preventing Kitchen Fires**

#### **Tips on preventing kitchen fires**

Fires caused while cooking are the leading cause of fire-related injuries for seniors.

The following are common-sense tips for preventing kitchen fires:

- \* Keep towels, food packaging, cookbooks, curtains, potholders, and other combustibles away from burners on the stove or grill
- \* Do not wear loose or dangling clothing while cooking on the stove or grill.
- \* Use dry oven mitts to handle hot pans. A hot pan can turn a wet mitt into scalding steam.



- \* Do not cook if you are sleepy or have been consuming alcohol or medication that makes you drowsy.
- \* Never leave a stove unattended while cooking.
- \* If you need to step away from the stove, turn it off.
- \* Frequently check items baking or broiling in the oven to be sure they do not ignite.
- \* Keep children and pets at least three feet away while you are cooking.
- \* Turn pot handles away from the front of the stove so they cannot be knocked or pulled off.
- \* Open Microwaved food slowly and let it cool before eating.
- \* Never put foil or other metals into a microwave.
- \* Make sure the stove is kept clean and free of grease buildup – it can cause fire.
- \* Do not use water to extinguish a grease fire – it will splatter and spread the fire.
- \* If food or grease in a pan catches fire, smother the flames by placing a tight-fitting lid over the pan to suffocate the fire. Then turn off the heat.
- \* Make sure the stove is off and small appliances are unplugged before going to bed.

There are many sources of information on fire prevention. These tips come from information provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Montgomery Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.



**IN MEMORIAM**

Our condolences to the family and friends of Betty Grisamore, B14-3G



**M14 ONLINE:**  
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<http://www.lwmc.com>

The LWCC Executive Board meets Friday, (10 days before the LWCC Board) at 9:30 am in Clubhouse I.

The LWCC Board meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in Clubhouse I.

**Tune in to Channel 974 EVERY day at 4PM and 7PM** to see either the Executive Board meeting OR the LWCC (full) Board of Directors meeting televised.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

<b>Advisory:</b>	Kathy Viney
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<b>Property Maintenance:</b>	Pat Leanza
<b>Social:</b>	Sharon Moores
<b>Architectural Design (Subcommittee of PMC)</b>	Linda ONeil
<b>Rules</b>	Kathy Viney
<b>Mutual Assistant: Gloria Robar</b>	
	<b>- 301-598-1338</b>

- 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