

The Grapevine



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Calendar

**Next Board Of Directors'
Meeting Tuesday,
July 21 , 2015**



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,
July 3 at 11 AM,
Administration Building



Advisory Committee

Notes from the Board

It was brought to the Board's attention that there was some confusion caused by discrepancies in our hours for deliveries, contract work, moving in and out, and "quiet time". Here is what was decided:

- The times for moving in or moving out remain **Monday through Saturday between 8:00am & 5:00pm.**
- Times for deliveries and contract work cannot begin at 7:00am because Leisure World won't allow vendors through the gates until 8:00am, requiring us to make a slight change. So, deliveries and contract work may be scheduled **Monday through Saturday between 8:00am and 7:00pm.**
- The Board declined to define am or pm hours for "quiet time", feeling that set hours are too restrictive. It is incumbent on everyone to be considerate of their neighbors, but if you have a noise complaint, please call Vickie McCarty at 757-575-1542.

Members of the PMC surveyed a number of third-floor units last week with structural engineer, Colin McKenzie. These units have continuing problems with nail pops in ceilings and cracks where ceiling meets wall. Mr. McKenzie said he was quite familiar with this issue (which he described as a design flaw, not a structural flaw), and will present the PMC and the Board with a formal report on the cause, as well as inexpensive solutions. When that report is received, the Board will determine what, if anything, they may do about it. Affected residents will be informed.

The subject of unit owners' "duty to maintain ... their equipment, appliances, or fixtures..." is often discussed by the Board. The neglect of that duty and the resulting damages cost everyone a lot of money. If you have 40-year old fixtures, sinks, bathtubs, or toilets, it's probably time to replace them – before they cause damage to your home and your neighbors'.



A few anonymous letters and petitions have been circulated in the Mutual in the past few months. They've attacked the Board of Directors, individually and as a group, personally and professionally, accusing us of taking actions outside our 'job description', making decisions 'behind closed doors', taking away your rights and freedoms, and even financial mismanagement. These tactics spread fear and division by individuals who cannot persuade using facts.

We won't address the cowardly "Anonymous", but we do assure YOU that any resident can write or phone or ask to discuss any topic with any Board member, or attend any Board meeting and speak up there, and you will be heard. We may end up agreeing to disagree – but openly and with respect.

Linda O'Neil & Kathy Viney

Rules Committee



To Grill or not to Grill:

Want to do some outdoor cooking but not sure of the rules? Mutual 14 follows the County code. Montgomery County Fire and Rescue says that all outdoor cooking near multi-family dwellings such as our plaza homes or our garden/mid-rise apartments – **whether on a gas-fired, charcoal, or electric grill** - must be done at least 20 feet away from any building. Cooking is not permitted on balconies or under overhanging portions of a building. A garden hose or other extinguisher should be nearby and ready for use. Gas-fired, charcoal, and electric grills cannot be stored on balconies. Read more at

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-code/resources/files/homeowners/outdoorfireMF.pdf>

Drip, drip, drip:

Many of us have brought our indoor plants outside for the summer. Just remember that second and third floor balconies may not hold planting containers larger than 17" in diameter, and no more than three of that maximum size. **And please put a saucer under them to act as a catch basin.** Water running off the front edge rusts the beam that supports your balcony! That goes for enclosed balconies, too. Last year we spent \$25,000 from your reserve funds repairing this kind of damage.

Have a question about your garden responsibilities? Read pages 13 & 14 of your Mutual 14 Rules and Procedures (Rev.Nov.2013).

Advisory Committee



Green sheet updates:

Building Reps keep your "green sheets" only for emergency situations where we might need to contact a friend or relative on your behalf. If you filled one out in the past year or so (Building 13 updated theirs a few months ago), you don't have to do it again. But most of us filled this form out many years ago – or not at all - so some things have likely changed. Please complete the form delivered with this *Grapevine* and return it by Friday, July 3rd. Apartment Reps will have a big envelope outside their door for collection; plaza home residents can drop it into the mail slot at #1 Vantage Hill Court (Moore's). *The information provided will be kept strictly confidential.*

Balcony sweeps:

Hello up there on the second & third floors! Please use a dust pan when you sweep your balcony. If you sweep off the edge into the wild blue yonder – it all ends up on the balcony or patio or garden below! ☹️



Leisure World News:

We're looking for someone to deliver the *Leisure World News* to the **Plaza Homes** twice a month. If you can do this small service to your neighbors, call Kathy Viney at 301-598-2691.



Property Maintenance Committee

This summer the painting of Building 14 and 15 will begin and carpeting will be replaced in buildings 12 and 14. A separate contract to deal with the peeling paint in the ceiling pans was approved for Buildings 14, 15, 16 and 17. Other buildings with peeling paint issues are awaiting resolution of warranty issues with the paint company. The repair of the sinking drains on Glade Drive will also be completed this summer.

Independence Day Parade:

Leisure World's annual parade will be held on Friday, July 3rd starting from the Clubhouse 1 parking lot at approximately 9:30am. Mutual 14 will be represented once again by resident Joan Reynolds (B13). There's a space for another golf cart, too, if anyone's interested in joining the procession. Joan will be decorating her cart at 4:00pm on Thursday, July 2nd in the B13 carport. If you'd like to participate in any way, contact Joan directly at 301-928-2129.



E & R Advisory Committee

June 2, 2015 Meeting

Eyre Travel

Jill Wood, from Eyre Travel spoke to the committee.

Eyre is a full service travel company. They can book you on cruises and travel as well as local bus trips. Once a trip is on the door, you can sign up.

The office here in LW is in Club 1, (across from the E & R office) and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 am to 2 PM.

Call first, to avoid a long wait time, as they may have an appointment for someone who needs more time.

Eyre is always looking for suggestions – but if a trip is scheduled, and there is not enough interest, it can be cancelled.

FEP Update Ms. Nicole Gerke

Clubhouse I

The Ballroom project was over budget. Therefore contractors were contacted to obtain suggestions so as to bring the project into line.

No contracts have been signed yet. The LW BOD will be looking at this at their June meeting.

Other Business

Miniature Golf

Richard Sherman sought and got approval from the committee to contact vendors to obtain proposals for Mini Golf in Leisure World for projects.

A new club will have to be formed to manage the Mini golf equipment.

Pool

Kids' Hours remain the Same

First Sunday still 10 am – 3 PM

A letter was read suggesting that the hours for Kids be changed, as they cover the noon meal as well as are during the hottest time of the day.

The committee rejected any proposal to change the Kids' hours.

Fitness Center:

Recommended Keeping Early opening

4 am

There is an average of over 11 people using the center between 4 and 5 am.

The committee recommended making the 4 am opening permanent.




Personals...

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

Happy Birthday



7/13	Pat Leanza	(B12/1B)
7/19	Rae Romano	(B13-1A)
7/27	Barbara Bowers	(B12-3E)
7/29	Stephanie Sidella	(B12-1C)
7/31	Delores Fowlkes	14 VHC



Landscape Committee

It's breaking a lot of hearts, but the big 40-year old Maple tree in the park next to the Rock Bed is dying. We're having it taken down before a falling branch injures someone, or the tree itself lands on a car. We'll replace it with two new maples in the fall.

Please don't let your guest-children play in the Rock Bed. They could twist an ankle, break a leg, or get hit in the head with a rock. We've witnessed them climbing the boulders, and carrying and tossing rocks of various sizes all over the park, with their "supervising adults" paying little or no attention. *This is not a playground!*



Social Committee

Ice Cream Social July 23

Mark your calendars for the Ice Cream & Bingo Social on Thursday, July 23rd at 7:00pm - only \$5.00. There's been a change of date for the Autumn Picnic: from September 16th to Thursday, September 17th. It will be in Vantage Hill Court as usual and we hope to see a good turnout. We had a lot of residents, including some new residents, attend the Picnic last week and everyone had a great time.

Volunteers Wanted!

The Social Committee always needs help. If you can volunteer some of your time to chop vegetables, set up tables, clean up, etc. please call Sharon Moores at [301-438-0048](tel:301-438-0048).



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 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.

Dogs are Great!

Dogs are Great! But don't forget to pick up after your dog – our Mutual even provides a few stations where you can get a plastic bag (use the bag over your hand to pick up “you know what”, then fold it back) and deposit in the container at the station. Simple! And then everyone will think your dog is great, too!

• **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.



M14 ONLINE:
Contact the Mutual with our e-mail address: M14@mutual-14.org
Web Site: www.mutual-14.org
 <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.

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	- Call Physical Properties –301-598-1500
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