

The Grapevine



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Mark Your



Calendar

JOIN US!!!

All unit owners and residents are encouraged to attend Board meetings and Committee meetings.

MEETINGS



Board Of Directors

Tuesday,
January 29, 2016
Administration
Building at 9:30 a.m.



Property Maintenance

Committee, Thursday,
January 7 at 11 AM,
Harbor Room, Clubhouse 1



Building Rep Committee

Annapolis Room CH1
at 10 AM February 9

The President's Corner



I hope that everyone has a holiday season that is everything they want it to be. Some of us are traveling, some are enjoying family, some are resting and 'vegging' out.

I hope we can all renew our energy and spirits and be ready for a new year and it's challenges and rewards!

Warm regards,
Linda ONeil

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- **Nominating Committee**

The Board appointed Harold Crisp [B13-3G] & Richard Bambach [B16-1C] 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.

Notes from the Board

Carport spaces are limited common areas, space that is "assigned" to a unit for the owner's personal use but that is still owned and controlled by the mutual. The spaces were assigned to units in such a way that no individual had an advantage over another, i.e. *nobody* has the space closest to their unit, while *everybody* has to walk a few steps further to their space.

We're often approached by residents who want to swap their carports with another unit, and we discussed this at our meeting on Tuesday, December 15th. Some Boards have allowed spaces to be swapped, but this Board believes it's a bad precedent and has denied a resident's request.

We often talk about the importance of getting residents' emergency contact information – and telling residents to leave a key with LW Security. One of our residents recently passed away. No one had a key, so the Fire Department had to break into the apartment. No one had contact information, so it was only through the combined efforts of Mutual 14, LW Security, and the Montgomery County police that her next of kin could be found and notified.

Your Building Reps doesn't ask for this information because they're nosy. *This is for your protection!* If something happens to you, we need to know who to call. If something happens in your unit and you're not available, we need to know who to call. Please call your Building Rep and check that your information is up to date!

The most important thing you can do is to leave keys with LW Security, and that's keys for ALL the locks on your door. Drive over to the Main Gate and enter through the door on the Giant side of the building. The guard will book your key into their register and put your key in their big lock-box. You can even stand there and watch them do it!

And finally, distracted drivers, people walking in the street, speeding, vehicles taking a wide turn coming off LW Boulevard - were all discussed at this meeting. The PMC will consider installing speed bumps in our mutual in 2016, but wherever you are – slow down and be aware of your surroundings.

Have a safe, healthy, and happy new year!

Building Rep Committee



The Building Rep Committee meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 10:00 am in the Annapolis Room of Clubhouse 1. The dates for 2016: February 9, April 12, June 14, August 9, October 11, and December 13. Mark your home calendars. All residents are welcome to attend.



E & R Advisory Committee

The E & R committee did not meet in December. We have received the news (via email) that the Planning Board approved our site plan amendment for the Fitness Center. E & R staff members are proceeding with next steps for permits and administrative processes. We are on schedule for a December/January 2017 completion date. Thought you would be interested in this good news; did not want to wait till January to tell you!!

Beth Leanza

Also, beginning in January, Arthur Hook will also be representing Mutual 14 on the E & R committee.



Personals...

Please Welcome 

Joan Wilburn (B13-1F)

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

Happy Birthday		
1/05	Kyle Wilson	(B12-1G)
1/23	Pat Shephard	(B11-1E)



Reminders & Vital Info

Your Air Conditioner is not a Heater!

Our units have two separate mechanisms for regulating the indoor temperature. The best way to heat your unit is to use the thermostats usually found on an 'inside' wall of your living and dining rooms and in each bedroom. They regulate the **baseboard heating** units that generate warmth into your home.

There is only one thermostat for the air conditioner. It's usually found on an 'outside' wall near your sliding glass doors. Air conditioners are most efficient when bringing in warm air from the outside and cooling it by about 20-25 degrees. Some residents are running their air conditioners throughout the winter - when the difference between the outside and inside temperatures can be as much as 40-50 degrees. This puts a strain on the system and will burn out the motor. Anyone who has had to replace their a/c will tell you that it's not cheap (and the Mutual does not pay for replacement). **Air conditioners are not heating units**, and using them as such is an extremely inefficient way to heat your unit - **and increases our costs in electricity**.

Some residents also use the air conditioner's fan, thinking it's only circulating the inside air. Actually it's bringing in cold air from the outside, so it's like turning on the heat and leaving your windows open!



Avoid kitchen drain back-ups & odors:

Unclogging drains is an all too common event, with considerable costs to the Mutual. Regular running and flushing of the garbage disposal (*whether you use it or not*) is the simplest way to avoid a clog and cure a slow-draining sink, and is the responsibility of all residents. Maintain your disposal by regularly grinding up pieces of lemon or orange peel and ice cubes.

To clear the unit, just run COLD water for 15 seconds while the unit is running, and 15 seconds after you turn the unit off. NO, NO, NO grease & oil, egg shells & coffee grounds, potato & banana peels, onion skins, celery, bones, fruit pits, corncobs, and nut shells.

Storage and Bicycles

As you know, 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 carport storage, or donate it to charity. **Remember that bicycles should not be stored on balconies.** Keep them inside your unit or locked in your open carport space.

We need a person to research bike racks that would fit under our staircases. We'd like to lock several bikes in each rack. So if you want to do this research, please find racks of the appropriate size, material and cost and submit your information to a member of the Board or the PMC.

• 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.



IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the friends and family of Barbara Doxie (B14-1F) who passed away recently.



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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Emergencies, when the assistant is not available - Call Physical Properties	
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• After hours & weekends –	
Call Main Gate	– 301-598-1044
Comcast Issues	- contact 1-855-638-2855