

THE GRAPEVINE



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Calendar

JOIN US!!!

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

MEETINGS



Mutual 14 Board

3rd Tuesday,
January 16, 2018
Administration
Building at 9:30 a.m.



**Property Maintenance
Committee**, 1st Thursday,
January 4, at 11 a.m.,
Harbor Room, Clubhouse I



Building Rep Committee
February 13th at 10 a.m.
Annapolis Rm Clubhouse I

The President's Message

Happy Holidays and welcome to all the new residents who have moved in this past year!

Our new fire alarm system is nearing completion. A few more months and we should be operational and updated. Please pardon the inconvenience of water shut offs and robo calls.

We will also be working on the elevators to insure a smoother ride and to replace outdated parts. Nicole Gerke of Special Projects in PPD has helped us identify repairs that are needed.

Please be aware that Mutual14 is 41 years old and we often find that parts are no longer available for some of our repairs. We have to find new parts that will work with existing equipment and this can take some time.

The good news is that we are seeing prices go up for units. The Mutual is in sound shape financially and has not raised condo fees significantly for several years.

I hope that 2018 is full of peace and hope!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neil

301-438-3232



Notes from the Board

Pets

We have been receiving complaints about barking dogs and pet messes. Barking dogs are annoying to neighbors. Please limit the amount of barking your dog does.

Clean up after your pets. We know that pets can have accidents. You especially need to be attentive if your pet makes a mess in the elevator or on carpeting. We expect you to clean it up! Thanks!

Avoid kitchen drain back-ups & odors:

Unclogging drains is an all too common event, with considerable costs to us all. Regular running and flushing of the garbage disposal (*whether you use the disposal 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. Then clear the unit by running COLD water for 15 seconds while the unit is going, and for 15 seconds after you turn the disposal off.

Please: NO GREASE or oil, egg shells or coffee grounds, potato or banana peels, onion skins, celery, bones, fruit pits, corncobs, or nut shells.

Responsibility when using Oxygen

All residents should have received a copy of the "Oxygen in Use" resolution. To make any comments about this proposal, please contact our Mutual 14 Assistant, Jocelyn Ruiz, by December 31. Her email address is jruiz@lwmc.com.



Social Committee

We held our last social for 2017. The Holiday Party took place on Thursday, December 17. We had a great crowd of 105 people. The food was good and attendees enjoyed the music of the five piece band, *Intonation*.

We will soon be planning the Social Calendar for next year. So if you have any ideas, let us know.

On Wednesday, February 14, we are having a FREE Wine and Cheese Party for all residents. Watch for the flyers coming soon.



Landscape Committee



We are looking for new members who would like to join our committee to help keep our Mutual beautiful. We meet on the third Monday of most months at 1:30 p.m. for about an hour. The only requirement is you must be able to walk around the Mutual to see if anything needs attention. The first meeting will be in March. If you are interested, please call Sharon Moores: 301-438-0048



Property Maintenance Committee

Concrete and Asphalt Work: - Concrete and asphalt work is complete. A few grates may need adjustment.

Sunroom and Balcony: - A letter is going out to notify unit owners impacted by the balcony replacement project. Actual repairs of the balconies will occur in the spring/summer of 2018. We will be developing standards for new enclosures for residents who may want to replace their old enclosure.

Reminders & Vital Info



Snow Emergency Parking

Winter is approaching and this is a reminder about the "No Parking in Snow Emergency" locations. The designated emergency areas are:

- The small parking area at the Leisure World Boulevard end of Building 17
- The larger parking area at the Leisure World Boulevard end of Building 11
- 3 to 4 parking slots on Glade Drive across from the space between Buildings 12 and 13
- 2 spaces on Glade Drive at the end of the parking area at Building 11

These spaces have been designated as the areas where snow will be stacked after plowing. Any cars parked in these areas may be snowed in for the winter. Signs are placed at the appropriate areas to remind our residents, but residents must remind their guests and other non-residents to keep these areas clear.



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!

File of Life - Keep it up to date and on your refrigerator!

Do you have a red vinyl "File of Life" magnetically attached to the outside of your refrigerator? If your answer is "YES", this is a reminder to update the information on it. If you don't have a "File of Life", ask the LW Medical Center for one (free!). In order to update the information on this sheet periodically, we advise that you fill it in, using pencil.

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 when they are called in due to a sudden illness. In times of confusion, your spouse or housemate might have difficulty supplying this information and you may be unresponsive. The rescue crew will check your refrigerator door for the "File of Life".

Lifeline

Do you live alone? If 'yes', and you don't have "LIFELINE", we strongly recommend you consider getting one. 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 you can find out more about this Emergency Response System that is offered to Leisure World residents.

Lobby Doors

The heat is ON in the lobbies. Please keep the doors closed!



M14 ONLINE:
 Have questions about the Mutual or questions for the Board? Contact the Mutual by using our e-mail address:
M14@mutual-14.org

Our Web Site: www.mutual-14.org

Leisure World Executive Meetings The LWCC Executive Committee meets Friday, (10 days before the LWCC Board) at 9:30 a.m. in Clubhouse I.

The LWCC Board meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Clubhouse I.
Tune in to Channel 974 to see either the Executive Committee meeting broadcast Dec. 21, 22, 23 OR the LWCC (full) Board of Directors meeting (no Board of Directors meeting in December) All broadcasts at both 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Solutions

Building Problems? Call our Mutual Assistant Jocelyn Ruiz at 301-598-1338 or email her at jruiz@lwmc.com

Power Problems? Please remember that if you have a power outage, DO NOT call Pepco!
 Call the Main Gate, 301-598-1044.

The Main Gate reports outages to Pepco. We do not have individual accounts with Pepco. This means PEPCO does not have a record of your individual residence if you were to call them.

Emergencies? When our Mutual Assistant is not available
 Call Physical Properties 301-598-1500

After Hours and Weekend Emergencies
 Call Main Gate 301-598-1044

Light Bulb out in the Hallway?
 Call Pat Leanza 301-598-4569

Comcast Issues?
 Call 1-855-638-2855

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President:** Linda O'Neil
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- Vice President:** John Radcliffe
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Building Rep:** Beth Leanza
- Budget & Finance:** Richard Bambach
- Landscape:** Sharon Moores
- Property Maintenance:** Pat Leanza
- Social:** Sharon Moores
- Architectural Design (Subcommittee of PMC)** Linda O'Neil



Happy January Birthday to:
 Pat Shephard (1/23).

If you would like to share your birthday please email us at: grapevinem14@gmail.com

Happy New Year!