

THE GRAPEVINE



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The next Board meeting will be Nov. 17 at 9:30 am by Zoom. For details email a request to: m14@mutual-14.org

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Budget Committee-Next meeting TBA



Building Rep Committee:
Next meeting is Dec. 8 at 10:00 a.m. via Free Conference Call.
1-425-436-6331
Code = 891183

The President's Message

You should have received a copy of the 2021 budget for Mutual 14. The increase in the condo fee is the lowest we've experienced in years! The larger portion of this small increase will go to Leisure World. Thank you to the Budget Committee and the Mutual Board for their success in managing our shared assets and expenses.

There will be a special meeting of the Board on November 5 @ 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing property maintenance issues. All owners and residents are welcome to attend this Zoom meeting to listen and watch their community government at work.

I want to remind everyone that while we're enjoying the last days of summer weather, winter is fast approaching. The heat in the lobbies of the multifamily buildings will be turned on this month. This is the signal for us all to keep the lobby doors **closed** until told to do otherwise.

While we're on the subject of winter heating, please remember to turn off your air conditioners before turning on your baseboard heat. Every year we get a few phone calls from people wondering why there is cold air coming out of the ducts when they're already wearing a sweater and freezing! And while you're winterizing your unit, if you're one of the first floor units who have access to the shutoff valve for the patio-side water spigots, it's time to shut those off, too.

Most of us lived in stand-alone homes at some point in our past. I remember how annoying it was when people would drop candy wrappers or empty coke cans on **my** lawn! I suspected who the culprit was – those Joneses down the block from me had some delinquent children they never disciplined. I didn't really have any recourse but to pick it up myself. This applied even to the public sidewalk, which technically belonged to the city. If a housewife dropped a carton of eggs on that sidewalk, the raw eggs and shells would lay there and rot in the sun until I cleaned it up!



Life in condos is much like that. While we do have commercial janitors who perform common area cleaning tasks on a specific schedule, they are not personal maids at our beck and call. If something troubles you, it is up to you to deal with the situation. Board members are not “building supers”; it is not their responsibility to wipe up spills or break down boxes. If you know who caused the problem, speak to that neighbor about it. Explain that boxes must be dismantled and stacked against the wall next to the recycling bin. If you can't bend over to wipe up a spill but you think it needs immediate resolution, drop a sheet of newspaper on it to soak it up and alert others; the cleaning people will take care of it on their next visit. If you feel you need an immediate helping hand, you'll find one on the end of your arm!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN to everyone! My big celebration will be **setting the clocks back one hour** before I go to bed. VETERANS DAY will be here before our next newsletter. THANK YOU to all our veterans for their service to our country. “All gave some; some gave all.”

At the November Board meeting, we will be discussing both the ratification of the 2021 budget and also the amendments to the Rules & Procedures of Forest Glade. We hope to “see” you there – on Zoom. If you don't use computers, phone in and join us that way.

Ruth Hunter

479-601-2781

NOTE: Property Maintenance Meeting for Mutual 14, Forest Glade

Time: November 5, 2020 10:00 a.m.

For details on joining by Zoom video, email a request to m14@mutual-14.org

Meeting ID: 870 0867 8156

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Notes From the Board

Units for rent/sale/sold:

B15-3B Sold 9/15 @ \$179 - Ayton to Ayda Sanver

B15-3D Sold 9/15 @ \$190 - Estate of Aleen Phillips to Trish Hnat and Mike Huffman

B13-2B Sold 10/5 @ \$200 – Yau to Carl Marlin

Defacing mutual property:

We have had several complaints about one or more residents who apparently have an issue with the “wear a mask” signs in the lobbies and elevators. **Let us be clear; wearing a mask is not optional, it is a state and county mandate! The signs are there as a reminder to us all, for the safety of us all.** If you have a problem with that, talk to the Governor or the Assembly Delegate or the Montgomery County Executive. **DO NOT DEFACE OUR SIGNAGE!**

Apartment carpeting:

Laurie Burdick (B14) asked about the stains on our first-floor apartment outdoor carpeting, and you may have the same questions. The powers-that-be in the mutual have been aware of these conditions for several years. The white stain is caused by moisture that is always present in concrete evaporating and leaving a salt deposit on the carpet. The green moss that accumulates on the carpet at the edge of the walk is a seasonal thing: warm, damp, shady conditions, next to a garden bed. Once the weather cools down, the moss usually goes away on its own.

Cleaning the carpets can mitigate these conditions only somewhat, and it's a temporary fix. It isn't really cost effective to clean all the carpeting in all the buildings just to have the condition come right back, to say nothing of the damage to the carpet itself by the necessary chemicals and rough brushing. The only way to eliminate these problems would be to eliminate the carpeting, and nobody is prepared to make that decision yet. Share your thoughts or your suggestions with the Board at m14@mutual-14.org.

What we see from the outside:

Residents of Forest Glade and other mutuals in Leisure World walk through or around our neighborhood, along Interlachen Drive, Vantage Hill Road, N. Leisure World Boulevard, and through our park. What do they see from the sidewalk or the street? Your garden beds, your patios, your balconies... and your stuff. Storage is not permitted on open patios and balconies. If you want to use your enclosed patio or balcony as a storage shed, keep the blinds closed so we don't have to see it.

Announcement

Building 15 has new Building Rep: Julie Gibbons. Thanks, Julie!

Building 13 needs a Building Rep. If you would like to help your friends and neighbors in Building 13 contact Kathy Viney.

Kathy Viney, Secretary

301-598-2691



Welcome to Our New Residents...



Yvonne Vanderhorst (B10-2F)
John and Annette Loveday (B11-3G)
Yvonne Johnson and her daughter Amaris Johnson (B13-3D)
George and Theresa Nagy (B13-1C)
Ann Dukes (B15-1D)



Landscape Committee



The arrival of Autumn is a good time to cut back perennials for the winter, remove dead plant material, empty flowerpots, and generally tidy up your gardens and patios for the winter. We recently had four owners who, after a little urging, reverted their beds to lawn, completely eliminating the need for regular and costly maintenance. Once and done! This kind of work can be done during the winter when landscapers have more time, so give it some thought if your garden beds are becoming too much to handle.

Sharon Moores, Chair

301-438-0048

WHO TO CONTACT with your property maintenance issues:

Whether inside a unit or in the common areas, an emergency is defined as an event in which injury to a person, or damage or destruction to property, is imminent. Don't waste precious time calling the Board President or the Mutual Assistant!

- ** During regular business hours call PPD (Physical Properties Dept.) at 301-598-1500.
- ** After hours or on holidays and weekends, call Security at the Main Gate at 301-598-1044.
- ** Dial 911 for fire.

All other non-emergency property maintenance issues, and questions about ABMs, who pays for what, etc. should be directed by email to m14@mutual-14.org. If you don't have access to email, phone Ruth Hunter, the mutual president.

Kathy Viney

301-598-2691



Reminders & Vital Info



Be informed!

Know what's going on in our Mutual and how we are going to plan to maintain and improve our and your property. Join in the Zoom meeting on November 5th at 10:00 a.m. To join the meeting, see the Zoom information on page two. This meeting is your opportunity to give your input.

Exterior Water Valves

Exterior water valves (for the garden taps) can be turned **OFF** now. At the interior access panel, close the valve by turning the faucet handle to the right or **clockwise**.

Lobby Doors

The heat soon will be **ON** in the lobbies. When the heat is on, please keep the doors closed!

Your Air Conditioner is not a Heater!

Now is the time to turn off your air conditioner and house fan. Air conditioners defeat the use of your heating units. Using your A/C and your baseboard heat together 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!

Be Safe!

Remember: Wearing a mask is NOT an option. Keep yourself and others safe and healthy. And while we're on the topic of health, don't forget to get your flu shot!

One last thought...

Don't forget to vote!

Mutual 14 regular trash & recycling pick-up: Tuesday & Friday mornings

Mixed paper collection is every Wednesday.

Garden refuse pick-up: Monday & Thursday mornings. Call Grounds Dept. at 301-598-1314.



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

Mutual 14 is also on the Leisure World Residents' website at:

mutual14.lwmc.com/HomePage/38013

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 of Directors will meet on October 27 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/33hfZR7> the ID is 8350464611 the password is 3547

From the Leisure World News: "Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings are recorded and available to view live or after the meeting at (residents.lwmc.com) >Your Community > LWCC Executive Committee and Board Meeting Recordings. dropdown arrow."

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.



Happy Birthday to:

John Loveday -*belated*-(9/26)

Alan Bolin (10-26)

Judy Block (11/4), Joanne Riggles (11/13)

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

Light Bulb out in the Hallway?

Call Pat Leanza 301-598-4569

Comcast Issues? Call 1-855-638-2855

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Ruth Hunter
479-601-2781

Vice President: Bobbie Palmer
301-598-7712

Secretary: Kathy Viney
301-598-2691

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301-598-0897

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240-560-7789

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301-922-2994

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301-822-4686

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building Rep: Kathy Viney

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Social: Sharon Moores