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The next Board meeting will be Feb. 16 at 9:30 am by Zoom. For details email a request to: m14@mutual-14.org

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Rule Amendments Meeting: Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Info on page 3 of this issue of The Grapevine



Building Rep Committee:
Next meeting is Feb. 9 at 10:00 a.m. via Free Conference Call.
1-425-436-6331
Code = 891183

The President's Message

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
exclusively for Mutual 14 residents
THURSDAY, January 28 11:00 AM

<https://jh.zoom.us/j/93719481796> or phone 301-715-8592

FIRE AND EMERGENCY PRESENTATION

by

JIM RESNICK

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

We are limiting attendance for this event to Mutual 14 owners and residents only! Everyone will be encouraged to participate and everyone's questions about fire safety and other services provided by the Fire and Rescue Service will be encouraged and answered.

If you will be phoning in to participate in the ZOOM presentation rather than using the internet, sign up before Monday, January 25, and receive a printed copy of the Power Point presentation so you'll see what the internet participants see. For a printed copy, submit your name and address to the m14@mutual-14.org email or phone Jackie Rabinow @ 301-598-3672 before Monday, as printed copies will be distributed ON Monday, January 25. Email invitations containing the computer link will be sent out Wednesday morning before the ZOOM presentation on Thursday.

It's that time again. Now that we have resolved the national elections, it's time to pursue our very local elections. You will be receiving the CALL FOR NOMINATIONS in the mail soon. Please give serious consideration to serving your community by serving on the Mutual Board of Directors. Self-nomination is the easiest way to make known your willingness to donate your time and skills to managing the Mutual. If restrictions on gatherings are still in place when April 22 arrives, we will once again hold our Annual Meeting virtually as we successfully did at the beginning of the pandemic in 2020.



The Mutual is continuing their ongoing maintenance and repair of balconies. If you have a glass enclosed balcony, you will definitely be receiving a letter from the Mutual regarding mandatory maintenance that is going to be conducted on your enclosure. If you have an enclosed patio or second floor balcony (this does not apply to the 3rd floor units), you may be contacted regarding providing access to your limited common element for the purpose of inspecting the pan of the unit above yours.

I'm hopeful that all of us over age 65 will be able to be vaccinated by this time next month. Until then, stay strong, stay safe, and stay well. Even after vaccines, we'll need to wear masks, but I know we'll all breathe a sigh of relief to be able to resume more normal activities after we've decreased our risk of contracting the virus.

Ruth Hunter

240-221-3185

Notes From the Board

Resident Telephone Directory:

Residents of the mutual should receive a Directory with the distribution of this edition of *The Grapevine*. If you didn't get a copy, or if you're a non-resident owner, you can send a request for a copy to m14@mutual-14.org or by phoning our Mutual Assistant, Alexa Cuque, at 301-598-1316.

What to do in case of fire:

In the December issue we published instructions for what to do in case the fire alarm goes off in your building. A few days later, on Wednesday, December 23rd at about 9:30 in the morning the alarm did go off in Building 10. About a dozen residents came out of the building and went to the lobby of the building across the street to wait for the Fire Department to do their job. They followed the instructions. However, several residents did not evacuate either their units or the building.

The alarm was set off by a smoking heating element in the elevator control room. The Fire Department had it quickly under control and the building ventilated. While they were at work, a few cars passed the fire engine in the middle of Glade Drive. They didn't slow down or even tap their brakes as they passed.

Parking:

Our open parking lots are for second vehicles, guests, caregivers, and contractors, and often there aren't enough spaces to accommodate them all. Every apartment unit has an assigned carport bay. Please use it! Residents also sometimes park on LW Boulevard, Interlachen Drive, Vantage Hill Road, and Vantage Hill Court. **Vehicles should not be parked on the roads when snow is expected.** If you have a carport bay, use it; if you have a garage and driveway, use it. Hindering snow clearance impacts your neighbors. If you have an over-sized vehicle, it should never be parked where it may hinder service or emergency vehicles.

Amendments to Mutual 14 Rules:

In early October 2020 you received a version of our current Rules "marked-up" with proposed amendments, which you were asked to review and comment on. Since that time, we've received many written comments and have had many conversations with interested residents. Taking them into account, another "marked-up" version is in the mail. Your comments or suggestions regarding



this "1.12.21" version can be mailed to the Board c/o Alexa Cuque in the Administration Building or you can send us an email at m14@mutual-14.org. You can also attend and participate in discussions of the amendments at a special Board meeting to be held via Zoom **on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** A link will be sent to everyone who is on the Mutual's email distribution list. If you cannot Zoom you can attend by telephone.

Phone 301-715-8592; Meeting ID: 870 3444 3849; Passcode: 526033.

On February 16, 2021 at their regular monthly Board meeting, Directors will vote on the proposed amended Rules. The adopted Rules will go into effect on March 1, 2021 and all unit owners will be mailed a 'clean' copy of the new document.

Kathy Viney, Secretary

301-598-2691



Welcome to Our New Residents...



Paula Thalís B15-2C

Charles Middleton B13-2D

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** 

Mutual 14 Rules Meeting Zoom Information

Time: Feb 4, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87034443849?pwd=ay85TFJSUmR5cFARMVVRek96ME1YUT09>

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Comcast Problems

Several residents have experienced recurring Comcast signal drops particularly in the early hours of the morning. Please email the nature of your problem to the Mutual at m14@mutual-14.org. The Mutual will gather the complaints and forward them to Leisure World management.

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

Mixed paper collection is every Wednesday. Boxes must be flattened.

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



Fire Safety

A great deal has been published about fire safety after the Mutual 19B fire and the loss of one of their residents. Numerous articles have been published here by the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to assist you to plan how to be safe. You have or should have ready access to this important information.

When you became a resident of Mutual 14, you were given a packet which contained Fire Evacuation Plans. These include what to do when you hear the fire alarm, how to safely evacuate your unit, where to go once you leave your unit and what to do when you have a fire in your own unit. Not included in the evacuation plan is a "GO-BAG". This bag should contain the important things for an emergency, and it should be easily reachable as you vacate your unit. Listed below are some of the things for you to consider putting in your Go-Bag.

Things You Should Have in Your Home Emergency Kit (Go-Bag)

Important documents (in a waterproof bag)

- * Identification, a driver's license, passport, or another photo ID.
- * Insurance documents (life insurance, fire insurance, homeowners or rental insurance, etc.)
- * Legal documents (birth certificates, wills, powers of attorney, etc.)
- * Medications, doses or prescription numbers
- * A cell phone, charger and communication plan
- * Water
- * Non-perishable food (tuna, peanut butter, or granola bars)
- * Non-electric can opener
- * First aid kit
- * Cash in small bills
- * A change of clothes
- * Eyeglasses
- * Hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- * Battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries
- * Pet supplies, if you have one

Much information about what to do to be prepared has been supplied before. You never know when some disaster will appear at your door. If you haven't done so in the past, now is the time to plan and to be prepared.

Submitted by Jackie Rabinow



M14 ONLINE



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Have questions about the Mutual or questions for the Board? Want to submit an ABM? Email the Mutual at:

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

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.

Leisure World Executive Meetings: The LWCC Executive Committee meets Friday, 10 days before the LWCC Board at 9:30 a.m. in Clubhouse I but is closed to resident traffic.

The LWCC Board of Directors will meet on January 26 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom: *See Leisure World News for info to attend the meeting via Zoom or phone.*

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."



Happy February Birthday to:

Don Pruett (2/11), Jackie Rabinow (2/17).

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

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240-221-3185
- Vice President:** Bobbie Palmer
301-598-7712
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301-598-2691
- Treasurer:** Laura Wiltz
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