

THE GRAPEVINE



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The next Board meeting for Mutual 14/Forest Glade will be **Oct 18 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building Sullivan Room and by Zoom.

For details email a request to: m14@mutual-14.org

The Zoom meeting ID is **847 2085 0351**. The Password is: **672727**. If you would like to join by phone the number is: 301-715-8592

JOIN US!

We encourage all residents to attend Board and Committee Meetings.



Building Rep Committee:

Next meeting is set for Nov. 9 at 3:00 p.m. Potomac Room in Clubhouse I

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Our Mutual Assistant is Danesca Pineda

301-598-1316 or dpineda@lwmc.com

The President's Message

Smoke Detectors and Batteries: In the past, the mutual took on the annual responsibility of installing – and paying for – smoke detectors and their batteries. Now that we've installed smoke detectors with sealed 10-year batteries, last year and this, in about 89% of units, **the Board agreed that the mutual will not provide annual battery changes or install smoke detectors after October 2022.**

Those units who did not get a smoke detector with the sealed 10-year battery last year (we have a list) will get one this year. You'll be notified when I have their schedule. If PPD is in your unit to replace a smoke detector under this mutual-wide project, and you have another smoke detector that takes a regular one-year battery, they will change the battery *only if you provide it.*

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Two weeks ago, I attended a webinar hosted by Montgomery County's Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs to address the various issues involved with installing these charging stations. Professionals in the field shared valuable information on the topic, augmenting the research provided by a LW working group a few months ago.

Based on the complexity of the issues, your Board has adopted a **one-year moratorium effective September 20, 2022, on installing EV chargers** in Mutual 14 *"to allow ample time for the development of the rules and procedures necessary to regulate the application, installation, maintenance, billing for the extra electrical usage, insurance coverage, subsequent removal, etc."*

I need a few volunteers to join an ad hoc committee that will develop these rules and procedures. If you are interested and willing, please contact me asap.



Lock boxes: The most common lock boxes are those that hang from doorknobs. But some residents have a lever instead of a knob, and some just don't want a dangling box on their door. **The Board of Directors has approved two alternatives:** 1) a lock box that is attached by screws to the wood frame of the apartment door, and 2) a single eyebolt screwed into the plaza home vinyl door frame from which the lock box can hang.

As with any physical attachment to the common elements, an Application for Building Modification (ABM) should be submitted to the Board. The application must indicate that *upon sale of the property the attachment will be removed, and the door frame (including the vinyl) repaired at the current owner's expense - unless the buyer accepts responsibility for the attachment.*

A dog goes to a hitman. Hitman says, "Who do you want me to kill?"
Dog says, "Ever hear of a guy named Pavlov?" Hitman says, "Rings a bell."
Dog says, "Yeah, that's the guy."

Kathy Viney, President

Call or text 301-598-2691

Notes From The Board

The family of Agnes Glass (10 Vantage Hill Ct.) will hold a memorial service at Our Lady of Grace on October 21, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow in the Clubhouse Grille. RSVP to Margaret Glass 703-943-8729 or mfglass7@gmail.com.

Rules: There is no Rule against walking on the grass or in between the plaza homes to get to the golf course, golf clubhouse, or Administration parking lot. However, the residents in the plaza homes can be startled by walkers because it's not a regular thoroughfare. So, please show them the courtesy of moving by quickly and be considerate of their privacy.

There *is* a Rule about feeding wildlife. *Don't do it!!*

LW Advisory Committees: Applications for 2023 membership on Advisory Committees must be presented to the individual Committee Chairs **by Friday, October 14th**. To find the application for the committee(s) of your choice, see the attachment at the end of this edition.

State Homestead and County Property Tax credits: There's been a change in Maryland law that *requires* residential property owners to file a Homestead application with the State in order to also qualify for the County's \$692 Property Tax credit. See the attachment at the end of this edition. It could save you money!



Paper Recycling: Jeanette in the LW trash department said that the regular Wednesday morning mixed paper pick up **now includes hardbound books, paperback books, and bound catalogs...** There is no longer a special pick up for these items.

In our June issue we mentioned not to put liquid paint in the dumpsters. Dry out the entire can of paint and when it is solid, take off the lid and put both in the household trash dumpster. Pro tip: If you don't have kitty litter to help dry the unused paint more quickly, stuff the can with wadded newspaper.



Welcome to Our New Residents...



Richard & Barbara Dimaio to 10 Vantage Hill Court

Sales:

Bldg. 11 -1C - 8/30 Brown to Frieman @ \$210,000

Bldg. 10 -1A – 9/6 Joyce to Kramer @ \$250,000



Lifestyle



It is official: E & R is now called “**Lifestyle!**”

Two new clubs were approved: the Leisure World Progressives and the Interfaith Chapel Committee for the Working Poor and Homeless.

On October 24, the locker rooms and the pools in Clubhouse II will close for renovation for six to eight weeks. If you have a locker, please empty it before Sunday, October 23.

October 1st, there will be an Oktober Fest in the Golf Course parking lot. A large tent, a German band, and a fixed menu will be offered. Check the next Leisure World News for more information.



Social Committee



According to everyone who attended, our first Pizza Party was a success. Having never done one, we pulled this off without a hitch. We ordered 21 pizzas and only had one left.

The music by Euclid had a lot of people dancing in the street which was great to see. The weather was perfect and fun was had by all.

Our next function will be our Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 6th in the Activities Room in Clubhouse II. Look for flyers and sign-up sheets in November.

Now down to business: I think everyone can agree that all our members on this committee work hard but that does not and will not include having to collect money. There will be no phone calls or knocking on doors for payment. If you can not pay by the cutoff time you will not be included in the count. We aren't running a restaurant. We just want to have fun with our neighbors.

Sharon Moores

301-219-1793



Landscape Committee



Several trees have been planted between some of the patio homes and the golf course. The goal is to enhance the overall appearance of the Mutual behind the homes along the fairway.

The bench between buildings 15 and 16 has been removed for repair and re-staining and will be replaced once the refurbishment is complete.

Jim ONeil

301-438-3232

NON-EMERGENCY service calls:

If you or a neighbor needs help getting up after a fall (and it's not a medical emergency), or if the elevator is out and you need assistance getting up or down the stairs, *LW Security cannot help you*. But you can call the number below and tell the dispatcher what service you need.

Montgomery County Public Safety Communications
Dial 301-279-8000, press '1'

**Reminders & Vital Info**

Hours for moving in or out of a house or an apartment, deliveries, and repair and renovation work are permitted between **8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday only (no Sundays or Holidays)**. The Mutual President may make an exception, but only if you make your request in advance.

Pets

Please pick up after your pets. We know that pets can have accidents. You need to clean up after them especially in the elevator or on carpeting. Please be courteous and keep our mutual clean and safe. Thanks!

Please Don't Feed the Wildlife!

According to the Rules of Mutual 14, residents are NOT to feed the deer, squirrels, birds, and other wildlife. Violators of this rule may be subject to fines.

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, call Kathy Viney, the Mutual President at 301-598-2691 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Welcome Autumn!



M14 ONLINE  **M14 ONLINE**

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

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 was scheduled to meet Friday, Sept 16, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. See Leisure World News to access recording.

The LWCC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, September 28, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. See Leisure World News for info on how to access online recording of the meeting.

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) >Governance > LWCC Executive Committee and Board Meeting Recordings. Governance meetings open to all unless legally closed."



Happy Birthday!



Happy 100th birthday to Allyne Ike (9/30),
Happy October Birthday to: Carl Alan Bolin (26), Barry Gold (28).

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: Kathy Viney
301-598-2691

Vice President: Jim O'Neil
301-438-3232

Secretary: Carol Ames
240-970-5105

Treasurer: Gary Leber
301-822-4686

Director: Jane Carona
301-598-2131

Director: Walter Faggett
202-403-4039

Director: John Loveday
603-540-6101

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building Rep: Carol Ames

Budget & Finance: Gary Leber

Landscape: Jim O'Neil

Social Committee Sharon Moores