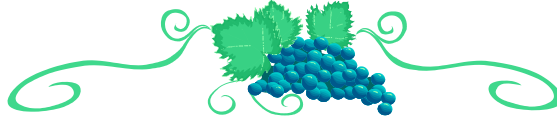

The Grapevine



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Mark Your



Calendar

Next Board Of Directors' Meeting Thursday, March 21st, 2013



JOIN US!!!

in the Administration Building at 1:30 p.m. All unit owners and residents are encouraged to attend all Board meetings.



▶ Property Maintenance Committee, Thursday, April 4th at 2 PM, Administration Building



Landscape committee

Monday March 11 at 1PM
Clubhouse I

The President's Corner

It is mid-winter, but at least it is now staying light until 6 PM. Spring will be along soon.

MedStar is now operating our Medical Center. After a hectic time, while everybody was adjusting to the changeover, things are going well. We had a good experience when my wife needed to go to the hospital (she is recovering nicely) and the doctor here was able to call in and things were ready with the needed tests when we arrived at Montgomery Medical Center. The new management here also means that many private plans can now be billed directly, too, so, if you have not used our convenient medical center and are interested, you should check to see if your insurance will now work here.

I don't have much news this month. I have been very busy down at the Natural History Museum, where I maintain an office. Retirement is good, but it is also healthy to keep an active interest in the outside world.

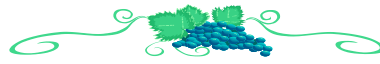
We hope very much that our residents who are renters, rather than owners, realize that you are also part of our community and are welcome to participate in Mutual activities and serve on Mutual committees. You use our resources and facilities and it is nice when you also help with the volunteer work that keeps the Mutual a good place to live.

I believe you will be receiving the annual call for nominations of officers from our nominating committee. If you are interested, please respond. Our Annual Meeting is coming up on April 25, when we will be counting the ballots for this year's election.

In the near future we will be having a social event in March; our Property Maintenance Committee is going over a building inspection report that Mr. Cabrera, the new head of special projects at PPD, has prepared for us; a new pet policy will be published soon (all current pets are "grandfathered in").

If you are looking for information about the Mutual I would strongly recommend that you check out our website. Jackie Rabinow created it and it is now fully functional. Kathy Viney is watching over it now. It has all the basic documents of the Mutual available and minutes of our meetings and much useful information. Just go to <http://www.mutual-14.org/> on the Internet and there it is.

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The LWCC Executive Board meets
Friday, March 15th at 9:30 am

The LWCC Board meets Tuesday
March 5th at 9:30 am in Clubhouse I.

Tune in to Channel 974 on

Monday March 4 at 7PM to see the Feb 15th Exec meet-
ing televised.

Tune in to Channel 974 on Monday March 11 at 7PM
to see the LWCC Board of Directors March 5th meeting
televised

The Nominating Committee

Most of us love where we live. Most of us feel very secure in our homes. We live in a beautiful community, except maybe for those occasional bleak snowy days. And as we say every year at this time, all of these surroundings don't just happen to be that way. They happen because a number of your Mutual 14 neighbors have volunteered their time and effort to make sure this place, where we live, is everything we want it to be.

We are approaching that time of year again for our Mutuals' annual meeting. And at this meeting we will be selecting two members for our Board of Directors, to replace the expiring terms of Jackie Rabinow and John Radcliff. Not such a big deal...except it is a big deal! It is a big deal because without the dedicated efforts of your Board you wouldn't like what our community would become. In fact not many people would be willing to live here without the governing of a Board of Directors.

When we chose to buy a home in a condominium community we all accepted the conditions that come with the shared living experience. We share something else in common and that is the obligation to contribute to managing the community. Of course every resident doesn't have to be on the board or a member of one of the advisory committees at the same time. But how can anyone of us expect that someone else will always cover the obligation and responsibility that we accept when we live in a condominium community?

Sorry but your Nominating Committee can't handle all 200 plus residents in Mutual 14 running for the Board at the same time. We can handle hearing that a few of you are willing to accept your responsibility and saying that "it's time I did my part". We would like to hear that you're willing to run for the Board, or you know

someone who might be a potential candidate. You could also consider accepting a position on one of the Mutual or Leisure World advisory committees. And if it's just not the right time or match for you to accept one of these positions, there is something that everyone can do. Take time to tell a Board or committee member that you appreciate what they are doing for you.

Please talk to a Board Member, your building representative or one of us on the Nominating Committee: Harold Crisp at 240-393-4800, Dini Stewart at 301-949-5630 or Joseph Fone at 301-598-3010. Volunteer, suggest someone you think could help or let us know how we're doing.

March 10th
Daylight Savings Time begins



• **Annual Meeting Thurs April 25**
3 PM Clubhouse II

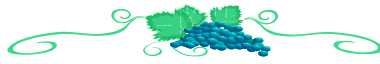
Notices about the Annual Meeting of Mutual 14, which is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, are mailed to all unit owners by the end of this month. Watch for it! If you know of someone (including yourself) who is willing and able to serve on the Board of Directors and/or on one of the committees, please contact the Nominating Committee chairperson, Harold Crisp.

Also, if you will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please execute your Proxy and make sure that it reaches our Mutual Assistant in the Administration Office or is taken by a neighbor to the meeting.


Architectural Design
(Subcommittee of PMC)



The Architectural Design Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that the original integrity of the design and appearance of the buildings which is contemporary – (clean lined with few moldings, no rickrack, angled roofs, wide expanses of glass, natural



materials) remains unaltered. This includes the general décor of the interior common areas. The committee shall be responsible for selecting exterior paint colors and siding for buildings, review of design for exterior modifications, and paint colors, carpeting, furnishings including art and plants for the interior common elements, all subject to approval by the Property Maintenance committee and the Board of directors. No additional permanent decorations or items should be placed in any of the common areas without consulting with the ADC. Temporary seasonal decorations may be placed in the lobbies but should be restrained and harmonious with the updated look.

 **Sunday March 17th St. Patrick's Day**

 **Personals...**

Happy Birthday

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|------|-------------------|----------|
| 3/06 | Margaret Meredith | (B13-1G) |
| 3/07 | Frank Lozupone | (B17-3A) |
| 3/11 | Evelyn Perlmutter | (B12-2G) |
| 3/21 | Sue Bailey | (B12-3C) |
| 3/21 | Jim ONeil | (B10-3A) |
| 3/23 | Bette Campbell | (B13-1C) |
| 3/26 | Linda ONeil | (B10-3A) |



Please Welcome

Dr. Theodore (Charlie) and
Mrs. Marguerite (Rita) Stallone (B17 2G)
Clyde Kuester (B10 2E)

Landscape Committee 


LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE – Members wanted!

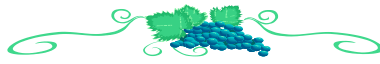
The Mutual 14 Landscape Committee holds its meetings on the second Monday of each month, March through November at 1:00 pm in Clubhouse I. The group is open to M14 residents (owners or tenants) who have an interest in the beautification of our grounds. Representatives of McFall & Berry also attend our meetings. The committee is chaired by Sharon Moores.

What does this committee do? We walk around our neighborhood and look for whatever needs to be done on the common areas (our central park, in and around the apartment buildings, and in between the plaza homes on Vantage Hill Road). We keep an eye on private garden spaces, too, to ensure that they're kept as tidy as the rest of our grounds. We initiate new projects and follow up through completion. And we oversee the regular maintenance work done by McFall & Berry.

If you'd like to be a member of this group, come to the first meeting of 2013, which will be held at **1:00pm on Monday, March 11 in Clubhouse I** (see activity board for assigned room).

One other note: Residents who smoke outside (most noticeably at the 'G' end of Building 15) are asked to please stop littering the lawns and shrubbery with discarded cigarettes. Just as everyone should pick up their trash and their dog droppings, smokers should pick up their butts!

Wednesday March 20th  First Day of Spring



Social Committee

The Social Committee met recently to set the dates for our Mutual's 2013 events. In doing so, we took your feedback into account. A lot of residents had scheduling conflicts with Tuesday nights, so we've changed the day of our socials to Wednesday, with the hope that we see more new faces. We also heard from many of you who wanted another picnic. This year's schedule now has a Spring and an Autumn Picnic. We'll still have the two Bingo Nights, since that has become so popular, but we eliminated the Casino Night (high cost, high maintenance). Pricing remains the same: Ice Cream Social \$5 per person, all other Socials \$10 per person. Ask your friends throughout Leisure World and you will not find another mutual with the quality and quantity of social events at such a consistently low price.

Mark your calendars for 2013:

Wednesday, March 20, 6pm: Soup, Sandwich, and Bingo!

Thursday, April 25, 2pm: Mutual 14 Annual Meeting (no \$ charge)

Wednesday, May 22, 6pm: Spring Picnic

Wednesday, July 17, 7pm: Ice Cream and Bingo!

Wednesday, September 18, 6pm: Autumn Picnic

Wednesday, December 4, 6pm: Holiday Party

Our first event is March 20th and the notices are already out. We look forward to seeing you all there. ***Be sure to sign up and deliver your check to your Social Committee rep by the deadline of March 15th. If you have not paid by that date, you won't be included in the head count!***

We always need more help. You don't have to be an official member of the committee to stick around after the events and help clean up. We have to move tables and chairs and sweep the floors. We have to wash serving dishes and utensils and pack up our supplies. The work always finishes faster with extra hands helping.

Reminders & Vital Info



This Reminder is for residents in the Plaza Homes AND those on the First Floor of the apartment buildings

• Exterior Water Valves

Exterior Water valves should be turned **OFF** now. At the interior access panel, close the valve by turning the faucet handle to the **Right, or clockwise**.

Now is a good time to check all of your other water valves. Make certain you know where they are and if they can be easily turned. It is especially important for you to locate and be able to turn off the main water faucet in your residence. The **main valve** is usually located near the hot water heater. To turn any valve **OFF**, turn the handle to the **Right, or clockwise**.

Clothes Dryers

We have a responsibility to ourselves and to our neighbors for properly operating and caring for our Dryers. Keeping the dryer clean from lint build up will prevent unnecessary energy use. **Lint screens should be cleaned after each use.** Some lint particles can accumulate around and under the dryer increasing the fire hazard.

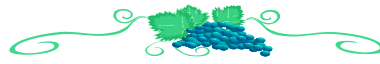
You are, of course, aware that the Mutual cleans the exhaust lines every two years. However, it is a good idea for you to test for any excess heat while it is running. Alert our Mutual Assistant if you find this to be so. It is also a good idea to make a visual check of the outside exhaust point to assure there is no lint build up there and that the flap is operating freely..

Use of fabric softeners have been found to cause a waxy, invisible substance to build up on the lint screen blocking the air. Occasional washing of the lint screen with soap and water will prevent this.

• Kitchen Drain Test - Check It Out!!!

All apartment residents should perform the following test of your kitchen drainage **monthly** in order to avert a flood:

- 1) Fill the sink with water up to 1-1/2 "from the top.



- 2) Remove the stopper and let it drain.
- 3) If the water flows out quickly, all is well; your drain has 'passed' the test.
- 4) **BUT**, if the water drains sluggishly, your drain may be clogging up and could cause a flood in your apartment. REPORT this at once to our Mutual Assistant so that the drain can be checked and cleaned out by the plumber.

• Smoke Alarms

It is important that you DUST and CHECK your Smoke Alarm periodically. Please consider this as a reminder to take care of one of our most important safety gadgets.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Helen Lederman (B14 2F) who passed away on January 17, 2013



Our Web Site has lots of good information, the by-laws and things to know before you make changes to your unit, and a copy of all the reminders you see in the various Grapevines. And Lots More!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Web Site: www.mutual-14.org
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Mutual Assistant: Gloria Robar - 301-598-1338

- Building Problems? - **Call** Gloria at 301-598-1338
- Emergencies, when Gloria is not available - **Call** Physical Properties –301-598-1500
- After hours & weekends – **Call** Main Gate – 301-598-1044

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