

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,
July 17, 2018
Administration
Building at 9:30 a.m.



**Property Maintenance
Committee**, 1st Thursday,
July 5, at 11 a.m.,
Harbor Room, Clubhouse I



Building Rep Committee
August 14, at 10 a.m. An-
napolis Rm Clubhouse I

The President's Message

Things are looking good for Mutual 14 as we move from spring and officially begin summer

Residents will soon receive a survey in the mail concerning Internet usage. The goal of the survey is to determine who in Leisure World uses Internet Service and who would like to have Internet Service if they don't already have it. This analysis will help to determine if there are advantages to Leisure World negotiating a bulk rate Internet Service for residents similar to the bulk cable TV rates we have. When you get the survey, please respond and return it to the Administration Reception desk or the E&R office in either Clubhouse I or II.

Mutual 14 residents seriously need to reevaluate the rental policy for this Mutual. Currently we are one of the few Mutuels who allow rentals. Mutual 14 is attractive because it is near so many amenities, and has covered parking. The Board will discuss the advisability of presenting ballots to residents to amend our Rental Bylaws. If we don't restrict the percentage of rentals, the rental ratio of units may surpass the number of owner residents. This could well impact our property values. Most all mutuels in Leisure World have now passed a rental restriction cap.

Thanks go to Don Pruett and Russ Coburn for the work they did on the follow up to have resident smoke detectors and batteries inspected and updated. It was a challenge to reach as many residents as possible during the time period when the Mutual paid to have this done. Anyone who missed the inspection timeframe must now pay to have their smoke detector and batteries checked.

New members to the Property Maintenance Committee (PMC) are Rick Kaiser (Board liaison), Russ Coburn, and Ruth Hunter.

Kathy Viney is the new member on the Finance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Radcliffe

301-233-0093



Notes from the Board

Please do not close the doors to the lobbies during the summer. There is no air conditioning in the lobbies! The air flow through the lobbies is what manages the temperature.

Noise Problems

Mutual 14 is a condominium community. Residents live in close proximity to each other and should be considerate of ALL who live here. The Board continues to receive complaints from residents that they are experiencing noise beyond normal everyday expected sounds. Complaints range from heavy footfalls, moving furniture, music and TVs that are played too loud, vacuuming done late in the night, and water that is run over an excessive period of time after 9:00 p.m. as well as laundry (sometimes after midnight), etc.

According to the Montgomery County Noise Ordinance, quiet time must be observed between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on week days; on weekends and holidays hours are from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Mutual 14 Bylaws and Rules & Regulations clearly address noise issues. It says that carpeting and rugs must have sufficient padding which helps to deaden noise.

Please be considerate of your neighbors in all aspects of living in Mutual 14. If you do not have a copy of the Rules and Regulations, contact your Building Representative who will assist you in obtaining a copy.

A New Name for Mutual 14?

Mutual 14's Board of Directors is soliciting ideas for a new name, one which will be more descriptive of our community than "Mutual 14". Many mutuals have added some pizzazz to their neighborhood with a name change. For example, Mutual 13 on the other side of Leisure World Boulevard has many streets of British origin and chose "English Village". Mutual 14 is hoping YOU can provide a winning entry.

Two name ideas that have been submitted are "Azalea Gardens" and "Forest Glades." Do you have a better suggestion? If so, please send your entry to board member Roger Blacklow. His email address is Rblacklow@gmail.com. Entries must be received no later than July 5.



Building Rep Committee



The Building representatives met June 12.

- All Reps will distribute copies of Mutual 14 Rules and Regulations to new residents. This will now be a permanent part of the Welcome Packet.
- Please flatten cardboard boxes! Boxes lying around make the place a mess and are a tripping hazard.
- Please work together to keep the trash rooms clean.
- If you hear water running in the building, please contact your building rep!



Welcome To Our New Residents...

Robert & Stephanie Bergwall (B10-2B), Leonard & Linda Block (B10-2F), Patricia & Charles Williams (B11-1D), Adrienne Taylor (B12-1C), Albina Soto Diaz (B13-1F), Jenise Bobo (B14-3E), Cynthia & Amber Price (B16-3B), Ellen Mehallick (B17-2G)



E & R Committee



From the E & R meeting of June 5, 2018

The Chair of the Health Advisory committee wants to recommend expansion of hours for aqua therapy residents in the Social Pool.

From the Assistant Director of E & R:

A Community Fair will be held June 21, 2018 from 9:30 to 1:00 PM in the Ballroom.

FOX 5 at Leisure World: On June 29, FOX 5 will be at Leisure World, filming and interviewing residents and broadcasting this live on their Friday morning program as part of its "Zip Trips" feature. FOX 5 goes to local communities to introduce them to their audience. If you are free, come to Veteran's Park in front of Clubhouse I. You might just wind up on TV! Check channel 972 for hours and updates.

Beth Leanza



Property Maintenance Committee

Residents will soon be seeing painters doing painting in buildings 10 – 17. There will also be painting in carports in buildings 12 – 15. The fences around the transformers will be stained and sealed during this project as well.

Tiling for the second and third floor lobbies of Building 11, 13, 15 and 17 is going to be installed. Date to be determined.

We are going to fix several catch basins, some curbing and cracks on Vantage Hill Road. Timing has yet to be announced.



IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences go out to Cindy Wright and the family of **Paul Wright**.



Emergencies

If you have an emergency:

1. Call our Mutual Assistant, Jocelyn Ruiz at 301-598-1338 or email her at jruiz@lwmc.com
2. When our Mutual Assistant is not available **Call Physical Properties** 301-598-1500
3. After Hours and Weekend Emergencies **Call the Main Gate** 301-598-1044



Reminders & Vital Info



Fire Safety

If you hear the Fire Alarm:

- Leave your unit and close the door behind you. Do not lock it.
- Do not use the elevator. The elevators automatically turn off when the fire alarms sound.
- Go to the carport or lobby of the building opposite or next door. Don't get in the way of the emergency personnel. Wait for the "all clear". If you can't do the steps, wait outside on the catwalk.
- Only if you are unable to leave your unit, then stay inside. Unlock your front door. Wait for emergency personnel to come to you.

Moving Boxes – Collapse Them!

After moving in, it is YOUR responsibility to break down all boxes and put them in the trash room on the ground level. Mutual 14 does NOT provide this service for you.

Unwanted furniture and other large items:

If you are moving or no longer want furniture, please **do not** set it outside your building! You can call the Leisure World Sanitation Department for pick up. You can also call any of the various charities or recycle companies to remove unwanted goods. You can NOT just abandon it in the hopes someone will like it and take it away.

To Grill or not to Grill:

Want to do some outdoor cooking but not sure of the rules? Mutual 14 follows the County code. Montgomery County Fire and Rescue says that all outdoor cooking near multi-family dwellings such as our plaza homes or our garden/mid-rise apartments – **whether on a gas-fired, charcoal, or electric grill** - must be done at least 20 feet away from any building. Cooking is not permitted on balconies or under overhanging portions of a building. A garden hose or other extinguisher should be nearby and ready for use. Gas-fired, charcoal, and electric grills cannot be stored on balconies. Read more at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-code/resources/files/homeowners/outdoorfireMF.pdf>

Plants on Balconies:

Many of us have brought our indoor plants outside for the summer. Just remember that second and third floor balconies may not hold planting containers larger than 17" in diameter, and no more than three of that size. Please put a saucer under them to act as a catch basin. **Water running off the front edge rusts the beam that supports your balcony!** That goes for enclosed balconies, too. Rusting balconies is a very expensive fix.



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 Leisure World Medical Center for one (free!). To update the information periodically on this sheet, we advise you fill it in with 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", it is strongly recommended that you consider getting it. 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.

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 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 June 20, 21, 22 OR the LWCC (full) Board of Directors meeting July 2, 4, 6. All broadcasts at both 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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.

Light Bulb out in the Hallway?

Call Pat Leanza 301-598-4569

Comcast Issues? Call 1-855-638-2855

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: John Radcliffe
301-233-0093

Vice President: Leona O'Reilly
240-401-8901

Secretary: Laura Wiltz
301-598-0897

Treasurer: Bobbie Palmer
301-598-7712

Director: Beth Leanza
301-598-4569

Director: Roger Blacklow
240-560-7789

Director: Rick Kaiser
301-943-0063



COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building Rep: Laura Wiltz
Budget & Finance: Richard Bambach
Landscape: Sharon Moores

Property Maintenance: Pat Leanza
Social: Sharon Moores
**Architectural Design
(Subcommittee of PMC)** Linda ONeil



Happy July Birthday to:

Pat Leanza (7/13), Rae Romano (7/19), Delores Fowlkes (7/31).
If you would like to share your birthday please email us at: grapevinem14@gmail.com



Extra! Extra!

Golf Course

Resident Joan Reynolds, our Golf and Greens Committee Representative, is offering to introduce any interested residents to the Leisure World Golf Course. Joan can take you on a tour of a few holes in her golf cart, answer any questions you may have, and introduce you to the golf pro, Richard Rosenthal. There is even a special pricing of \$18.00 for play after 3:00 p.m. if you'd like to give it a try.

4th of July Parade

Mutual 14 has entered the Leisure World 4th of July Parade. Joan Reynolds has volunteered the use of her golf cart for the parade. Decorating the cart will be on July 2nd in Joan's carport, Building 13, carport #11 at 4:00 p.m.

Call Joan at 301-926-8943 or email her at joatheart-ist@yahoo.com if you would like more information about either of the above activities.

Computer Center needs Volunteers

There are residents who cannot afford a computer or Internet. There are residents who don't know anything about computers, email, etc. but are curious.

The Computer Learning Center has a dedicated group of 39 volunteers to cover the monitoring of the center.

We would love to see a total of about 100 monitor volunteers.

Monitors are asked to take two (2 hour) sessions per month. This can be done all at once or on different days. Monitors choose their sessions by logging on to a Volunteer Scheduling website. The center tries to be open 7 days a week, for 12 hours per day (8:30 AM to 8:30 PM).

Monitors mostly are just there to keep an eye out. Many users already know what they want to do and how to do it. Some are real newbies wanting to try their hand at a computer.

If you are interested, please contact:

The E&R Office in Clubhouse 2 at 301-598-1320 and leave your Name and Number and we will call you back. You may also go to <http://computerctr.org/for-monitors> for more information.

Our next Mutual 14 Board Meeting will be held on July 17, in the Administration Building. Come see how our Mutual Operates and the issues that face our community.

Have a great summer!

