

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,
Sept 18, 2018
Administration
Building at 9:30 a.m.



**Property Maintenance
Committee**, 1st Thursday,
Sept 6, at 11 a.m.,
Harbor Room, Clubhouse I



Building Rep Committee
October 9th, at 10 a.m.
Annapolis Rm, Clubhouse I

The President's Message

It's been a really busy summer for Mutual 14 and our agenda has been quite full.

A big issue facing the Mutual is water damage from inside residents' units due to broken or leaking pipes. This is caused by residents not turning off the water in their unit at the main shut off valve. If you do not know where your main shut off valve to your unit is, please call PPD and they can show you. Save yourself and the Mutual a great deal of money and frustration with repair and possible move-out costs.

Administrative Offices at Leisure World will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day. See *Leisure World News* for all building and service openings and closings.

Thank you to Valentine Liu for serving as Building Rep for Building 17. Valentine is stepping down as Rep.

We welcome Jane Carona as the new Building Rep for Building 17.

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.

Please note that a clock and some artwork has disappeared from one of the building lobbies. If you borrowed it, please return it.

An important reminder to our residents: Do NOT run the dishwasher and washing machine at the same time or take a shower with those appliances running. The pipes are old and cannot handle the large volume of water created by multiple sources. Also, if the garbage disposal appears to be clogged, stop running the water AND the disposal. The pipes in the condo buildings and plaza homes can and have backed up by doing this and have caused extensive damage for which the resident is responsible.



Building Rep Committee



The Building representatives met August 14.

- No Solicitation materials should ever be left in the lobbies.
- Please flatten cardboard boxes! Boxes lying around make the place a mess and are a tripping hazard.
- If you hear water running in the building, please contact your building rep!



Property Maintenance Committee

Residents are seeing painting going on at buildings 13, 14, and 17.

The fences around the transformers have been stained and sealed.



IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences go out to Elizabeth Riggins and family on the death of **Paul Riggins**.



Landscape Committee

We have been losing some bushes lately that seem to be dying for no reason. We will wait until fall to put in new ones.

There have been a lot of weeds lately in Mutual 14. McFall and Berry tells us that it is because of the rain but the committee feels it is because the company doesn't have enough workers to keep up with the weeding.

If you see very tall stalk-like grass, it is called nut grass. It is a weed. If it is in your garden, you can pull it out easily as it comes out root and all. Just remember to keep a watch on your gardens and weed when necessary.

We don't know whose car with a tarp is parked beside Building 16 but the way it is parked over the grass has killed about three feet of sod. Would the owner please drift the car about three feet forward so it is away from the grass? Thanks!

Sharon Moores

301-438-0048



Social Committee

Without volunteers we wouldn't be having our popular Mutual 14 social events. I want to thank Laurie Burdick, Susan Bambach, Judy Block, Ellen Wilson, Julie Gibbons, and Cathy Madden for setup, serving and cleanup. Thank you to Kathy Viney for calling Bingo. We had 60 people attend and everyone had a great time.

Our next social is our Autumn Picnic at Vantage Hill Court at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8. This picnic has a few changes from our usual picnic routine. We are holding it rain or shine because we will use garage space to get out of the rain if we get a shower. Also, there will be no soda as they are very heavy to lug around. We will be serving Arnold Palmer (Lemonade – Iced Tea) mix instead.

The Halloween Party will be held Tuesday, October 30. We will be serving fried chicken with a pot luck. The Holiday Party will be on Thursday, December 6th. Details of these events will follow when they have been finalized.

Sharon Moores

301-438-0048

Emergencies

If you have an emergency:

1. Call our Mutual Assistant, Kelly Barton at 301-598-1338 or email her at kbarton@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.


Clothes Dryers

We have a responsibility to ourselves and to our neighbors for properly operating and maintaining our dryers. While the Mutual cleans the exhaust lines (vents) every two years, keeping the dryer clean from lint build-up will prevent unnecessary energy use and fire hazard.

- **Lint screens should be cleaned after each use.** Vacuum lint particles that accumulate around and under the dryer to reduce the fire hazard.
- Use of fabric softeners have been found to cause a waxy, invisible substance to build up on the lint screen blocking air flow. Occasional washing of the lint screen with soap and water will prevent this.
- 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.

Insurance Deductible

Maryland law requires condominium owners to reimburse the Mutual for their deductible, up to \$5,000, "if the cause of any damage to any portion of the condominium originates in their unit", regardless of fault or responsibility. The Board strongly recommends that each owner have an **HO-6** homeowner's insurance policy that will reimburse you for this. If you have any questions, please contact your insurance agent.

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 August 22, 23, 24 OR the LWCC (full) Board of Directors meeting September 3, 5, and 7. All broadcasts at 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 O'Neil



Happy September Birthday to:

Yvette Morcos (9/9), Bunny Gold (9/11), Ethel Lagos (9/25), and Allyne Ike (9/30).

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



Extra! Extra!

Our next Mutual 14 Board Meeting will be held on September 18, in the Administration Building. Come see how our Mutual Operates and the issues that face our community.

Read the article in the latest Leisure World News concerning the tree canopy. Trees have died from diseases and insects or have lived out their natural life span. Dead trees are a safety hazard. A healthy tree canopy is an asset to the entire community and environment.

The deer population is a big threat to Leisure World's plants and trees. Deer have eaten or damaged thousands of dollars of investment in lawn, garden, and tree plantings.

