

THE GRAPEVINE



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The next Board meeting for Mutual 14/Forest Glade will be **Nov. 19, at 2:00 p.m.** in Meeting Room A in the Administration Building and also by Zoom.

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

The Zoom meeting ID is **862 9527 1805**. The Password is: **500040**. 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:

Meetings are held quarterly in the Potomac Rm., Clubhouse I. Reps will be notified of the date for the next meeting.

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Our Mutual Assistant is
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301-598-1316 or
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The President's Message

The removal of carpeting on the atrium walkways is more than half-way complete. After the first three buildings were done, we realized that carpet should be - and will be - left in the "Ts" leading to B through F apartment front doors, making those areas less echo-y and 'warmer', and more attractive. Whether to replace carpeting in the "Ts" of the three buildings where it was removed (Buildings 10, 11 and 12) will be decided in the spring.

Opinions on the bare concrete are generally favorable so far. Yes, the concrete is crumbling or broken in many places and must be repaired. Yes, the concrete surface is mottled and could look better. Yes, we will put out buckets of ice melt in strategic places to deal with potential icing. But we don't want to spend large amounts of money on short-term fixes until we get through the winter months and decide the long-term question: "carpet" or "no carpet". Only then will we look at cost-effective, long-term options.

The Board met last week for a special Budget meeting, attended by several interested unit owners. We went through the process of reviewing all the expense categories of our budget, made updates to our 2025 operating budget, and agreed on a slight *reduction* of your condo fees.

Unfortunately, we didn't receive the final draft from the Accounting Dept. in time for our regular Board meeting, but as soon as it is received, we will have it mailed out to owners for your 30-day review and comment period.

Mutual President, Kathy Viney, is available for Mutual 14 business Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (and on weekends for emergencies only, please).

Kathy Viney, President

Call or text 301-598-2691



 **Reminders & Vital Info** 

Voting Box

A Ballot Drop Box has been installed outside the entrance of Clubhouse I. Voters may use this secure, locked receptacle instead of sending their mail-in ballots via USPS.

Heat in Lobbies

The heat will soon be on in the lobbies. Please keep those lobby doors closed!

Time to turn off your A/C

Air Conditioners are not heaters. It is extremely inefficient and costly to run an air conditioner or its fan during the winter months. All it does is suck cold air into the unit, which then has to be heated; it's like opening the windows and turning on the heat.

Using the A/C as such is an extremely inefficient way to heat your unit - **and increases our costs for electricity!** Turn your air conditioner off and turn on your baseboard heating.

Outside water spigots

Exterior water valves (for the garden taps) can be turned **OFF** now. At your interior access panel, close the valve by turning the faucet handle to the right or **clockwise**.

Speeding through Parking lot

PLEASE drive slowly through our parking lots! The posted speed limit is 15 mph. Keep our Mutual safe for pedestrians and drivers alike.



Mutual 14 sends our sympathies to the family and friends of Sylvia Pachenker.

Sylvia lived in Building 15-3E. She died on September 21, 2024, at the age of 102.



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Have questions about the Mutual or questions for the Board? 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.

The LWCC Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, October 29, at 9:30 a.m. in Meeting Room AB and via Zoom. See Leisure World News for access info to the meeting.

All Zoom attendees will be placed in the Zoom waiting room for admittance. Please type in your first name, last name, and mutual number to prevent delay in access to the meeting.

From the Leisure World News: "Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings are available to attend in person or via Zoom unless otherwise stated. Governance meetings are open to all residents unless legally closed."



Happy Birthday!



Happy November Birthday to Judy Block (4).

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

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301-438-3232

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Director: Leona O'Reilly
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building Rep: Beth Leanza

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