



# VALLEY FORGE TOWERS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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## ***Community Responds***

With the News filled with wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes, pandemics and strife, it is easy to feel downhearted. Then along comes a story that anchors us in our shared humanity.

Hurricane Ida left VFTS with a few roof leaks, but many people in our surrounding neighborhoods suffered devastating losses. Homes were flooded to the second floors, cars were submerged, and some adults and children escaped with just the clothes on their backs. Bridgeport was especially hard hit. The Upper Merion Community Cupboard (UMCC), which serves Upper Merion and surrounding areas, put out a call for personal hygiene items. Can you imagine not having a toothbrush or bar of soap?

Resident David Landsman, familiar with the work of UMCC, saw an opportunity to help. Working with resident Nancy Cressman, they got approval from Mike to set up collection boxes in the mail room. Residents responded generously and David delivered seven boxes of personal hygiene products to UMCC!

Thank you to organizers Nancy and David and the generous VFTS residents!

## ***Legal Eagle?***

Do you need something notarized? Drop by the Towers Clubhouse and see Lauren Butler who is now a Public Notary. Find out about upcoming events like flu shot clinic on October 13. Be sure to check with your doctor and separate your Covid booster and flu shot. Contact the clubhouse at 610-783-9970 or email towersclub@comcast.net.

## ***Blast it!-renters included***

I am in the process of creating a blast email list. I am combining the addresses that I have in my address book with the ones on file in the office and on Notifi. If you are concerned that you are not included, please send your unit number and email address to [Kathyn@vftsouth.com](mailto:Kathyn@vftsouth.com). Renters should be included on this list. Everyone needs to be informed of emergencies, but there will be occasional notices of upcoming events. Many generous residents have offered to keep non online neighbors informed. Thanks!

## Ongoing

✂ The water pressure valve has been repaired and a new one is on order.

✂ We have received the draft Capital Reserve Study report and are working to finalize it. We will use it as a guideline for capital improvements and budgeting. We know we need a healthy reserve for normal aches and pains of a fifty-year-old building, such as, sewer line improvement, a trash compactor replacement and storm drain upgrades.

✂ We are still waiting for the engineer's report on façade water infiltration and the status of the cantilever beams. Hopefully only tender loving care is necessary. Let's all cross our fingers, superstitious, but it can't hurt. 😊

✂ Speaking of recommendations of our engineers... there are still many units that have carpets on the balconies. These carpets don't let the water that soaks into the concrete balconies evaporate properly. They must be removed. If anyone can share the name of a company or worker you used to remove the carpet, please send it to [kathyn@vftsouth.com](mailto:kathyn@vftsouth.com) and it will be shared with owners trying to find help.

✂ HVAC and preventive maintenance are going very slowly as we are still short staffed and inundated with urgent maintenance issues.

✂ Owner Handbooks have been updated, thanks to resident George Griffith. We are doing a final proofread and hope to have them printed and distributed soon.

✂ **COVID** – You know the drill, cases go up, masks and distancing become protections for all of us. Please, if you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated.

***Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died. Erma Bombeck***

Owners' Meeting \*

Tuesday, October 5, 7:00-8:30

Community Room

\*vaccination and masks required to attend in person. Virtual attendance will also be possible.