



VALLEY FORGE TOWERS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



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Welcome to our new VFTS newsletter for news, reminders, tidbits and updates.

✂ The results of our most recent election are, Kathy Neary 65.5% , Alex Rodriguez. 23.6%, James Joseph 8.1%, George Letkiewicz 2.9%. Votes were cast by 53% of the building. As per our By Laws, we must have 60% participation (a quorum) for an election to be valid. In the absence of a quorum, the Council used its authority to appoint a candidate. They decided to appoint the candidate with the highest vote total to complete the vacated one year term. There will be another election in June and the positions held by Sirus Zenouzi, Bernie Garber and Kathy Neary will be up for election. The positions held by Mike Samuels and Wayne Golden will expire in June 2022. Thank you to the hard working election committee, Alayne Bleau, Jackie Conrad and Amanda Fegley Rogue.

✂ **Please help us help you.** We need to update our records with contact information especially emergency contacts, names of residents who cannot use the stairs in a fire, whom to allow building entry on your behalf and so forth. Mary Campbell, our new manager will be collecting that information.

✂ There are many ways VFTS management or Council will need to reach you, a review:

✂ **A Building wide emergency other than a fire** – an announcement will be made over the Public Address system

✂ **An urgent issue** (like a sudden water shut off) – a message will go out over the Notifi system. You have a choice of either a text or email. We know there are some residents who do not have text or email. We are asking those residents to supply the contact information of a family member or friend who will get in touch with you. Make sure the office has your up to date information. **Package delivery** also uses Notifi.

✂ **A limited maintenance issue** – notices will be in the cubby or a phone call.

✂ **Newsletters and general announcements** - will be placed in cubbies.

✂ **Council news** - will be on the Bulletin Board in the mail room

✂ **All routine publications and governance documents** - will be on the VFTS web site, including budgets, meeting minutes and condo rules. Admittedly the web site is a work in progress, but check it out at

<https://galmangroup.com/property/valley-forge-towers-south/> Password is galman

Mike Samuels has reached out to James Joseph and they have agreed to meet to create a better gateway to the website. Thank you, James.

✂ **Communication is a two way endeavor** - If you have any questions or concerns you can always call the office at 610-783-0810 or reach out to manager@vftsouth.com, president@vftsouth.com, treasurer@vftsouth.com, or kathyn@vftsouth.com. All communication will be through internal channels, not social media.

✂ Speaking of social media, an unfortunate incident occurred the week of January 24. A message was posted on the site created as Valley Forge Towers South Concerns. The post could have been taken as anything from a poor attempt at humor to a threat of physical violence. In an abundance of caution, Council President Mike Samuels contacted the Upper Merion Police who responded promptly and professionally. Mike Samuels and the poster have corresponded and the poster apologizes to anyone who felt threatened. No threat was intended. We have agreed to put this in the past and move on. Understand, social media can be dangerous and posts can be easily misconstrued.

✂ Heaven knows we are ALL tired of Covid 19! But we need to send out a big thank you to residents and visitors who comply with the precautions established by the CDC and adopted by VFTS. Also rest assured that we continue to pay special attention to cleaning high traffic areas.

✂ Plans are in the works for a building wide Zoom meeting. More on that later!

A Healthy and Happy New Year to you and yours