



VALLEY FORGE TOWERS SOUTH *NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS*



The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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Roof Recap (pun intended)

The installation of the new roof has begun and will last about 6 to 8 weeks, depending on the weather and supply chains of materials. Owners were informed four years ago that we would need a new roof and that every effort would be made to use the reserve funds in lieu of an assessment. We all wistfully chuckled at the hope that a storm would destroy the roof first. Hah, it did. Please know that Mike Samuels, with help from former Council member, argued with the balking insurance company for every penny. Selections of building materials, warranties and consultants are made with economics in top of mind. It is still the goal to complete the project without adverse impact on the budget.

Personnel, Personal hell

This column was supposed to be about our lovely new administrative assistant. But after a week, she found a position that “fit” better. Mary Campbell, our manager, for all of six months has been doing double duty while climbing the learning curve that comes with any new position. Back to the drawing board. We have budgeted a part time maintenance tech and are searching. New graduates of Williamson Trade School start at \$50,000 to \$70,000 a year with full benefits. And jobs go begging. Following are ways you can help,

☸ Please, for the sake of efficiency, communicate via email or leave a note with the guard. Mary has to triage. Issues such as accounting, emergency repairs, and new resident orientation must take precedence over small inconveniences. Everything will be addressed in due time. Scouts honor!

☸ Rest assured the routine maintenance such as AC upkeep and hose checks will get done by the fall or sooner. It is slow going because the staff has to stop to respond to emergencies like leaks. If you have a specific appointment, maintenance staff is supposed to contact you if they cannot make it. If you suspect that has not occurred, call security and they can check the schedule for you

🌀 Please be patient. Mary and Council have lots of To Do lists of plans that will make VFTS a well maintained, efficient, communication rich place to live. We are moving as fast as we can.

Crochet Anyone?

There is a notice on the Resident bulletin board advertising crochet lessons for those who want to show off their creative bona fides. If you wish to advertise goods or services on the bulletin board on the back wall of the mail room, the guidelines are posted on the board.

The bulletin board to the left of the cubbies is for notices from the Council. And just a reminder, until we can get everything posted on the web site, we can send you anything on the bulletin board electronically. Contact Kathy at kathyn@vftsouth.com.

Mass distribution through the cubby system is reserved for notices approved by the Council President. There is no limitation on items in envelopes.

Miami Tragedy

Many residents have questioned if the condo building collapse in Miami could happen here. We have no reason to believe so. We are addressing structural issues with a roof installation, structural engineers are addressing the water infiltration in the cantilever and we had already planned for a Capital Reserve Study which involves a complete building inspection. That will start July 8.

VFTS, inside and out ☺

We received many complaints last Friday about sprinklers that were inexplicably spraying the rock garden outside the B entrance. Everything on and inside the building is the responsibility of VFTS, everything else is common area, maintained by the Towers Club. Please know, your complaints were not being ignored. Phone and email messages had been sent to the clubhouse on Friday night and Saturday. We got no response. Saturday afternoon, Seth Witonsky, a long time VFTS resident came by and knew where to locate the turn off valve! THANK YOU Seth!

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"From every mountainside, let freedom ring." Martin Luther King

Best Wishes for a Happy and Safe Independence Day!