



# VALLEY FORGE TOWERS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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## *Welcome!*

We have hired a new Administrative Assistant who will be working in our office for 20 hours a week. Catherine Dahl hails from this area and has experience as an Office Manager and Executive Assistant. Among her many qualities she brings comprehensive computer literacy, an accounting background and customer service skills. Be sure to welcome Catherine when you see a new face in the lobby.


## *Charity Begins at VFTS*


Thank you to all of the residents who donated to the relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Ida. We would love to say this is the last tragedy our neighbors will suffer, but of course there is a constant need for generosity toward others.

Nancy Cressman and David Landsman have agreed to continue their service by chairing a VFTS Charity Committee. Their next project is **TOYS FOR TOTS**. Collection boxes will be placed in the lobby around Thanksgiving for donations but you can start shopping now. The other buildings have been informed so nudge your friends to participate. A few important details,

- Toys must be new and unwrapped
- Toys for all ages are welcome...blocks, games, puzzles, dolls, etc.
- If you donate a battery operated item, please include the batteries.
- Collection ends **DECEMBER 8** so items can be distributed by Christmas.

## *Communication at VFTS*

 The new Owners' Manual has been approved. We will get three estimates for printing costs, get them printed and distributed as soon as possible.

 The blast email list is finished...almost. We will send a "trial run" message on **November 7**. If you do not receive amusing, clever or informative words of wisdom from Kathy on that day, send your email address to [kathyn@vftsouth.com](mailto:kathyn@vftsouth.com) to be added. Thank you again to residents who have agreed to keep our non-connected neighbors informed.

☒ The web site is back up! All of the meeting minutes will be posted. Treasurer’s reports are part of the minutes. Financial statements have a separate section. Check it out, suggestions welcome.

<http://galmangroup.com/property/valley-forge-towers-south/>

**Password – galman**

### ***Update fatigue?***

Perhaps the monthly reports on these big projects is like watching a snail race. The important message is that this Council is determined to address the structural issues with an eye on safety and quality.

✓ **The roof** – We are on it (sorry for the pun) Finishing touches are underway. Now it is on to completing the paperwork and wrangling with the insurance company.

✓ **Water infiltration on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor** – We have hired a firm to design a water mitigation plan,

✓ **Storm drain upgrade** – The storm drain issue that caused floods in unit 114 has been resolved by a plumbing contractor. But we have a few more units to protect.

✓ **Trash Compactor** – Jeff Rath has researched companies that can replace our 50 year old compactor when we need it. Please drag out your crystal balls and let us know when that will be.

The above list reflects emergencies or urgent issues, but is hardly an exhaustive list of repairs or improvements that have to be made. Council, Management and Maintenance staff are compiling a list which will be prioritized and considered in the budget process.

### ***Owners’ Meeting***

Thank you to everyone who attended the Owners’ Meeting. With in-person and virtual attendance we had well over 100 attendees. This was our first foray into offering virtual attendance. We know there were some hiccups with the sign in process and the audio. Hopefully we can fix that by our next meeting in June.

The meeting consisted of reports and questions, so there are no minutes, per se. Copies of the reports will be on the web site. If you want a copy now, email Kathy at [kathyn@vftsouth.com](mailto:kathyn@vftsouth.com).



“What if today, we were just grateful for everything?”

- Charlie Brown

**Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!**