



# VALLEY FORGE TOWERS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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## ***Welcome!***

We have a new maintenance technician who will be starting here in early December. Be sure to welcome Elmer Blanco. Elmer's experience is in general maintenance including painting, drywall, plaster, wall paper, carpentry, tile work, and electrical.

## ***Council meeting and budgets***

The November Council meeting fell on Thanksgiving and has been postponed until December 2. A second December meeting is unlikely.

At the December meeting, the budget will be reviewed and approved. Wayne Golden, Treasurer actually reviews all of our transactions during the year and he and President Mike Samuels have been finalizing the 2022 budget to be presented at the meeting. A budget overview and financial impacts will be distributed to residents.

## ***Holiday Happenings***

The **Toys for Tots** box went up on November 18 and had donations within minutes. Keep 'em coming. The toys can be for children of any age and should be unwrapped. We have until December 8 to guarantee a needy child a Merry Christmas.

Not to be outdone, Savor restaurant and the Towers Club are collecting winter wear and personal hygiene items for the Mitzvah Circle, another service organization.

There is a smaller collection box in the lobby for contributions to the Holiday Fund. This fund benefits VFTS non – managerial staff. The Council provides monetary gifts to contracted staff.

## ***Blast!***

The Blast Email trial run on November 7 went well. We now have about 195 residents with ready contact should an emergency arise. If you wish to be added contact Kathy at [kathyn@vftsouth.com](mailto:kathyn@vftsouth.com). Now let's just hope we never have to use it! ☺

## ***Traveling???***

Resident and frequent traveler, Buzz Rosenberg has offered some suggestions for travelers to supplement the Owners' Manual. Good advice. Thanks Buzz!

### **Check,**

VISAs/Passports, travel medicine, updates on airports/countries/airlines.

### **Before you leave home,**

Hold or forward mail, empty trash/recycle, shut off the water, set room temp to 55 degrees in winter and 80 degrees in summer, leave a key in the office in case of emergencies.

## ***Owners' Manual***

Thank you for the compliments on the new Owners' Manual. The credit belongs to resident George Griffith who updated and organized it. We just added a few of the more recent policies. Some of which are highlighted below.

- ◆ "Quiet Time" is consistent from 10 pm to 8 am.
- ◆ Carts can be checked out for 30 minutes.
- ◆ Charging electric vehicles in garages in **prohibited**. The garages do not have the capacity for that kind of power drain and it's...you know...**stealing** from your neighbors. The Community Association is researching the installation of charging stations.



**This is the season when you buy this year's gifts with next year's money.**

**Author Unknown**



Best wishes for a peaceful holiday and a  
happy and healthy New Year.