



The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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June 20 Incident

On the afternoon of June 20, manager Mary Campbell and Council member Kathy Neary were accosted by an aggressive and verbally abusive resident. The police had to be called. The issue was also referred to our attorney for action.

For those of us who remember the days when the office door was left open and anyone could just pop in to say hello or schedule maintenance or just ask a question, those days are over. Paradigms are shifting. Call first to make an appointment or knock on the door to be admitted. Guaranteeing that owners and residents get all of the services to which they are entitled is paramount to your Council, but so is the health, safety and efficient working conditions of our staff.

Continuing Issue...

On Thursday, the 23rd, someone threw 5 gallon buckets of paint down the chute and it got everywhere...in the dumpster, on the trash and in the mechanism. Thanks to the quick action of our maintenance staff, who spent about 20 man hours cleaning out the compactor and treating the wet paint with expensive hardener, we did not have to shut down the trash chutes.

We suspect that contractors may be responsible for some of our trash room/chute misuse. But residents are the most frequent offenders. This costs all of us. If anyone can help identify the unit owners responsible for the violations, please inform the office. The cost of cleanup and removal of inappropriate debris will be charged to them instead of all of us. **(someone broke down their boxes by tearing it into little pieces and throwing them all over the floor for our guys to clean up – how petty is that?)**

Bulking Down???

How many of us have old ironing boards, chairs with a bum leg or rusted patio furniture that needs to be disposed of? We are looking into a way to help. A Committee affectionately known as the Ladies of Litter (LOL) met on Wednesday evening to brainstorm. Kathy Lester, Phyllis Schmidt and Kathy Neary researched junk haulers such as JDog and 800 Got Junk, charities that will pick up like Purple Heart and dumpster rentals from businesses like Waste Management.

They considered logistics, cost, storage space and personnel needs and decided a one step at a time approach is best. Similar condo buildings have a policy where one bulk item per household a month is taken by the waste service company. This does not include tires, hazardous waste or electronics. Mattresses must be wrapped in plastic. Subsequent items have a charge.

Kathy presented a similar proposed policy to the Council at their meeting on June 30 and it passed with the proviso that nothing can be implemented until contract arrangements are made with Waste Management and logistics about elevator use and storage are worked out.

So watch this space. Kathy, Phyllis and Kathy are hoping to have everything set up by the fall.

Clothing Donations

The lovely box in the lobby is for clothing donations to Gemma Services. We need socks, underwear and PJs for needy children. Thank you to those who have donated so far. For those of you who still wish to donate, you have until July 4. There is a sign above the box with all of the information.

Tidbits

One of our neighbors asked us to remind you to check and if your homeowner's insurance is up to date. Do you have enough coverage for your unit's contents? The amount you selected when you first took out the policy may be woefully inadequate now.

We published Power Outage Tips earlier this month. They were sent via the blast email, with extra copies on the mailroom counter. You might want to tuck it into your owners' manual. If you did not get a copy, leave a note in the cubby marked **COUNCIL** and Kathy will get you a copy.

Are you receiving the blast email notices? Don't be the last to know if Martians have landed on the roof or worse, a water main broke and the water is turned off. Send your email address and unit number to Kathy Neary at kathyn@vftsouth.com

There are nests of carpenter bees in the overhangs to the garage. We have been informed by an insect extermination expert that they are pollinators and do not sting. We will leave them alone.

Our new representatives to the Community Association can be reached at,

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**Best wishes for a happy and safe Independence
Day**

If you find it hard to laugh at yourself, I would be happy to do it for you... Groucho Marx