



The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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To Everything There is a Season

The stunning foliage we get to observe in Valley Forge Park is a reminder that the holiday season will soon be upon us, to say nothing of Old Man Winter.

✳ The annual VFTS holiday party is back! Nancy Cressman and her band of merry elves, Nancy Gottsagen, Bonnie Mazzeo, Sheryl Stone, Amanda Rogue, Lois Gordon and Mimi Greenberg are planning a lovely soiree on Friday evening December 2 at the Clubhouse starting at 6:00. An evening with a lovely buffet dinner is available to VFTs residents only, at a fee of \$5.00. This is a BYOB event. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with old friends and make some new ones. Formal invitations will be in your cubbies. You must RSVP as space is limited.

✳ 'Tis the season for thinking those less fortunate. Toys for Tots boxes will be in our lobby from November 25 to December 5. Unwrapped gifts for babies to young adolescents will be appreciated. Thank you to Nancy Cressman and David Landsman for organizing this effort.

You may have noticed the box in the lobby collecting dry foo for the local food bank. Food banks often have greater needs in the winter months. Thanks go to Jill Connolly for spearheading this effort.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

✳ Another VFTS tradition is the holiday collection for the staff. This year gifts will be distributed to all non-managerial staff, including guards and cleaners. Manager Kelly Cabell and resident Annette Inker will manage the collection, banking and distribution process. Thanks so much!

✳ Are you a snow bird, heading south for the cold months, or planning a winter get away? Please remember to shut off your water (look for the red lever in the laundry room). Be sure to let the office know of your extended leave and be sure they have a way to access your unit in case of an emergency.

✳ Package delivery doubles at this time of year. You can retrieve packages in the package room **after** you receive a Notifi contact from VFTS. Notification by your vendor only means that the package is in the building, not checked into our system. Check the surrounding shelves for your package. The room is under 24/7 CCTV surveillance. If a package is missing contact the office.

Taking Care of Business

✓ Initial Preventive Maintenance has been completed for the entire building. Many follow ups were noted. For example, you may need your AC coils cleaned or perhaps a small leak was discovered. Maintenance staff will be in touch or if you have any questions, call the office at 610-783-0810 or email manager @vftsouth.com.

✓ We are in the process of obtaining proposals from three companies to build and install a new, lower, longer and ADA compliant front desk.

✓ Our annual “need assistance” survey will appear in your cubbies soon. We must keep an accurate record of all residents who will need assistance evacuating should a fire emergency occur. Please complete the survey and return it to the office or front desk. Then make yourself a note to advise the office if anything changes.

✓ ✓ ✓ There has been some confusion with the process of reserving the freight elevator for deliveries and moves. We apologize for any inconvenience. We are making changes.

Please make all reservations through the day shift guard, between 7:00 and 3:00. Having one person oversee the process will be more efficient, we hope. Call the desk at 610-783-0810 or stop down. It would not hurt to confirm your reservation before the day you need the elevator.

REMINDER – The elevator reservation MUST be accompanied by a Certificate of Insurance from the vendor or delivery company. Reservations will not be completed until the COI is on file.

Final note. Minutes from the Council meetings will be posted on the bulletin board once they are approved. Occasionally, a policy is adopted that is best publicized sooner. Please be advised that the following policy was adopted at the October 20 Council meeting.

Move to acknowledge that one space at the A entrance and one space at the B entrance has been used for parking of mobility assistance appliances, such as motorized wheelchairs, regular wheelchairs or scooters. These appliances may not be parked in the lobby or in hallways of entrances. These spots are made available on a first come, first serve basis.

This policy accommodation is a courtesy and may be rescinded at any time. VFTS is not responsible for any loss or damage to the appliances/vehicles.



Best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving!

I did not climb to the top of the food chain to eat carrots. ☺ Ron White

VOTE Tuesday, Nov. 8