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The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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Budget News

The VFTS Council met on Thursday, November 30 and adopted a tentative budget. We expect to raise Condominium fees 3.5% or less. We intend to have a more detailed narrative in the January newsletter. We have been laid low by illness and family commitments and just can't find where the hours go. Meanwhile the VFTS crystal ball is missing, if you have an extra one that can tell us about future expenses such as utility costs, please let us know.

More Money News

The 2021 audited financial statements are now available upon request from the management office. If you have any questions, you can contact Wayne Golden, VFTS treasurer at treasurer@vftsouth.com.

The Dreaded Power Shutdown

The power shutdown for transformer maintenance is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 from 7am to 5pm and December 9 is the rain date. A few helpful reminders,

- The Clubhouse will be open with heat, electricity and ice. They also have showers in the locker rooms.
- Please don't put trash down the trash chute until power is restored as the compacter will not be working and we don't want trash bags clogged up to the second floor.
- Worth a try --- a neighbor suggested closing window treatments to avoid drafts and turning your heat up a few degrees the evening before so heat will be retained a little longer.
- There will be emergency lighting in the hall and the freight elevator will run.

Do I have you?

I keep a list of residents' email addresses. I sent a blast message with important news to everyone on **November 25**. If you did not receive that message, then I do not have your correct address. I try not to inundate you, in fact, future news from the Clubhouse will come from the new activities director, not me. I worry that we will have urgent news to get out and I will miss someone. If you are not on the blast list or if you do not have email but have a friend or family member who will communicate to you, please send me your address at kathyn@vftsouth.com. Thanks. Kathy Neary

Renovating?

We all need a facelift now and then, but please remember that if you are planning any renovations, your plans must be filed with our office and the township requires a permit. You can contact the code enforcement office in Upper Merion Township. Their number is 610-205-8508.

Notes and Tidbits

✧ We are hiring part time help with the package room for the month of December. The volume of deliveries almost doubles this time of the year. The Council has spent many hours trying to decide how to improve the package system without the expense and inconvenience of reconstructing the entire lobby to place a package room behind the guard desk. Amazon does have a secure locker system where you can get packages. The closest is at 200 Village Drive, KOP.

✧ We have 4 shopping carts and a luggage cart to serve 250 units. Please return your cart in a timely manner instead of letting it sit in the hall for hours while someone else needs it. By the way... sticking the cart in the elevator and pressing the ground floor button is not the same as returning it.

✧ Maybe a message more pertinent to the spring, but we have been asked to remind people not to park on the grass as it makes maintenance more difficult.

✧ Speaking of parking... there are inclines at both entrances for people who need to drop off/pick up passengers, navigate wheel chairs or moving carts, etc. Please move your car once you do not need the incline in case someone else needs the spot. Under no circumstances should you park there and leave your car unattended. It may be towed.

✧ The Toys for Tots box has already been filled once. Collections end December 5. Contributions to the employee holiday fund continue until December 15. There is a box on the table in the lobby and checks can be made out to VFTS. Food donations to the local food bank have filled hungry bellies. We are lucky to have such thoughtful and generous neighbors.

Seasonal Wishes

Our country is rich with Faith and Cultural traditions that brighten the darkness of December. The members of the staff, management and VFTS Council wish all of you a blessed Holiday Season and a happy and healthy New Year.

As you honor your deity, we respectfully ask...*don't pray for snow.* ☺



Whoever said money can't buy happiness didn't know where to shop.

Gertrude Stein