



# VALLEY FORGE TOWERS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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## ***Electric Shock I***

Remember the old Saturday morning cartoons when we laughed at the hapless character strolling down the sidewalk when a piano falls on his head? That is what we felt like when we saw our electric bill. As you read in last month's newsletter our management company signed a contract with an electricity provider for the 1000 and 2000 buildings that almost doubled our costs. The management company violated the terms of our contract with them when they signed the electric contract without notifying us. Any contract over \$5,000 requires Council's review and approval prior to execution.

We have been scrambling to get out of the contract, contacted an attorney, consulted the PUC and notified Galman to put their liability insurance company on notice. We have to gather more information before we take definitive action. We anticipate having more information for you at the Annual Meeting on June 14. Fortunately, we have been counting our pennies for the last three years for times like this. Mike Samuels and Wayne Golden have dedicated a great deal of time to spearheading our efforts.

## ***Electric Shock II***

There will be a power shut down on Tuesday, May 30 at 8am for PECO to trim the trees around the wires. Kelly is trying to coordinate with Swartley Brothers to install the new switch in the transformer on the same day. Depending on the tasks, the outage will be anywhere from 4 to 8 hours. As the song goes... "Do you believe in miracles?" We will keep you posted.

## ***Congratulations!***

Nancy Cressman, VFTS representative to the Community Association Board has been elected President of that Board. Nancy can be reached at [CANancyc@vftsouth.com](mailto:CANancyc@vftsouth.com).

## ***Elections***

The VFTS Council has asked Galman to run the Council and Community Association elections again this year. Frank Boyer, Galman manager will in effect be the judge of elections. Ballots will be mailed to each owner in mid-May. Keep an eye out for it and please don't misplace it.

Each candidate is entitled to place a one sheet campaign flyer in the cubbies.

By our Condominium Documents, we must have a quorum of 60% for the election to be valid. Last year we reached 64%, meeting the quorum for the first time in at least 10 years. Some of our neighbors and longtime residents say it might actually be 20 years.

There is a whole rigmarole of additional balloting and meetings that we will have to go through if we do not get a quorum the first time. So, be sure to cast your ballot in the ballot box in the lobby.

## ***Reminders***

❁ The next bulk pick up is May 18 followed by August 17. Call (610-783-0810) or email (manager@vftsouth.com)the office to reserve your spot.

❁ The office will be closed on Monday, May 29, no contractors can be in the building.

❁ Plans for renovations, certificates of insurance and copies of township permits must be in the office before any work can commence in your unit. For information on permits, contact the township at 610-205-8508. We have posted numerous reminders. Owners who ignore these rules will be subject to fines **and will be shut down**. Yes, we are adamant but this is for everyone's protection. You don't want your unit flooded and then find out your neighbor did not use an insured plumber or pass a township inspection.



***My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine.***

*Caroline Rhea*

**Owners' Meeting**  
**Wednesday evening, June 14, 2023**  
**7:00 – 9:00**  
**Community Center**