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Bulk Trash Talk

The bulk trash pick-up we instituted in 2022 has been popular and well used. We have learned a lot along the way. Time for a few tweaks. Generally residents have been able to transport items to the basement on their own. If there was a heavy or cumbersome item, a call to the office for help from our maintenance staff meant a quick trip around their other duties.

However, if you have many items that will involve the hand carts and the freight elevator or multiple trips, you will need to contact the office and place a work order. The staff can then schedule the job and you will be charged the fee of \$75 an hour.

No More Wipes!

You may have noticed the construction work on the land behind the 2000 building. A huge sewer leak was discovered last November 24. The Department of Environmental Protection has been on site and the professional clean up, which must meet DEP standards, is still taking place. Trees and brush had to be cleared out of the area because the cesspool was so high and deep when it blew, the mess was in the trees. Everything has to be treated as hazardous waste.

Necessary repairs will take place and both sewer lines will be flushed and cleaned on a regular basis from now on.

The cost so far has been around \$400,000 and the job is not over. The Community Association Board and staff are working to resolve this issue but it could take months. We will update you as we get more information from the Community Association. Our Representatives to the Community Association Board are Nancy Cressman and Mike Gressen. They have been working tirelessly on behalf of the 1000 building.

The most regrettable part of this dilemma is that it was preventable! Do not place anything other than toilet paper in the toilet. Commercial wipes or feminine hygiene products are NOT dissolvable. Do not flush them.

Yes We Know,

✓ There are dings, stains, nicks and other cosmetic blotches throughout the building that need to be addressed. We have not been fully staffed for more than a few weeks at a time since before the Pandemic. The Council passed an interim measure to allow the hire of outside vendors until we can fill the position of housekeeper/porter.

✓ It can be a nuisance to complete the annual information sheet on emergency contacts and homeowner’s insurance verification. This is for your protection. We hope we never have to use the information but it is crucial to have on hand. Please submit your information form at the office, if you lost it... we have plenty.

✓ The collection box for the Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard is gone. It took some detective work but it seems that on New Year’s Eve a couple, whose faces are not identifiable on the CCTV dropped a new born kitten into the box. Another resident found the kitten and called the police. The police came and took the box and the kitten. We won’t be replacing the box.

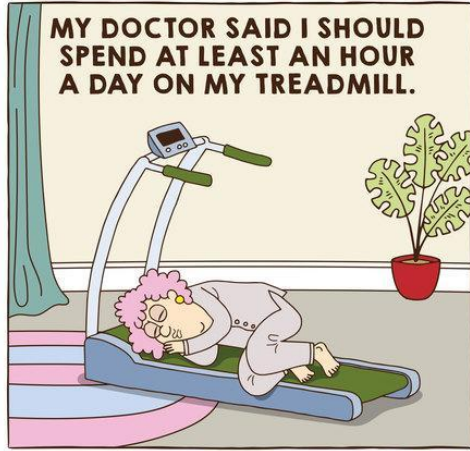
As per their web site, if you wish to make non-perishable food donations, they can be dropped off at the UMACC on Mondays between 3:00 and 6:00 PM. There are also donation bins located at:

- o Outside the UMACC doors – 191 Town Center Road, the entrance is off of Independence Road
- o UM Community Center – 431 W. Valley Forge Road
- o UM Township Building – 175 W. Valley Forge Road



*Valentine, just a few words to tell you how I love you. I have loved you since the first day I saw you. Whenever that was.
Charles Schulz*





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