



The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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Good to Know

You never think about certain stuff until you need it! First, every unit owner must have homeowner's insurance and if you are a renter, you would be wise to have renter's insurance.

If your unit is damaged, your insurance company is your most important call. The management office will provide an incident report and the name and address of the owner who caused the damage or just an incident report if an accident of some type occurred within your unit.

Your insurance company will contact the other owner's insurance company and the agent will guide you through the process. Usually your insurance company will pay you for the repairs minus your deductible, then they take action against the other owner's insurance and send you the amount of the deductible once their litigation is completed.

Your insurance company should be your advocate and see that the other insurance company pays for ALL of the damage in your unit.

If we discover that a unit owner whose water leak, fire, etc. caused damage to a second unit is not insured we will levy a very hefty fine and help you take legal action.

Strangers in the Day

In early September, an inspection of all fire extinguishers is scheduled and there will be workers from Valcourt Contractors in the lobby, top floors and roof.

CA Changes

Mike Samuels has resigned as the VFTS representative to the Community Association. Joe Joyce has agreed to fill his term and Renee Abramowitz has selected to remain as the alternate. Thank you!

What's Going on?

It is my intention to continue with the policy of transparency and communication. We have an updated handbook, a monthly newsletter and meeting minutes are emailed to anyone who requests them, can be seen on the Galman web site or a copy can be obtained from the office..

Last September we opened Council meetings to residents. We had a motive beyond transparency. As a Condominium Complex we depend on five *volunteers* to guarantee our safety, comfort and financial health. We hoped that owners would become interested in the issues, how the Council and Management budget, set goals and implement policy. Hopefully, the next logical step would be running for a seat on the Council. It worked because we have a great group of intelligent, thoughtful members on the current Council. But they will not serve forever. There is an election every year.

But, as I often point out, nothing is ever easy around here. We meet in the manager's office which cannot accommodate more than 3 additional people. So when more than three people indicated interest in attending, I just reserved the meeting room at the club house. Opps! We meet at 5:30 on the last Thursday of the month, unless adjusted for holidays. A card club has the club house meeting room reserved for every Thursday, which meant we had to meet in the lobby or push the very unhappy card players to the lobby. Poker players can be very sensitive people. So we moved to Zoom meetings, but some people had technological glitches.

The Council voted in July to schedule four Council meetings a year, open to all owners on a day and at a place to be determined. We will schedule a date, survey owners via the blast email and find a place to accommodate respondents. This might work... and then again... it might not.

We will keep working on it!

Hey Road Racer!

There have been multiple comments from people in the last month who were almost clipped in the parking lot by a speeding driver. It's 15mph! There are 250 families and guests, including children who go to and from via the parking lot. Slow it down and stay alert. Thanks!



Happy autumn- September 21

