

The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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Holiday Happenings

Neighbors Nancy Cressman and David Landsman have run our Toys for Tots campaign for 4 years running. Thanks to them and your generosity, many children have had happy Christmas mornings. In Upper Merion schools, 40% of the children are from households whose income is low enough to qualify for free or reduced lunch. So need is close to home. The Toys for Tots box will be in the lobby very soon. Please place new, unwrapped toys in the box. Remember that the collection ends in early December so the U.S. Marines, who sponsor the program have time to organize and distribute the gifts. Let's top our record of 3 boxes filled! Thank you!

Keep an eye on your cubby as Santa will be distributing flyers with information about the VFTS Holiday Party. Paul Wolfe, Santa's helper is organizing a December 15 Sunday Brunch to share holiday cheer before the football game starts.

It is our custom to collect donations for a holiday fund for our non-managerial staff, our postal workers and local fire station. Annette Inker will again help Kelly with this task and letters with envelopes will appear in your cubbies in a few weeks.

Please retrieve your packages promptly. During the holiday season the package room gets backed up like Rt. 422 at rush hour.

Everyday Happenings

It is worth mentioning the everyday tasks that effect our comfort, safety and peace of mind.

- A thorough cleaning/shampoo of the lobby furniture is being scheduled.
- The elevators underwent their 5 year inspection and passed.
- Building fire extinguishers were inspected and are all up to date.
- Fire alarm testing for this year has been completed and we are in good shape

- The sewer line for the 1000 building is cleaned and flushed twice a year, but we still need residents to throw only TOILET PAPER in the toilet. When packages of wipes say "flushable," they are lying. Wipes do not dissolve and will clog the system.
- Council member, Stu Stein can be reached at stus@vftsouth.com or by leaving a note in the cubby labeled "Council" if you see something that needs repair or attention.

Rare Happenings

? Once a year or two, we get a panicked call about bubbles coming up from the toilet. I am not kidding, I saw pictures. In any case, if a neighbor in your line overloads the washer with too much soap, the bubbles will build up pressure and escape into toilet pipes. Maintenance staff advises just to flush your toilet every few minutes until they are gone and enjoy your clean loo.

Neighbor to Neighbor

We have asked for suggestions from residents who have had good experiences with vendors to share that information. This is not an endorsement from VFTS Council, but a courtesy, neighbor to neighbor. If you have any to add, please send them to kathyn@vftsouth.com.

Turley Construction did a nice job in a neighbor's unit. His contact info: (610)608-4540 turleyconstruction@verizon.net.

Someone who needed a new dishwasher and got a reasonable deal from Queen Appliance and easy arrangements for the COI and delivery. The agent's name is Angie.

We hope you support all of the businesses in the towers complex. But M. reported that the new restaurant, Doctor Grill in the 2000 building has great cheeseburgers.

Ballot Box

A weapon that comes down as still As snowflakes fall upon the sod; But executes a freeperson's will, As lightning does the will of God; And from its force, nor doors or locks Can shield you, 'tis the ballot box.

Happy Thanksgiving!