



The VFTS Newsletter for News, Reminders, Tidbits and Updates

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## *Music in the Air*


The piano in our beautiful lobby has an auto play feature. One of our residents asked to turn it on. We are going to have the piano tuned and give it a try for a few hours at a time. Our concern is that if it is too loud it will bother the office and guard staff and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor residents. We want to thank John Brogan, heretofore known as the Piano Man, for spearheading the effort to learn the mechanisms for programming and volume control. It may be a lovely addition to the lobby environment. Send your comments [Kathyn@vftsouth.com](mailto:Kathyn@vftsouth.com).


## *Spring is in the Air!*

At least that is what the calendar says. Let's hope the weather turns spring like soon!

 You will get a more detailed notice from Kelly, as our Spring Maintenance will start soon. Our staff will check the AC, look for potential leaks under sinks and change the air filter. Please be understanding as there are 250 units to visit and only under the most unusual circumstances can a specific day or time be honored.

 Mid-April to early May is a good time to check your balcony, outdoor storage area and garage doors/overhang for bee hives. Wasp hives are very common around here, not honeybees. Grocery and hardware stores sell spray that will eliminate the bees. Follow the directions to spray at dawn or dusk.

 Your balcony is likely suffering from winter Blahs. You do not want dirt, bug carcasses and dead leaves on your furniture or floor. Neither does your downstairs neighbor, which is why there is a rule against sweeping over the edges. Please use a dustpan / brush and bucket.

 Spring brings Easter, Passover, Ramadan and the joy of nature's rebirth. Whatever blooms for you in this season, may it be with happiness and good health.

## Is Charity in the Air?



One of our residents is affiliated with Penn Medicine and is helping with a fundraiser to benefit The Center for Addiction Medicine and Policy. They are collecting **new or gently used** sneakers and slides for men. A box will be located in the lobby from April 15 to May 15.

## New Council Policy

Office staff undertakes a constant effort to ensure that any worker, vender, delivery service, etc. who works in VFTS or delivers to VFTS must have a Certificate of Insurance on file. Additionally, every unit owner **MUST** have homeowner's insurance. We ask that you have a copy of your proof of insurance on file in the office.

Do people try to get around the rules? All the time!

To that end the VFTS Council passed a policy which fines owners \$10,000 if they or their guests cause uninsured damage. This is in addition to the cost to repair the damage.

For example,

- ▶ You bring Uncle Bobcat in to put in a new sink and water leaks into lower units, if Uncle Bobcat is not an insured professional, the owner is fined \$10,000 in addition to repairs.
- ▶ Perhaps you want to try to slip past the guard in the evening or Saturday with the new dresser you just bought. You're not as strong as you thought and the dresser falls and damages the elevator wall. That is \$10,000 plus.
- ▶ You think you can save a couple hundred bucks a year on homeowner's insurance and take a chance without it. None of us is that lucky.

We do not want anybody's money! We want to protect the building and all of the residents.



April 23 Council meeting open to residents, 5:30, Clubhouse