

Seal Chit-Chat

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All the news we see fit to print

The View From The Fourteenth Floor

“Times they are a-changing”- Bob Dylan

I'd like to announce that there won't be a Halloween party this year. It saddens me to say this because Halloween is one of my favorite holidays and I enjoy planning parties for it.

This decision was brought on by the fact that no one came to the first events committee meeting and thinking back on how other events went. I worked my butt off on the picnic and afterwords I was left wondering if it was worth it. I had fun planning it but I'm not sure it was really enjoyed by those who attended. (Some people said they liked it but I heard a lot of complaints as well.) It was also frustrating that many people who signed up didn't come and that a number of people who volunteered to help didn't follow through on that.

I love planning events but I can only handle doing so much on my own. (And it often

happens that I am doing most of the planning and execution on my own.)

Then there is the issue of complaints. Every time the Residents Council puts on an event we try to do things that will please everyone. It seems like that effort is wasted because nothing seems to be good enough. The food is wrong or there isn't enough of it. There aren't enough activities or there are activities no one participates in. Where the event is held (indoors v outdoors) isn't to people's liking. It's enough to make anyone throw up their hands in frustration.

Maybe that's what I'm doing. It's also possible that I'm just moving with the times. In years past there were more activities here. There also was a very different resident base. People living here now are often younger and busier with work and school. They may not care about organized events or have time for them. Perhaps building activities are no longer relevant. Perhaps the Resident Council isn't either.

If that is the case, maybe we should try not having events for a while and see what happens. There are certainly other things we could use the money for. (The relevance of the Resident Council is a stickier issue because we would lose out on a lot, including the Wi-Fi if we no longer had a board.)

I'd be interested to hear what other people think of this.

Melissa Pappas

Things To Know

Manager Ana New York

Telephone: 651-292-6230

Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9AM-4:30 PM

Human Services Beth Forest

Telephone: 651-632-5091

Hours: Check 1st floor office door for hours

Maintenance: 298-4413

Emergency Maintenance (after hours & weekends): 222-9919

St. Paul PHA: 651-298-5664

Police: 291-1111

Reminders:

Please clean out the lint trap when you are finished drying a load of laundry.

Please return the shopping carts promptly. We only have a few of them and there may be someone waiting to use one.

Please bring your own paper if you need to use the printer.

Feel like playing a game?

Board games and puzzles are available in the community room.

You can find them on the bottom shelf of the bookcases near the beauty shop.

Games are available for all residents. We just ask that you put them away when you are done.

Currently we have:

Trivial Pursuit

Scattergories

Monopoly

Pictionary

A variety of puzzles

More games may be added in the future.

Tech Talk

Just a few notes from the computer administrator.

- Please fill out an error reporting form when there is a problem with the computers or printer. It will help us fix things faster when we know what the exact problem is and when it started. Forms can be found in the pouches on either side of the computer desk.
- Please do not use error forms as scratch paper. Pads have been provided for that purpose.
- Please inform the administrator of problems ASAP.
- Check out our website at www.sealhirise.com.

- We also have a blog. Check it out at www.sealchitchat.wordpress.com. There you'll find photos, essays, commentary, and a variety of interesting things.

Upcoming Events

10/4- Executive Board meeting, 6:30PM

10/7-Community Building meeting, 9:30AM,
555 Wabasha St. N

10/11-Residents Council meeting, 6:30PM

10/24-Presidents Council meeting, 10:00AM,
555 Wabasha St. N

Exercise class- Mondays and Thursdays at
12:30PM

Beauty shop- Wednesdays

Secretary needed ASAP

Duties:

Take minutes at Executive Board and
Resident Council meetings

Distribute minutes to officers and
management

Handle council correspondence

Print out and post agenda for monthly
Resident Council meeting

Required skills:

Read and understand English

Basic writing skills

Typing and computer skills are preferred but not mandatory (training is available for an interested individual)

Benefits to you:

The ability to play a part in the
running of the council

Clerical experience to add to your
resume

The chance to meet more of your
neighbors and interact with
management more

**If you are interested please talk
to a board member.**

Do we want a Holiday party this year? If so, when should we have it? Who is going to make it happen? (This is a big concern since no one showed up for the first entertainment committee meeting.) All these things will be discussed at the October Resident Council meeting.

Congratulations to the 2011/2012 Board

President: Melissa Pappas

Vice President: Bill McAndrews

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Lauree Stolarczyk

5th Officer: Rosie Leisze

6th Officer: Daniel Sarasti

Just For Laughs

Dawgonnit!

Submitted by Ed Eubanks

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. - Anonymous

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went. - Will Rogers

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself. - Josh Billings

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person. - Andy Rooney

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like nev-er washed a dog. - Franklin P. Jones

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise. - Unknown

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money. - Joe Weinstein

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!' - Dave Barry

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him on-ly two of them. - Phil Pastoret

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul -- chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! - Anne Tyler

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. - Robert A. Heinlein

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"
-Gandhi



Care for a snack?

A reporter was sent to take pictures in a haunted house. When he went to develop his film afterwards he found that none of them had come out.

The editor was understandably miffed and asked for an explanation.

The reporter looked apologetic and told him "The spirit was willing but the flash was weak."

Happy Halloween!

