

Seal Chit-Chat

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The View From The Fourteenth Floor

Happy February!

This month it's time for a little early spring cleaning. It's time to take a look at what has happened so far this year and at what we need to work on in the coming months.



Our Home Sweet Home

It's also time to celebrate the coming spring and have a little fun.

I hope you find this issue interesting and informative and enjoyable. Feel free to email your comments or leave them in the suggestion box.

Cheers.

Melissa Pappas

Winter Event Recap

Since the beginning of the year we've had the Winter Wonderland dinner and a letter writing day.

The dinner took place on Saturday, January 21st.

The blue and silver decorations were lovely and the background music (mostly jazz and swing) was very enjoyable.

The meal was good and there was plenty for everyone. So far I've heard mainly good things about the event.

Letter writing took place on January 28th. Paper, envelopes, and stamps were provided. Residents were encouraged to write their senators and congresspeople about any issues important to them.

Turnout was decent and a good number of letters and postcards were written.



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Brother, Can You Spare Some Time?

Got an extra half hour (or more) a month? The Residents Council and your friends and neighbors could use it.

Right now we are in need of a number of regular volunteers.

Most needed are a Sunshine person, a Secretary, and someone to check OK cards every day.

Volunteering takes very little time and it does so much.

Why should I volunteer?

Volunteering helps build a sense of community. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, and it helps ensure that there will continue to be events in the building. It also makes this a friendlier place to live and gives you experience you could put on your resume. Lastly, volunteering just feels good.

If you're able, giving 30 minutes to the building every month would be much appreciated.

If you're interested in volunteering you can

talk to a board member, leave your information in the suggestion box, or send an email to newsletter@sealhirise.com.

What If We Didn't Have A Residents Council?

Have you ever thought about what would happen if we didn't have a Residents Council anymore?

It's worth taking a moment and considering. The Residents Council is more than just a group that holds meetings every month.

The Residents Council is your voice in what goes on here. It oversees the use of community space and equipment (like the computers), and is responsible for how monies we receive are spent.

Without a Residents Council we would lose a lot.

- If we do not have a board we will not receive any funds from the

PHA.

- We would have to turn over any money received from coffee (if we could still have it).
- We would not receive any funds from vending.
- Residents would not be able to reserve the community room.
- All keys would have to be turned in so we would not have access to the office.
- The community room and laundry rooms would be locked when PHA staff leave for the day.
- We would not have Wi-Fi or the computers.

As you can see, we would lose a lot if we didn't have a Residents Council.

It's also possible that people don't care about those things anymore (or about the Residents Council in

general). In the coming weeks a survey will be distributed to find out where you stand on this.

Save The Date

Upcoming events and holidays.

February 14- Valentines Day.

February 14- Residents Council meeting. 6:30PM

February 20- Presidents Day.

February 21- Mardi Gras.

February 27- Presidents Council meeting. 10:00AM 555 Wabasha St. N.

February 28- Tax Help. 9:00-11:00AM



Letter writing

Just For Laughs

Kids in Church

3-year-old Reese :
'Our Father, Who does art in heaven,

Harold is His name.
Amen.'

A little boy was
overheard praying:
'Lord, if you can't
make me a better boy,
don't worry about it.
I'm having a real good
time like I am.'

One particular four-
year-old prayed,
'And forgive us our
trash baskets
as we forgive those
who put trash in our
baskets.'

A wife invited some
people to dinner.
At the table, she turned
to their six-year-old
daughter and said,
'Would you like to say
the blessing?'
'I wouldn't know what
to say,' the girl replied.
'Just say what you hear
Mommy say,' the wife
answered.
The daughter bowed
her head and said,
'Lord, why on earth did
I invite all these
people to dinner?'

A Sunday school
teacher asked her
children as they
were on the way to
church service,
'And why is it
necessary to be quiet
in church?'
One bright little girl
replied,

'Because people are
sleeping.'

Word of the month:

screed

\ skreed \ , noun, verb;

1.

A long discourse or
essay, especially a
diatribe.

2.

An informal letter,
account, or other piece
of writing.

3.

Building Trades. A. A
strip of plaster or
wood applied to a
surface to be plastered
to serve as a guide for
making a true surface.

B. A wooden strip
serving as a guide for
making a true level
surface on a concrete
pavement or the like.

C. A board or metal
strip dragged across a
freshly poured
concrete slab to give it
its proper level.

4.

British Dialect. A
fragment or shred, as
of cloth.

5.

Scot. A. A tear or rip,
especially in cloth. B.
A drinking bout.

verb:

1.

Scot. To tear, rip, or
shred, as cloth.

Editorial Statement

The Seal Chit-Chat is
the newsletter of the
Seal hi-rise residents
by the Seal hi-rise
residents.

All submissions of
content are welcome.

Deadline for submissions: February 21st.

This is your
newsletter. Help make
it great.

Quote of the month

*"Not this time,
Sherlock. You're just
showing off."*

*"Of course. I'm a
showoff..that's what
we do."*

*-John Watson and Sherlock
Holmes, "Sherlock"*



Reminders And Information

Please return the
shopping carts
Promptly when you are
finished with them.
Others may be waiting
to use one.

A Ross Grant Service
Coordinator will be
here every Tuesday
from 2:00 to 4:00PM.
That person can assist
you with finding a job
or a volunteer
opportunity, learning
computer skills,
getting English
instruction, and other
things of that nature.

You are welcome to
use the microwave or
stove to reheat things
when the kitchen is
open but you may not
cook in there. This is a
PHA policy and is due
to licensing
regulations for
commercial kitchens.

Reminder: Parking in
the fire lane at the
front of the building is
not permitted. It is
allowed to stop there
briefly to pick
someone up or drop
them off.

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