

Seal Chit-Chat

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All the news we see fit to print

The View From The Fourteenth Floor

Happy 2011!

The beginning of a new year always seems like a very hopeful time to me. Anything can happen. Hopefully this year will be one of good things and happiness. (And no more of



this.)

Here are some of the things I would like to see in the next twelve months.

- More resident participation in meetings and events.
- A new secretary for the Executive Board
- The board working as a cohesive unit.
- This building becoming more of a community.
- More opportunities for fun and education.
- More ways to make use of the technology we have.

What would you like to see this year? Email your suggestions to newsletter@sealhirise.com or leave them in the suggestion box. I'll print your responses in the next issue.

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

How to clean up after your four legged friends

Submitted by Lauree Stolarczyk

From experience, when an animal urinates or defecates, it needs to be cleaned up. Just drying it up or picking it up around the household is not going to work. Animals leave scent to mark territory, even if it dries or is picked up the scent is still there.

Don't be too quick to discipline the animal, as it is doing what it does naturally.

The piddled puddle, dribbles and poops need to be cleaned up with something strong enough to wipe out the scent, so that other animals don't react. It is natural for an animal to mark it's territory, just like in the wild.

Ammonia was recommended by some and seemed to work for that particular habit until housebroken. It may also keep the calm in the common areas. Using a steam cleaning was not highly recommended because it could set the smell and you may not be able to detect it, but your animal will.

How to remove the scent of dog or cat urine

1. As soon as you see the spot where the urine is place a towel that has been folded many times on top of it.

2. Stand on top of the towel (please make sure you have shoes on!)
3. Lift the towel, check to see if all urine is soaked up. Do this either by placing another towel down to see if it gets wet or just feel it.
4. If it is soaked up, then pour ammonia around the outside of the spot first, then over the rest of the spot. You do not want to flood the house with this, but make sure you pour enough to soak through to the carpet pad.
5. Repeat steps 1 through 3 and let air dry.

Tips & Warnings

- I use this method every time one of my animals have had an accident.
- It smells terrible at first, but it rids the smell of the urine.
- The smell of the ammonia does not last long.
- USE IN WELL VENTILATED AREA (open a door, turn on a fan)
- You should test this on an inconspicuous area of your carpet before using.

Here is an additional suggestion from me:

You might want to check out a product called 'Zero Odor'. I have not tried it myself but I have heard it works well to get rid of pet related odors in the home. You can check it out at www.petproductadvisor.com.

While we're on the subject of pets it's a good time to remind you of a couple things:

Pets must be leashed at all times when they are outside your apartment. (A cat or small dog in a carrier is an exception to this.)

Pets are not allowed in the community room. (On a leash or not.)

As per the PHA pet policy dogs must be taken out by the back door (the one facing Raymond).

Please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your pet when it does it's business outside.

Computer info and updates

The office on the 5th floor is available for resident use. You can print documents, make copies, or use the computer. (There is no Internet access, however.)

The general account is '**seal resident**'.

The password is **seal10**.

Office hours are:

Monday, Wednesday 2-5PM

Friday 6-8PM

Saturday 3-6PM

Holidays excluded. Any changes will be posted. See Melissa Pappas or one of the other board members to use the office.

The desktop computers in the community room are now using ComCast broadband. The Wi-Fi will be switched over in the next few weeks.

The Presidents Council computer protocol sheet has been posted. Most of the rules are the same as our own. Please take a look at it before you use the computers.

We have a new Wi-Fi network now. (On Comcast rather than DragNFly.)

The network name is: **sealcomm**

The password is: **4815162342**

Reminders:

Please report any insect sightings in your apartment to the manager. It doesn't matter if it's just one or if it's not a roach or bedbug.

Please return the shopping carts promptly once you are done using them. Your neighbors with heavy shopping bags will thank you.

Help Wanted

Resident Council 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 and /or come to the January Executive Board meeting.

Spring 2011 Residents Council meetings:

1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8

Any changes will be posted in advance.

Did you enjoy the Holiday party?



What does winter mean to you?



*"Name, rank, and reason for being here."
"The Doctor. Doctor. Fun."
-Adelaide Brooke, The Doctor, "The Waters of Mars"*

Just For Laughs

A couple attended a Japanese Noh play. Afterward the wife said, "I didn't get it." And the husband said, "What part of Noh don't you understand?"

A school teacher was arrested at the airport for trying to go through security with a slide rule and a calculator. He was charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

A woman got free tickets for her five babies under the airline's free quint flyer program.

Is a will a dead giveaway?

What do you call the cabs lined up at the Dallas airport? The yellow row of taxis.

Why is it great to be a test tube baby? You get a womb with a view.

Did you hear about the frog that wanted to get out of the construction business, but sadly, all he could do was rivet, rivet, rivet...

Did you hear that NASA has launched several holsteins into Earth orbit? It was the herd shot around the world.

Here is the only submission I received for the Holiday photo contest. Thanks to Lauree Stolarczyk for participating.



