

From: RCG Board of Directors

To: RCG community

Re: Newsletter 6.12.23

The Board meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> is an opportunity for condo owners who wish to serve on the RCG board to nominate themselves or others. There is one vacancy on the Board. Think of it this way: by serving, you help protect your own interest, your condo, as well as helping to make your community a better place to live for all. Attend the meeting 7/13/23 at 7PM. A WebEx link for the meeting will be emailed to you by Abaris, the RCG property management company.

Don't want to serve on the Board? Join a committee! Contact Amanda Harrison at [office@rcgardens.com](mailto:office@rcgardens.com) to connect you with the Committee members.

- Pool Committee
- Rules Committee
- Social Committee
- Architectural Committee
- Landscaping Committee
- Green Committee
- Website Committee

The Board and Abaris Management have been active this year. Among the issues being addressed:

- The Pool Committee has worked successfully with AquaSafe, the pool management service, to avoid some of last year's problems and happily the pool has opened on time this year. New pool furniture has been acquired and a second lap lane has been added. Major thanks to Jeff Dunn (RCG maintenance guru) for his work unpacking and arranging the pool chairs and umbrellas.
- The Landscaping Committee engaged with Tree Montgomery's free tree program and our community has had 40 new trees planted on the property.
- Tuckpointing: the Board approved work on the brick-exposed buildings so as to mitigate leaks and flooding. Tuckpointing is the process of removing old and cracking mortar between bricks and replacing it. The schedule for this will be shared once it is available as scaffolding will be erected along the external walls while the work is in process.
- Sewage back up and condo flooding – old pipes and tree roots breaking the pipes have combined to cause some major damage to some of the condos. While some flooding is hard to predict, several instances of sewage back-ups and flooding are the result of clogs caused by throwing wet wipes or cleaning wipes down the toilet. None of these are degradable and within our antiquated pipe system cause blockages and flooding are serious expenses to our community. Please do not put anything but TP in your toilet!

- Under consideration:
- The Architecture committee is looking into updated light fixtures for the common areas inside buildings
- EV car charging stations are being considered. A Montgomery County incentive program would help.

Condo Community living can be rewarding and bring people together. It can also be annoying and frustrating. Civility and kindness go a long way! We live in a beautiful space that is well cared for however we all have to play a part in maintaining it. Things you can do:

Compost bins: do not put regular trash, packaging (ie from fast food/food delivery) or any plastic bags in them. Thanks to the Green Committee for getting a new contractor with lower fees and larger bins!

Recycling: Paper products do not go in cans/bottles bins and vice versa. Do not dump a plastic bag of bottles and cans in the bin. Just dump contents of the bag. Plastic bags are bad. If you are bothering to recycle, do it right.

Boxes: have the courtesy to break them down before you put them in the bin. It's not hard.

Noise: per condo rules, at least 70% of your flooring needs to be covered with rugs. Think about your neighbors and don't play music at volumes the neighbors can hear. These are old buildings and lack sufficient insulation between the floors so that noise from TV and music can often be heard clearly in units near yours. Please be considerate.

Odors can be a public nuisance. The Board has received several complaints about strong and frequent marijuana odor. While smoking is legal in your own unit, your enjoyment of smoking pot in your own home infringes on the right of your neighbor enjoying their home. If there has been a complaint or three, and there have been several, consider using edibles or vape pens when you want to use pot.

If you wish to join the informal RCG Google group, an informal listserv/chat community group, send an email request to be added to Amanda [office@rcgardens.com](mailto:office@rcgardens.com) A little over 30% of the community are members of the RCG Google Group. It is not monitored by Abaris or Amanda and is not a way to communicate an emergent problem or request. These should be sent directly to Amanda.

Please join the monthly Board meeting tomorrow, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

Have a great summer 😊