

Victoria Gardens Newsletter



New at Victoria Gardens

WELCOME: Apt. 114 -Steve
Apt. 208 - Donald Apt. 225-Robin

Reminders

My daughter Margaret's school teaches the 3 - R's -Reasonable, Responsible and Respectful - and I think these are some good traits to emulate.

Issues to Address

1. **Thermostats** - These digital thermostats are a little complicated. If you need your thermostat to be set to either heat or air, please just come and ask either Steve or myself to set it. Never, Never should you shut your thermostat off! If you need it warmer "RED" arrow up, if you need it "COOLER" blue arrow down. It is that simple.. We will set it for you😊
2. **Behavior** - As a community all we ask is that your behavior in the common areas is polite and respectful. There have been concerns about drinking openly in the community and what we say to that is it is ok to have whatever drink would

be your favorite, discretely, in a plastic cup, outside with a cigarette, at a picnic on the patio or in the community room or at a social event. It is not ok if that drink, turns into a public display of bad behavior. This is your community and you should not have to feel like you are in monitored dorm facilities, just remember that your behavior affects other people and you all have to live together😊

3. **Smoking** - Again we must reiterate that this is a "SMOKE FREE" building. The entire interior of the building. That means not in your apartment, not in the hallways, not in the entry ways. All smoking must be done outside. For courtesy purposes, please remain at least 10 feet away from the doors or any open windows, smoke can travel with the wind.

4. **Noise** - There is no such thing as silent time, rather it is called quiet time, which is between the hours of 10pm-9am. This only means no vacuuming your apartment, no running the dishwasher or garbage disposal. No running, jumping or dancing in your apartment. No loud music or loud TV shows. It doesn't mean that everyone must levitate across the floor of their apartment and that you could hear a pin drop. That is unrealistic and virtually impossible! If you work nights or come home late in the evening please just be respectful of the neighbors around you. This is a generalized statement and does not necessarily pertain to anyone specific.
5. **Insects** - We are not all entomologists, and there are hundreds of types of insects especially since we are set in wetlands and the woods. If you see an insect, whether you think you know what it is or not, we as management **MUST** see either a picture of it or have the specimen dead and presented to us, before we can have our specialist come in and handle any potential situation. **TIP: White Vinegar & Peppermint Oil deters several types of unwanted critters especially spiders.**
6. **Rumors** - Best Album **EVER** in my opinion, but we do not want to hear of them around the building. Lots of comments have been brought to my attention and I am not happy with what I am hearing.

Pro-active assembly to discuss ways of bettering the community are fine, but when certain groups of people are feeling spied on or threatened to their way of doing things- that becomes a problem.

I have had a nice group meeting with some residents about some concerns and what was offered up and agreed upon would be: a nightly check on the outside doors to be sure that they are secured (which they should be at all times) and if they would be ok to take some notes if they see something out of the ordinary... That was okayed by Management.

That does not mean that we now have hall monitors that say if it is ok to pass or ask folks coming in "where they are going or who are they coming to see"?

Visitors and guests should be coming to the front and using the intercom to be buzzed in or have their own set of keys to access the doors. At no time should an outside door be left ajar so someone can come in & out of the building, unless someone is moving in. The front security doors may be left open with the outer doors closed - that would be acceptable.

7. **Heat Pumps** - After being in some of your units, Steve and I have noticed that a few of you have a lot of heavy or breakable things in front of your heat pump in the wall. That door/unit must be accessible in case of an emergency, when you need either heat or air and the technicians must be able to open the door and pull the unit out. Please be sure that area is kept clutter free. At some point Steve will need to change all of the filters and we will need to open the door☺ Thanks

Community Room

Always remember to check in the mailroom “community board” to see when things are going on in the community room.

REMEMBER - the room is to be shared by all unless it is reserved!

BINGO is considered **RESERVED**, all else right now falls under the shared status, even when you are having a communal picnic. That means other things can be going on in the room such as TV watching or puzzle completion. Respectfulness is assumed 😊 If anyone is being disruptive towards another area of the room you may ask for compromise and that is acceptable.



Please try to remember that when the heat rises, so do tempers and everyone has a breaking point. We are all different and that is what makes us special! Be kind, be safe and Everyone have a wonderful summer 😊

