BOARD TO HOLD SPECIAL SOLAR THERMAL PANEL PROJECT MEETING

Majority vote of attendees necessary for resolution to proceed

A special town hall meeting on the proposed solar panel project has been scheduled by the Board of Directors for **Sunday, November 16, 2014**. It will be held in the community room and will begin at 4:00PM.

The meeting has been called in response to a petition of owners calling for the special meeting.

The bylaws require the President to call a special meeting of the unit owners if the petition requesting such a meeting bears the signatures of unit owners having at least 25% of the aggregate percentage interests of all units in the condominium.

Signatures representing over 29% were turned in to the Board Secretary. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the project and to vote on a resolution stating that “the Association shall not move forward with the Solar Panel Project unless and until it is approved by a majority (in undivided interests) of Unit Owners in a referendum conducted for that purpose.”

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DC Property Tax Relief

By Peter Statthis

Did you know you may qualify for one or two DC property tax relief programs?

Owner-occupants who claim their Towers condo as their primary residence can receive a “Homestead Deduction” that will reduce your property tax assessment by $70,200.

In addition, any owner 65 or older may qualify for property tax relief for seniors if the total federal adjusted gross income of everyone living in your condo is less than $125,000 for the prior calendar year.

Check out these programs at the DC Office of Tax and Revenue website and download application for FP-100.

General Manager’s Corner

By

George Gardner

Window Cleaning:

The process of scheduling the window cleaning is underway. This is for windows other than the ones which can be cleaned from the balcony, which remain a resident’s responsibility. A tentative start date of November 4th has been set; the process should take about two weeks.

For the window cleaners to be able to clean the window the screens will have to be removed. We would like to ask that any resident who is planning to be out of town between Nov. 4th and the end of the month to please remove their window screens prior to leaving.

The window cleaning project will be weather-dependent so the schedule will be fairly fluid. As the time gets closer, notices will be sent out to advise residents of the approximate time they might expect to see someone dropping from the roof to clean their windows. If you need assistance in removing your window screens, please contact the office in advance.

Boiler Project:

Work is very close to completion in our boiler rooms. We now have heat in each unit. A few minor damages to the property occurred during the boiler project as a result of carrying the heavy equipment around; these will be repaired in short time as weather permits. Please bear with us as the process draws to a conclusion and allow us once again to thank you for your patience.

Sewer Drain Stack Pipe Inspection & Cleaning:

We will soon be starting our sewer drain stack pipe inspection and cleaning. This will involve using a camera to check the integrity of each of our drain stack pipes as well as a hydro-jetter to clean the drain using water pressure. We will send out notices prior to the work to keep residents informed as the schedule progresses. The notice will include special instructions to help mitigate any water problems which may arise from the cleaning. We may also ask permission to access your unit if a problem is identified. This is a preventive maintenance item which will be scheduled to be done each year.

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SHEMALI’S: THE LITTLE DELI THAT COULD
By
Doreen Moses

Want some good food? How about good homemade food? Well, just such a place is about a block away and few doors down from everybody's favorite caffeine fix... that shall remain nameless.

If you have a penchant for something specific or just don’t know what you want to eat, how about some hummus? Or babaganoush, maybe some stuffed grape leaves and other vegetarian treats? Or... cheese! How about a great spinach and cheese pie? But if you are a carnivore, fear not. Shemali's has everything to make your taste buds tingle.

While gazing at Shemali's display case studded with clever ceramic representations of various food items, I remarked to Helen, a local chef, how much I loved their food.

She said she had sampled many of their dishes and wholeheartedly agreed. Then she said the food was even better “because the people there are so nice”. The owner, charming Greta Shemali, and her lovely assistant Zizi will welcome you warmly and provide excellent service. It is truly a family-owned business with a sincere personal touch.

This mom & pop establishment is not only a store, but also a restaurant and a medley of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean culinary experiences.

Of course, I have affection for mom & pop businesses because they existed in my family. My grandparents, who were of Lebanese descent with a generous helping of Greek flavor, used to own a small cluster of restaurants in our area.

The Shemalis, Greta and her co-owner husband Joe have travelled a long road on their way to our neighborhood. Joe left his native Lebanon in the 1970’s to be a chef at the Jordanian Embassy.

He was so good that the Lebanese embassy “stole” him away for about 7 years. It was an economic decision as he was offered more money and a road to his private venture. He married Greta in the early 80’s, had their first child, Elias, and opened their first deli on Wisconsin Avenue in 1991, near old Giant supermarket.

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Approval of the resolution’s recommendation will require a majority vote of those owners present either by proxy or attending the meeting in person.

Should the resolution’s recommendation pass, it is non-binding on the Board of Directors who must adopt the resolution in order for it to take effect. Under the bylaws of the Association the Board must consider but will not be bound by the collective views of the unit owners.

The effect of any vote of the unit owners at the meeting will be limited by the bylaws. Under the bylaws, that vote would be advisory only and would constitute the unit owners’ collective recommendation to the Board. The Board should give serious consideration to any course of action called for in such a vote, but would not be legally bound to follow it. The Board would retain sole authority to make the final decision on the project.

This project has generated considerable discussion within the Towers Community.

At the September 25th Board meeting the Board passed a resolution directing management to put together an information document outlining the project and the latest facts and figures developed by Nextility, the project sponsor, based on the most recent solar panel configuration.

The document is to also include questions and answers produced as a result of the two most recent owners’ meetings and the white board questions produced at those meetings.

The Board has directed that this report be mailed to all owners along with one survey form per residence soliciting owners’ views on whether they believe TCA should proceed with the project, terminate the project, or offer no opinion on the project. The report is scheduled for mailing no later than Monday, November 3rd with a return date for surveys of November 14th to the management office.

Attached to the report will be separate reports containing individual Board members’ opinions concerning this project.

Copies of the report will be available at the front lobby as well as from the management office.
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Very quickly their store attracted local residents and many became repeat customers. As their business grew, so did Elias. And sometimes, even as a little kid, Elias kept watch on the store as his parents busied themselves preparing food and serving customers.

As time went on, they welcomed another child, Samantha. The business was booming, the family was growing, and life was good. And then a developer bought a whole block and then some. Shemali’s, just like the old Giant, the coffee place which shall remain nameless, and other businesses along Wisconsin Avenue had to find new homes.

When they reopened in Foxhall Square in 2011, they had a new set of rules to adjust to. Their little shop could only be a grocery store. They had their eyes set on the place next door where food service was permitted. So they waited. And waited. And waited some more. Finally, they took over the space next door and created a casual restaurant serving Middle Eastern and Mediterranean fare.

As I gazed at Shemali’s olive and cheese display, I realized that their selection of items extended beyond just Lebanese. A friend told me she saw items from other parts of the world that she could only find in specialized shops in New York. It made me realize the power of mom & pop ownership and that reminded me of my family: you can have a little bit of everything, however odd it may seem at first. One taste and you’re hooked.

Dear Towers Residents,

We will have a Special Meeting on November 16, 2014 at 4pm in the Community Room, the subject of which is the proposed Solar Thermal Panels Project.

The Board has scheduled this meeting in response to a petition requesting it that was signed by more than a quorum of interested residents. All owners will receive by mail a meeting notice and a proxy for voting on the noted resolution: “The Association shall not move forward with the Solar Panel Project unless and until it is approved by a majority (in undivided interests) of Unit Owners in a referendum conducted for that purpose.”

In addition, a report from Management on the project providing general information and addressing concerns raised in the community will be included. We welcome all of those interested to please come and participate in the meeting.

Teresa Savarino,
TCA Board President
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Washer & Dryer Repairs:

We are continuing to work with a contractor to get our backlog of broken washers and dryers repaired. Please remember that when reporting a washer or dryer problem to explain the problem, it makes a big difference in the amount of time it takes to diagnose and repair a machine.

Elevator Bench Restoration:

Our elevator benches have seen better days and we are in the process of having them redone. If in the next couple of weeks you see some missing, it will probably be because they are being taken to be refurbished. It will be nice to have a comfortable seat on which to wait for the elevator again.

Solar Thermal Project Owner Survey:

The Board on October 14th determined the schedule for surveying owners’ views on the proposed Solar Thermal Project. The Board intends to have management mail the Project Report to all owners by the time you read this. Owner responses will be due to management by no later than 5:00PM on Friday, November 14th in order to be included in the tally of responses.

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LETTERS, WE NEED LETTERS, WE NEED STACKS AND STACKS OF LETTERS
Attention Towers Residents—The Towers Topics would love to publish your letters. We’re interested in hearing your views on any subject germane to our lives in this community. Please limit your letters to 250 words; longer letters will be edited. Please be aware that we reserve the right to reject letters considered libelous, slanderous or offensive. Rejected letters will be available in the management office for interested residents along with the reason for the rejection. The deadline is the 10th of each month. Send your missives to the committee chair, Doreen Moses at doreenmoses@verizon.net. Thanks!
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praise for the Towers Topics

The Communications Committee has been doing a great job with the Towers Topics. In my opinion, it is very informative, colorful, and fits the "Towers" character and its diverse group of residents.

I was quite surprised when there was a discussion at a recent Board meeting on changing the style of the Topics by borrowing from publications of other condominiums. The Towers, as a living village, has its own unique character and I really see no reason for changing its style or content at the present.

I heard, when I first landed in the USA in 1971, the famous American saying "if it ain't broke don't fix it!" The Towers Topics ain't broke and does not need any fixing! This does not mean that we do not always strive to make things better. This is for the Communications Committee to pursue and explore.

We certainly have more pressing issues to worry about.
Ahyam Khleif
401E

Solar energy project engenders opposition.

We owners expect the Board to have open minds, do their fiduciary duty, respect owners' opinions, and to heed the analysis and advice (opposition) of both the Budget and Finance Committee with regard to the financial issues, and our resident LEED certified engineer, Susan Sweda Sheridan, with regard to the engineering and financial issues related to the solar panel project, and stop wasting time, money and effort on this project.

We owners oppose this project based on the weak financials, engineering issues, very limited environmental impact, risks, and lifestyle disruption, so why is the Board trying to ram this project through against our will?
Julie Feinsilver, Ph.D.
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Jonah Perkins saw the world in the Navy and worked for Pentagon contractors in key positions, but came to the Towers to learn property management and experience life outside the military.

Why? Because he believes you can go home again. In this case home is St. Petersburg, Florida, a city whose beauty he has learned to admire since leaving and a place where most of his family lives.

The Towers’ new Executive Assistant says property management is a great career field in Florida, which has grown at a rate of nearly 24% in the last decade. Besides, it is a place where he can go to the beach every day.

Perkins will preside over the future computerization of the Towers’ operations. He is now preparing for the initial phase of BuildingLink, the web-based system that will one day manage all day-to-day communications, recordkeeping and task tracking here.

He is more than qualified for the job. He is, in CV-speak, a "highly capable professional with a solid background of small team leadership and client interaction, offering five years of multiple-practice management including configuration management, quality control and policy review."

He is also competent in the use of Microsoft (MS) Office Suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Project, Visio, Access and SharePoint.

Perkins graduated from the US Naval Academy in Annapolis in 2003 with a BS in political science before entering the Navy for five years. Working for Pentagon consultants for five years, he integrated the planning and coordinated implementation of various projects across multiple organizations.

Besides his computerization tasks, Perkins assists the General Manager with research and assembling information for the Board. He is also studying on-line for his CMC certification for property management.

He is single, lives in Largo, Maryland, and often commutes with Patricia Cottom, the Assistant Facilities Manager. "My experience with everyone who has taken the time to get to know me has been great," he says.
FROM THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
By
Diane Baschant, B&G Chair

As there has been considerable discussion surrounding the solar panel project, I deemed it appropriate to discuss it with the Building and Grounds Committee. During our most recent meeting, I asked each member for their thoughts regarding the project and whether it should go forward.

The majority opinion of the B&G committee is that for the most part they are against the solar panels project at this time for the following reasons. Listed in no particular order:

- Not enough information
- New roof needs to be repaired/replaced before solar panels
- Need adequate space on the roof to get around all the mechanical equipment
- Money - we are not saving that much and nothing is for free
- Concern for all the water storage tanks in basement
- Noise and pipes drilled in our building -- even though pipes will be located inside
- Don’t trust solar panel representatives as they are salesmen -- they want to sell us a product no matter what the issues and/or consequences
- Previous contract signed without proper Board representatives. Was not signed by TCA President at the time and should have had two signatures
- No engineering study – there should be a study by either our capable engineering department and/or solar panel company (at no cost to us) before any contract is signed
- We should be relying on our new boilers
- Should be brought before residents to vote yeah or nay

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE GEARS UP FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON
By
Nancy Dunne

The Resident Activities Committee is collecting money to be donated to Bread for the City for Thanksgiving.

Checks of any size can be made out to the organization and deposited in a box at the front desk. Learn more about this agency at www.breadforthecity.org. After Thanksgiving, Christmas donations can be made in the form of checks to For the Love of Children, www.floc.org.

"Tis the season to be generous," says Mary Ann Bourbon, committee co-chairman. "Give until it hurts."

Planning is underway for the Board-sponsored holiday party, scheduled for December 14. Musical residents, as well as children's groups, are welcome to perform.
PRESIDENT’S REMARKS
Teresa Savarino

TCA’s Power to Leverage Change in the Service Industry

A few meetings ago, one resident brought up the question of how employees of our cleaning contractor are being treated, and whether the increase in their contract proposed for next year in response to the DC minimum wage increase would be used to increase the owner’s profit or passed to the workers. Two members of the board expressed a similar sentiment at that time, too, with at least one agreeing that the contract price increase – ostensibly to cover increasing DC wages - should be passed directly on to the employees.

There seems to be a consensus that our cleaning contractor has performed very well, and the Board voted to renew their contract for a one-year term with option to renew for three years at the stated price schedule. The Towers, being essentially a small town of 1,200 to 1,400 residents, does have purchasing power based on its size and the fact that we pay our bills. I agree that we can, and should, use whatever leverage we wield in the marketplace to foster working conditions that we would support as individual employers. I would not agree, however, with the idea that we can dictate what an appropriate level of profit is for a company at any given time.

While I don’t believe in unregulated capitalism, I do believe in the essence of a free market, where innovation can increase the profit margins of one firm over its competitors for the period until the innovation is copied by others. If a cleaning firm becomes the first to develop its own cleaning chemicals in-house and removes the cost of purchasing and shipping the chemicals, that firm will increase its marginal profit over its competitors without reducing the wage structure for employees. The savings will be passed on to customers, and the average market price will eventually decrease as other contractors develop a similar in-house product line of cleaners for their own use. In this scenario, the owners and customers benefit, while the workers’ position remains neutral.

But in a service industry, workers will move around frequently in response to small increases in wages or benefits, so it behooves an owner who wishes to retain a well-trained work force to pay her workers more than the average market wage for the service. The current TCA cleaning contractor has been paying their employees more than the minimum wage for several years; this fact may explain why we’ve seen so many of the workers remain with the company and in their position at The Towers over the years. This also in large part explains why we’ve been satisfied with this contractor, and why we were motivated to renew the contract.

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We have gathered quotations from residents who either support or object to the proposed solar panel project. In the interest of giving voice to varied opinions on controversial subjects, we present them here.

Stan Talpers says:
“As the chairman of the Energy Committee three years ago, I concluded that the solar hot water system proposed was a well-established method that would serve our building and our country’s energy needs well. I still feel that way.”

Nadia El Sabai says:
“I don’t think the building can take it structurally.”

Cecilia Perry says:
“I recognize that it is not a huge saving. But I think it’s one important small step forward. It’s something that the Towers should undertake to contribute to saving the planet.”

Susan Sheridan Sweda says:
“I am concerned with the proposed system and compatibility with the new energy-efficient condensing boilers. I would like more time to do a more in-depth review.”
Dr. Eugene M. Braderman passed away early on Tuesday, Oct. 14 while returning from a trip to London.

He was aboard the Queen Mary 2 with his dear friend Irene Rich. He had lived at the Towers for about 40 years. He served the Towers both on the board and in the finance committee. He was probably best known for his dedicated swimming of laps in the pool with his hat, goggles and snorkel. He was also a fine raconteur.

Mr. Braderman was an employee of the Federal Government for many years before his retirement, concluding his service as the Consul General in Amsterdam. After his retirement, he continued to travel with his wife Betty and remained deeply involved in a number of Washington institutions. He was 100 years old. Happily, he was able to celebrate this birthday with a large group of friends and family in early September. Everyone who knew him will miss him deeply. No memorial service is planned at this time.

Acceptance
By
Lynne Heneson

Notice how gently
the leaves float down from the trees
No sound of protest.

ATTENTION TOWERS AUTHORS!

You may not be aware that among our residents are a number of published writers. The Library Committee is preparing to set aside space in the library to display their books.

The Committee is also considering the initiation of a series of talks featuring readings of the authors’ work, offering an opportunity for the community to meet them and discuss their work.

For further information about this project, you may contact Merri Twiggs, Library Committee Chair, at merritwiggs@gmail.com.
ORPHAN BIKES WILL NO LONGER GET A FREE RIDE AT THE TOWERS
By
DARNELL ROBERTSON

Do you own a bike? Will you own one in the future? If you answered YES to either of these questions; then there are changes coming to TCA that you should be aware of. TCA is restructuring its bike management program concerning how bikes are registered and the upkeep of records for those registrations.

The Association presently has six bike racks in the garage on levels B-1 and B-2. One storage room also contains bike racks. Towers rules and regulations mandate that all bikes must be registered. The racks contain over 190 bikes. The racks are crowded, storage is essentially unregulated and there appear to be many abandoned bikes in the racks. Finding an open rack is challenging.

Therefore, we are initiating a new registration program with new forms, new stickers for bikes, and a three month window to allow all unregistered bikes to become registered.

Management will begin the registration process December 1, 2014 with notification to all previously registered bike owners to update their active bike(s) registration and remove their old bike(s). The registration period will continue for 90 days with registration requirement reminders going out each month in the Topics. Identified bike owners will receive at least two telephone reminders, if necessary.

After 90 days, we will remove any 2015 unregistered bikes. Management will store the bikes for an additional 60 days and then after repeated attempts of notifying possible owners, the unclaimed bikes will be donated to the local Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

We hope that this action will serve to remove forgotten, old and/or unusable bikes and free up rack space for active bike(s). Under the new registration drive, residents will need to come to the management office to obtain and fill out registration forms and to receive new 2015 registration stickers that need to be placed on the bike.

It will be necessary for residents to register and/or update their registrations annually and to receive a current year registration bike sticker that will be used to police the program.
Thus to some extent, our satisfaction with our cleaning contractor’s employees is an indication that they are likely being compensated at a level they find acceptable. Although we cannot dictate to an owner what she pays her employees, we can certainly make contractors aware that one factor we consider upon each re-competed contract is whether their standards of treatment of employees is aligned with our expectations for wages, benefits, and working conditions. I would entreat my fellow board members to join me in requesting that our management team support this goal, and propose that we add this to our Goals & Objectives for next year.

It will be difficult for TCA to actively support higher ideals in purchasing some services. At the Community Association Institute’s symposium last spring I found three vendors of pool services, and talked with each one about their business model.

Their business models were all the same, hiring young men and women from overseas and paying them minimum wage or not much more for a few months’ work here as life guards. It’s hard to say whether we could find at least one firm who was offering more, and possibly hiring slightly older or more experienced individuals, and I don’t know how much time management would realistically be able to put towards this next level of scrutiny for contract re-competes.

However, I do think we should ask the questions and let the word get out that we’re looking for firms that share certain values with us. And we should look for opportunities to select those firms who understand how keeping good workers satisfied will enhance their chances of winning a contract with a large customer in pursuit of more than just a clean building.

SAFETY COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO LOOK AFTER RESIDENTS’ BEST INTERESTS

By Robin Rudd

The Safety Committee will be meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6. New members are welcome to help carry out our energetic agenda.

At our next meeting we will begin to discuss the update to The Towers emergency evacuation plan. We will also, weather permitting, take a tour of the outside premises to begin to evaluate outside lighting. We would be happy to hear from residents on this issue.

One of the committee’s concerns is for our residents who are mobility-impaired, either temporarily or permanently. These individuals should make certain that their names are submitted to the office and should shelter in place during an evacuation. Individuals who work in senior services programs have expressed concern that many mobility-impaired residents may not be able to access written information such as The Topics.

The committee will be looking at more creative ways of reaching out to these residents during emergencies.
New Law Requires Unit Insurance

In June, 2014 the District of Columbia adopted a new law requiring ALL Condo Unit Owners to purchase individual property insurance coverage, called an HO-6 Policy.

Under this new law the Unit Owner MUST carry a minimum of $10,000 for unit/dwelling property coverage i.e., everything you own in your unit including furniture, TVs, computers, rugs, clothing, books, cookware, etc. Everything not attached to your condo is personal property. Owners must also carry $300,000 for personal liability coverage. This protects you if someone is hurt while in your unit.

The Board is allowed to increase the minimum amounts by vote at a duly-noticed meeting, but has not yet done so.

The Towers’ master insurance policy covers the property, common areas, and the physical structure of the buildings, including the inside walls and original fixtures. The master policy does not provide coverage for your personal property, personal liability or additional living expenses, nor does it cover any improvements to your unit such as new carpet or flooring, appliances, cabinets, etc.

The Board is permitted under the law to pass a binding resolution that if the cause of the damage originates from your unit, you would be responsible for the Association’s deductible, up to $5,000.

One area to pay close attention to in obtaining your insurance is Coverage D- Loss of Use. This coverage is particularly important if a covered loss makes your condo uninhabitable. Coverage D will normally pay for the reasonable increase in expenses to maintain your standard of living for a certain amount of time and may include the cost for you to stay in a hotel and for meals.

Generally, HO6 policy premiums are several hundred dollars per year. Consult your insurance agent now to make sure you are adequately covered and in compliance with the law.

Finally, if you have a renter in your unit, he or she should also purchase a Renters’ Policy (HO4) to provide coverage for his or her personal property and for personal liability.
2015 BUDGET CALLS FOR 4% RISE IN CONDO FEES
By Nancy Dunne

After four months of struggling to contain a rise in monthly condo fees, the Board of Directors voted 6-1 to approve a new operating budget which would require an increase of 4%.

Driven by a 32% jump in health insurance costs, expanded staffing and higher energy expenditures last winter, budget negotiators managed to find enough savings to cut an initial proposed hike of 7% to 5% then to 4%.

The Board then asked the general manager to craft a budget that reflects a 4% increase. His efforts were approved at the October 28th Board meeting. From that 4%, about 1% will be directed to the reserves to pay for capital projects. Only one Board member voted against the budget, Aida Harding, who tried to get a cut to 3.5%.

The 32% rise in health care costs resulted from new rules required under the Affordable Care Act, which are calibrated according to medical needs of various demographic groups. The Towers has low staff turnover, thus more mature workers. To limit the increase in costs this year, the Board approved a slight modification of the plan from last year. Employees still have the option to choose either an HMO or PPO, but if they opt for the PPO they must pay the additional cost beyond the HMO.

We also needed more money to pay for a larger management staff. The addition of a facilities manager, a job last year combined with the general manager's post, as well as a full-time executive assistant, hired after a part-time staffer left, pushed up costs as well. Savings were found from improved efficiency with the new boilers and a reduction in 2015 pay increases. Despite the cuts, the budget still reflects the management's priorities: strengthening communications with the community and increased office efficiency. There is an increase from $10,000 to 15,000 for training employees to upgrade their skills and a 10% increase for web site management.

This budget does not include capital projects, which will be considered in a separate spending plan to be approved in February. An engineering firm has been contracted to establish a priority list of projects needing the most attention in the short term and what can wait. The Board is taking "a triage approach" to the many capital projects required to keep up the building, according to Teresa Savarino, Board president.

Notices of the higher condo fees will go out in late November or early December.
ARTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

If you haven’t been there yet, American University’s Katzen Center at Ward Circle offers a fall line-up of diverse cultural and artistic events, all within walking distance.

The calendar includes performances by the AU Chamber Singers (Nov.1-2), the exhibit “The Intimate Diebenkorn: Drawings 1952” (starts Nov.8) and, in the Gallery Talk series, “Eugenic Minds and Shoah Memorial Prague Presentation” (Nov. 11)

Pick up the complete schedule for free at the Katzen Center box office.

For on-line information, go to: AUArts@american.edu

TIME TO APPLY FOR YOUR 2015 VISTOR PARKING PASS

Towers residents can apply now for a visitor parking pass for 2015 which allows visitors to park beyond the two hour restriction and is good for the year.

1. The 2014 Visitor Parking Pass with the expiration date of Sept 30, 2014 will be valid until December 31. Parking enforcement is aware of this extension and will enforce accordingly.

2. In order to receive a pass for 2015, residents must visit https://vpp.ddot.dc.gov/vpp/ https://vpp.ddot.dc.gov/vpp/ or call DDOT's call center (202) 673-6813 in order to pre-register for a pass.

This pass will be valid from January 1st to December 31st 2015

Corrections

We proofread carefully, but mistakes can happen. We are happy to correct them.

October issue:

A sentence from the President’s remarks was truncated. The full sentence should read:

“Those of us who served on the Board last year have been able to provide management with some project and procedural information to help in this transition.”