

Mountain Villas Voice



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Manager's Message

Happy March! With Easter, St. Patrick's Day and the start of Daylight Saving time, it is gearing up to be a busy month. We still have (potentially) another month of winter weather and skiing, so please continue to use the one way traffic pattern. Before you know it, the signs will come down and things will get back to normal. In the meanwhile, we have some issues with trash, cigarette butts, and such being tossed off of balconies and bridges. PLEASE do not do this. It is unsightly and rude but also pets and kids could get hurt or sick from something they ingest. If you rent your condo, please consider putting up a nice note reminding folks not to litter. You should also provide an ash tray or coffee can with sand. Even if your condo does not permit smoking-this is a good idea, as

renters often 'bend' the rules.

Some News and Notes

A generous owner has gifted the Mountain Villas with a new playground. More to come on that in a future newsletter, once it is installed.

We will be removing the little shed by the playground that is no longer needed.

We are going to advertise to sell the storage building located next to Building 7. This will free up several much-needed parking spaces.

When our season renter moves out of 3B1, we will be advertising it for sale.

Since we no longer have full time maintenance employees, we will also be

advertising some tools and equipment that we no longer need. All proceeds from the sale of these items are going into the Mountain Villas Reserve Fund.



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Maintenance Minute

Your diligence has been paying off in regards to keeping your heat up, cabinet doors open and shutting the water off. We still have the potential for cold weather, so keep up the good work.

Quick reminder-when having work done in your town-

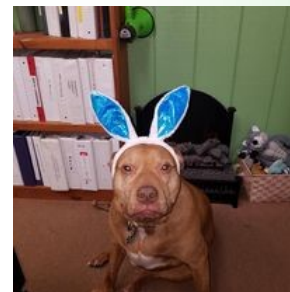
home or condo-ALWAYS use a licensed and insured contractor.

Pest prevention-keep mice and critters out by not letting tempting treats to attract them.

Also, moth balls in your storage closets, sheds,

etc., will definitely deter them.

If you have an individual water heater in your condo or townhouse, please give it a routine 'once over'. Just to make sure it is not leaking, rusting, etc.



As we prepare to change the clocks this month, it is a good time to check and change the batteries in your smoke detectors, CO2 detectors, remote controls, and electronic locks.

Replace Your Smoke Alarms

Why Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years?

Why should smoke alarms be replaced every decade? And why does my smoke alarm's warranty only cover 10 years of operation?

Like most electronics, smoke alarms don't last forever. The US National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) issued NFPA Standard 72, National Fire Alarm and Signalling Code (2010 edition), which states:

"Replace all smoke alarms, including those that use ten-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are ten years old or sooner if they don't respond properly when tested."



Each smoke detector should be replaced 10 years after the date of installation. If you're not sure when it was installed, check the back of the smoke detector for the **manufacture date** and add 10 years to it to get the expiration or replacement date. Most CO alarms expire after 7 years, so if you have a combo smoke and CO detector, you should replace it every 7 years.

Dangers with Air-Fryers

SAFETY NOTICE ON USING AIR FRYERS

Wondering about other fire safety issues associated with air fryers? As it turns out, there are several to consider. One important one is to give your air fryer plenty of ventilation space to help with air circulation and eliminate heat. You want to place it at least five inches away from the wall; failing to do so can result in a fire hazard. "To prevent insufficient ventilation and any heat marks appearing on your walls and ceilings from rising fumes, it's crucial to leave enough space around these appliances when in use," Jen Nash, Design Excellence Manager at Magnet, told Bracknell News. It's also wise to use aluminum foil sparingly in air fryers. Never put a foil-lined basket in an air fryer without food on top to weigh it down since it can be sucked into the air intake and possibly start a fire.

Air fryers left plugged in when not in use have been associated with a number of kitchen fires.

For example, according to WPXI News, one homeowner in Pennsylvania came home to a smokey kitchen, which was started by a plugged-in, but turned-off, air fryer. Another homeowner in South Carolina posted on Facebook how her kitchen burned down when a power surge ignited her small appliance. Those catastrophes could have been avoided if the air fryers had simply been unplugged after they were used.

There are some other crucial fire safety precautions to think about, too, including proper ventilation and heeding recall notices. Here is what to keep in mind if you have one of these appliances at home.

Read More: <https://www.housedigest.com/1480282/unplug-air-fryer-fire-safety-aluminum-foil/>

CLYDE A. LERI



Clyde A. Leri

June 15, 1926-February 21, 2024

We are saddened to hear that Clyde Leri has passed away at the age of 97.

Clyde has been a long-time resident of Mountain Villas and he will be greatly missed.

Our deepest condolences to our dear friend, June Stover, who was his loving companion for over 20 years. Their love made us feel so grateful about the important things in life: compassion, friendship, and kindness.



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BULLETS FROM THE BOARD

- A new "Alterations" Request process is being introduced.
- This replaces the outdated Architectural Review Form and process.
- The form is on the Acri Portal and ensures that all information is provided prior to submittal for review.

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Our state has some of the greatest eats
but please forgive our broken streets.

Some of us like our eggs to be dippy
and some like our chopped ham chippy.

Some people like their Tastykakes
and lots of us enjoy eating Philly steaks.

We've got Hershey Bars and the Mallow Cup
and most people prefer Heinz Ketchup.

We've got town names that will make you snicker
and opposite sides who tend to bicker.

East and West could draw a line in chalk,
from sports to food and the way they talk!

Some don't realize there's a middle,
to be honest they just forget a little.

There are Steelers and there are Eagles,
but don't forget they were BOTH the Steagles!

We had battles from the biggest wars
and some of the best convenience stores.

We all know that freedom started here
and Pottsville has some damn good beer.

The Liberty Bell lets our freedom ring,
so let's all get along because It's A Pennsylvania Thing!

