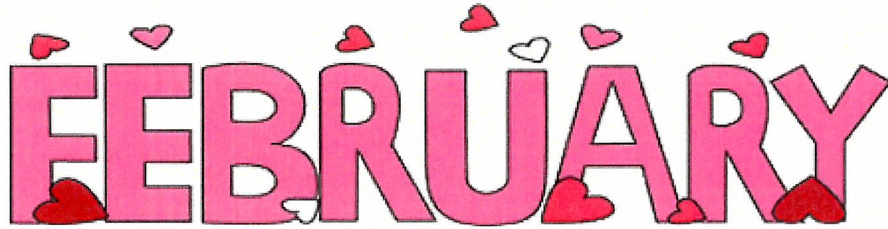


# *Cheesman Tower West*

Newsletter – February, 2020



## **OPEN FORUM ON BUILDING SMOKING RESTRICTIONS**

Over the past few months, several owners have attended Board Meetings to discuss various proposals and ideas around expanding our current smoking restrictions throughout the building and in units. Some ideas proposed to possibly consider are:

- Restricting tobacco products only: cigarette, cigar, and pipe;
- Grandfather every unit today. Impose restrictions as ownership or renters change;
- Do not extend restrictions to marijuana and vaping at this time;
- Leave every thing as it is and promote a policy of awareness to prevent smoking from disrupting our neighbors in their units and hallways.
- Do nothing. Leave as it.

At this time the Board has taken no position on the issues, and seeks the participation and guidance from unit owners by holding open forums **for owners** to share their opinions and proposals in 2020. The first open forum will be **Thursday, February 6 from 6-7pm in the Community Room**. Please attend to share your thoughts and hear what your neighbors have to say.

## **RECYCLING GUIDELINES**

While a thorough list of what is and is not recyclable is posted on the wall over the bins, a quick reminder is necessary that **ALL plastic bags are NOT recyclable**. This includes the plastic packing inside of cardboard boxes. If you bring down your recyclables in a plastic bag, please dump the items in the bin and put the plastic bag in the trash can that is available. Also, while tubs and jars marked #1-7 are recyclable their lids are not. Please flatten your cardboard boxes but do not flatten cans and other containers. You may dispose of your junk mail in the mail area trash slot and we will transfer to recycling.

## **WE LOVE YOUR DOGS....but**

With little or no grass on the ground, it seems very tempting for our animals to whizz as soon as they escape the front door. Please do your best to restrain them until they enter the park. Our grass and flower beds will suffer from continuous unriation and your pet will begin to think it is okay to relieve itself on our property. It is never okay! Thanks for helping us have a lovely yard again in the spring.

## **MAINTENANCE CORNER**

**NOISES :** We all know that noises are inevitable in any multi-family housing from loud talking, and TVs. Other annoying noises are possibly from household appliances and our HVAC system. Several times a year we are asked to look into such noises. Refrigerators, dishwashers and even air purifiers can set up an occasional vibration that is transmitted through our thin ceilings as well as our interconnected plumbing.

Recent complaints have been reported regarding the heating pipes. Most frequent is the metal contraction/expansion noise from the heating fins when heat is resumed after being off for a few hours, or, a rushing sound when the hot water starts to flow again. **This is normal.**

More recent sound is likely from the main heat pump which many times has been run on higher than normal due to one of the boilers being offline for maintenance or repair. Rich is working on a rebuild of a third unused boiler to lessen this problem noise.

Another source of noise is the main vertical heat pipes that pass through each unit. As these age and have calcium buildup, the water passes through a narrower passage and even if your heat is off some noise may be generated. We have a Silver Bullet treatment system that now lessens further buildup. At the beginning of the season we have to bleed air from several locations and that also can increase the noise.

**TOILETS :** Older Toilets that have not been checked in 15 years seem to be causing more leaks for your neighbor below. Usually it is a drip that might last 10-20 minutes after a toilet is flushed, but could happen anytime. Please be considerate and have the wax ring replaced if you have not done so in the last 15 years. This does normally require a building water shutoff if your toilet line shutoff valve is working.

**LOOKING FOR BRIDGET?** Bridget's telephone number is **303.832.7454**. If you do not find her in the office you may call her by **dialing x1111** on the front lobby call box. She will join you shortly.

**The After-Hour emergency number at Weststar is 720-941-9200 ext. 1.** This number should be used for emergencies after hours, on holidays, and when the office is closed during the day.

**REMINDERS:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held **Wednesday, February 19, at 6:00 pm** in the Community Room. Attend to learn more about what's going on in the building.

### **2020 Board of Directors**

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