



The View from *Vantage Point East*

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President's Message

By Henry Jordan

These past couple of months we have had a large number of new residents move into the building. We wish to welcome you with a new resident reception. Please watch for the flyer and attend so we can all meet our new neighbors.



Summer is upon us, and it is time to take a number of precautions. Stay out of the hot sun during the middle of the day, and if you are active, stay hydrated. In the building we must be careful of the

hot weather and humidity in the storage areas. When you go down to your storage unit, do you ever check for mold, mildew, and mess? Occasionally, a resident reports mold in their locked storage area. On close inspection, luckily, it turns out to be mildew. Humidity / dampness causes mold and mildew to grow. During the hot humid summer months, the storage areas are especially at risk. Each of the storage rooms has a dehumidifier which dries out the air which will tend to lessen the likelihood of any growth.

Mold is usually blackish, and mildew tends to be white in color. Mildew and mold spreads from one storage unit to another and from one item to another. It carries with it the possibility of causing health issues and damage to our prized possessions. All of us should be wary and occasionally check our storage areas. Everyone should take measures to protect all items in their storage units which are made of porous material by covering them with waterproof, non-porous covering, or enclosures. Some items which were found with

mildew are: luggage, carpet, golf bags, wood, cardboard boxes, and furniture. Never place any wet items in your storage items like luggage just back from travel.

If, on inspection of your storage unit, or if you notice another unit with mildew or molded items, please report the location to the Property Manager so we can assess the problem. Additionally, if you see water in or near your storage unit (even dripping condensation) immediately contact the Property Manager. Most residents have cleaned out their storage areas to help prevent mold from contaminating the storage rooms. If you have not done so, we would appreciate if you would dispose of any cardboard boxes and place all your possessions, if possible, in plastic containers. If you have fabric covered items, please seal the items like suitcases in plastic bags. If you need any assistance with cleaning out your storage area, please contact the Property Manager.

Have a wonderful summer with family and friends and remember to keep hydrated.

Property Manager's Corner

By Cris Juarez

FAÇADE PROJECT UPDATE: The project is moving on schedule. It is anticipated that work will stop after completing Tier 6. We will pick up with Tier 5 next spring. Thank you for your patience and understanding while work was being completed on the front entrance. We will begin re-installation of screens on tiers 12 –16 shortly.

NEW VEHICLE DECALS: VPE residents were the first to have RFID decals installed in their vehicles. Do not worry if you missed it; LW Security will schedule more days in the future. Your current resident decals will still allow you access to the community! No change has been made to visitor passes.

May Board Actions

Submitted by Ann Ferren, Secretary

The VPE Board voted to approve:

- Appointment of the following residents to the VPE Elections Committee for 2022: Suzie Offit (Chair), Ann Jelen, Glen Rahmoeller, Sandy Robinson, Janet Schiff, and Sid Sussan (Board Liaison).
- Extend the T-Mobile Lease agreement for yearly renewal.
- The ETC proposal in the amount of \$5,900 to perform the Replacement Reserve Study. Funds to come from the Periodic Contracts Reserve Account.

June Board Actions

- Appointment of Debby Whelan to the Communications Committee.
- The Shapiro & Duncan proposal in the amount of \$4,060 for repairing refrigerant leak to the west-end HVAC unit (CSCU-3). Funds to come from the HVAC Common Area Account.

- The Johnson & Tower, LLC proposal to replace the batteries and air filter for the generator at a cost of \$1,574.82. Funds to come from the Generator Repairs Account.
- Not to use a special assessment to fund the roof replacement project.
- To plan replacement of the penthouse roof in 2024.
- To plan replacement of the main roof in 2026.
- Payment of the Mt Airy Glass & Door Invoices #12816 (\$285) and #12753 (\$565) for replacing a glass pane in unit 1016 and 103 respectively. Funds to come from the Replacement Reserves Account.
- Payment of the Mt Airy Glass & Door Invoices # 12833 (\$485) and #12779 (\$485) for replacing a broken glass pane in units 215 and 216 respectively. Funds to come from the Replacement Reserves Account . East Coast Building Services will provide a credit to reimburse the expense.

The Covenants and Rules Committee at Work



From L to R, Ann Ferren, Chair; Bob Gallagher; Chris Juarez, Property Manager; and Nadine Smith

Condolences

VPE remembers:

Jacqueline McCarthy

who passed away this past month.

The View takes a break

Residents may notice that this issue of The View is for July/August. The Communications Committee is taking a summer break and is not meeting in July. The next issue will be for September. Please note that, although we will not publish a separate newsletter for August, an August calendar will be distributed.

OUR TRIP TO MONTREAL AND QUEBEC CITY

By Marylin Jordan

On one early Tuesday morning in May, we were picked up by our son-in-law to take us to Dulles International Airport to board a plane to Montreal, Canada to meet our tour group hosted by Road Scholar. We left Leisure World about 6:15 a.m. to board our international flight leaving at 9:00 a.m. We were booked by the travel agency in error on a later flight which would arrive in the early evening, and we would arrive after the welcome dinner. We arrived in Montreal around 11:30 a.m. On crossing the international border, we had to put our masks on, because on public transportation masks are mandatory in Canada. The large airport in Montreal seemed empty, except for our group of arrivals.

We arrived at a Marriott SpringHill Suites, unpacked and looked forward to our Road Scholar orientation at 5:00 p.m. We had some time to walk around near the hotel which is located in old Montreal – a very trendy area with no-traffic streets, shops, and loads of restaurants. We met our guide, Francois, and he gave us a briefing of the itinerary for the next few days. We also met the other nineteen people on this tour. The people were friendly and had remarkably interesting backgrounds. We then walked to a very modern local tavern located in an incredibly old building and had a good dinner.

The next morning after a buffet breakfast, the tour began. Led by an expert local guide, we went for a city field trip via motorcoach, focusing on the city's history, architecture, main neighborhoods, and its astounding underground city that features a 20-mile network of pedestrian walkways. Among the highlights were a tour of the Underground city, Mont-Royal, and Ste-Helene Island that was the site of Expo 67 (1967 International and Universal Exposition). We ended up at a local restaurant that served delicious crepes. The restaurant's name was Crepe Suzette.

With our group leader, we went by motorcoach to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA), where we explored at our own pace. Founded in 1860, the MMFA has an outstanding permanent collection representing artistic achievements from antiquity to the present day with paintings, sculptures, graphic arts, photographs, and decorative art objects in four major areas: international art, world cultures, decorative arts and design, and a Quebec and Canadian art collection prepared by the museum's art specialist. Again, we were taken out to another fine restaurant for dinner.

The next morning, we took a walking field trip through Old Montreal. We learned about the delicate transformation of public art and architecture, and why the importance of blending old and new is at the heart of this urban conversion to create the Montreal of today. In the afternoon, we had time to explore an Inuit (Native American) Art Gallery. There was native jewelry for sale, and I could not resist purchasing a lovely Inuit leather bracelet. In the afternoon on our own, we visited the architectural museum with a number of other tour attendees. The Museum is housed in a number of original buildings in old Montreal which have been excavated to show the history of the buildings and city. What was unique, is that the museum is not in one building. The museum buildings are a couple of blocks away from each other. It seems there was once a river that was covered over to make a street. To get between the museum buildings you had to walk in the old river tunnel under the street to see all the exhibit buildings. Talk about getting lost where we were is an understatement. Thank goodness for the signs to get back to the entrance to the museum.

The next morning, we took a field trip to the incredibly beautiful Basilique de Notre-Dame. Our visit featured an exclusive presentation of its fabulous seven thousand pipe organ by the Basilica's titular organist. The organist gave us an hour's concert, and we were very moved by his concert presentation.

We then returned to the hotel for check out and departed the hotel via motorcoach to the train Station, and then we boarded the train for departure to Quebec City at 1:00 p.m. .

On to Quebec City tour in September issue

Summer 2022 at VPE

The Birthday Bash in June was a big success.



There was music.



There were cakes.



There was dancing.



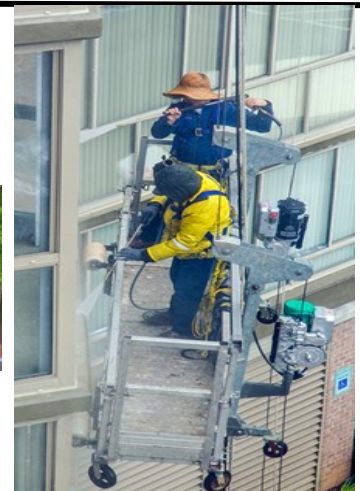
And the people were



Caulking on VPE brickwork continued all summer.

Photos (L) and above by Len Silver

Photo (R) by Fred Shapiro



Activities Committee Events for July and August 2022

By Barbara Eisen

Independence Day Happy Hour – VPE celebrated this joyous holiday on Monday, July 4. Attendees brought appetizers to share and their drinks of choice. Water was provided. Attendance was limited to 50 persons. As a special treat, live background music was provided by Ben Levit, grandson of VPE residents Shirley Levin and Julie Bowen.

Poetry Group - The Poetry Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room. If you are interested in joining, call Ruth Gutstein (301-438-7492).

Book Club - The Book Club meeting was on **Tuesday, July 19 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. The book was "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. The moderator was Pat Chistiansen. On **Tuesday, August 16**, the Book Club discussed "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes. The moderator was Lois Schmeidler.

Movies – Both the **Afternoon Movie** and the **Sunday Movie** series will take a break during the summer months.

Bingo and Trivia will also rest during the summer.

Yoga Yes! – Free Senior Yoga classes are being held on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the Community Room. Group size is limited. If you want to join, call Lyn Tanenholtz (301-288-7770) or Suzie Offit (301-598-1966) to see if there is any room available.

Keeping up with Events – Watch for flyers in the elevators, on the tables on each floor and under your doors for further details about events. Note that masks are appreciated for all gatherings in the Community Room.

An Unexpected Treat

By Len Silver

Nineteen-year-old Ben Levit enthralled a full house in the Community Room with his highly enjoyable performance of Beethoven and Liszt.

Ben lives in Israel and was visiting his grandparents here at VPE—our good luck! He has five years left of Army service in Israel. In my humble opinion, he is ready now to do a world tour!



Shirley Levin, Ben Levit and Julius Bowen,
proud grandparents!

A VPE Love Story

By Kathi Carlson

One of my favorite reads in the Sunday New York Times is the Vows section which tells the love story of a recently married couple. Oftentimes their journey was not straightforward but involved years and relationships in between, making the story all that more interesting and the final vows the sweeter. I was delighted to discover that we have just such a story here at VPE.

A few weeks ago VPE residents Laura Selby and Rodger Jackson held their wedding and reception at The Manor at Silo Falls in Olney. Both are third-generation Washingtonians. They split their time between their VPE condo and a house in Florida. Laura is a retired CPA, but accompanied by her 30-year-old gray parrot Chester, she drives back to Maryland each tax season to help her daughter. Rodger is semi-retired and works as a consultant, spending the greater amount of his time in Florida.

Laura and Rodger met for the first time as teenagers in their Lutheran church's confirmation class. Rodger walked Laura home, and they soon began dating. One day, to Laura's bewilderment and hurt, Rodger broke up with her. It was only decades later that she learned why: her mother sat Rodger down and "wagged her finger at him." His status as older man (by one year) may have had something to do with this.

Time moved on and Laura and Rodger married others, had one child each, and then grandchildren followed. In 2009 Laura moved to VPE with her husband who was seriously ill following a lung transplant. He passed away 10 years ago, and Laura says she was deeply grateful for her VPE community. It gave her both support and space when she needed it.

About five years ago Laura saw Rodger's father at church. It had been almost 50 years since they had last seen each other, but he had never forgotten Laura and suggested she reconnect with Rodger. She politely declined, but he was persistent. One Sunday she relented, but rather than contact Rodger directly, she handed over her business card to pass along to Rodger. Rodger says it took him a month to get up the



nerve to pick up the phone and ask her out for lunch.

And so, in a full-circle moment right out of the pages of the New York Times Vows section, decades after first meeting and surrounded by friends and their blended family of children and grandchildren, Rodger and Laura were married by Laura's grandson Remy. Two weeks later they were off on a honeymoon cruise of the Greek Islands with a stop in Venice. It really doesn't get more romantic than that.

July 4th Happy Hour appetizers



“Angel Nurse”

By Phyllis A. Pratt

'Thought I was in heaven, when my eyes
opened first;
The smile of a beautiful Angel? No —
she was my nurse.

She touched my face and rubbed my
hand; Then took my temp and made me
stand.

We walked a bit, not much to start;
Her concern for me really warmed my
heart.

"Don't go too fast," she said, "just take your
sweet time;"

"Its all right Baby Girl, you gonna be just
fine."

Her arms circled around me; soft like an
Angel's wings;

I felt great love and protection;
You know, the kind God always brings.

The room seemed to glow-
It wasn't day; it wasn't night.

A healing had transcended from this
Angel dressed in white.

Her scent, it was so familiar; Sweet oils
of perfume.

Surely, God sent someone very "special" To
watch over me in this room.

Tears of joy began to wet my cheeks
As I realized the nurse was someone
other;

But that's OK because you see,
That Angel Nurse — she was my Mother!

-I Love You Mama-

In Search of

ALL THE FACTS ABOUT VPE :

Step I - Click on vantagepointeast.com

- Do you want to show the Community Room to your family before you reserve it? Or, a list of the activities that occur there?
- Would you like to inform your attorney about the Legal Documents or Resident Manual & Rules governing VPE ?
- How about the floor plan with dimensions for every model of a VPE residence?
- Would you like to lure former neighbors to Leisure World with photos of its manicured grounds, the 18-hole golf course, a wood-working shop, garden plots, a U.S. Post Office, bank, tennis and pickle ball courts, indoor and outdoor pools, onsite medical/dental center with pharmacy and so, so much more?
- Do you need to phone, or email a VPE Board of Directors member or learn who serves on VPE Committees or as VPE representatives to the LW Advisory Committees???

It's all on our website.

Step II - There is no Step II; it's that easy. Click on vantagepointeast.com. Check it out for yourself.

Happy Hour—Continued



Lyn Tanenholtz and Eunice Kahn



New Address!

All electronic submissions for *The View* should be sent to:

vpe-the-view@googlegroups.com

Residents' Column

Queries, Comments Invited

We are reminding you that the opportunity exists to ask a question or make a comment that you think would be of interest to your VPE neighbors. Submissions should be brief (100-250 words) and signed, and topics do not necessarily have to relate to VPE. The writer may remain anonymous in *The View*, but must be known to the editor. (Queries about VPE will be given to the appropriate committee or Board member for a reply, which will be printed in the Residents' Column in a future issue.) Please deliver all submissions to address:
vpe-the-view@googlegroups.com

Building & Grounds Committee

By Bruce Hulman, Chairman of B&G Committee

The Building & Grounds Committee had an abbreviated meeting on June 15, 2022 as there was not a great deal to discuss on the agenda.

The Building & Grounds Committee did approve an invoice for emergency generator maintenance



Visitors at VPE

Mark These Dates

COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Activities	Aug 3	10: 30 am
Communications	Aug 3	1:30 pm
Building & Grounds	Aug 17	1:30 pm
Budget & Finance	Aug 23	1:30 pm Z
Board of Directors	July 28	1:30 pm Z

Z indicates meeting is via Zoom.

Please let the **VPE Sunshine Committee** know of any ill, bereaved or new residents who should be acknowledged. Call Marylin Jordan (301) 598-0174 or Barbara Halperin (240) 242-3451.

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