

The Regents Squire

News

Budget Passed

The proposed Regents Square Condominium budget was passed during the September 10, 2008, annual meeting with no increase in homeowner fees.

If you would like another copy of that budget, please contact Bruce Blumberg at Abaris Realty (301-468-8919).

During the 2008 annual meeting, residents also re-elected five Board members.

Seeking New Board Member

We are sad to report that Mary Boland has stepped down from the Board. **We currently are seeking volunteers to fill the vacancy until the September elections.**

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Important Information

Recycling in the Regents Square Community

As you know, the Board has contracted for Wednesday pickup of recycling. Your participation in this program is required to ensure that the community meets its mandated Montgomery County recycling goals. The following chart provides a refresher on recycling guidelines.

STANDARD MATERIALS

Acceptable items:

- Metal food and beverage cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic beverage containers coded with a "1" or "2" on the bottom
- Newspapers and inserts

Unacceptable items:

- No caps or lids
- No mirror or window glass
- No glasses, cups, plates, cookware, ceramics, or light bulbs
- No other household metal items such as pots, pans, tubing, aluminum siding, furniture, propane tanks, etc.
- No plastic food containers such as margarine, yogurt, cottage cheese, or deli containers
- No plastic wrap or bags, no Styrofoam containers
- No automotive parts or automotive product containers (oil, antifreeze, etc.)
- No plastic toys or gadgets
- No pesticide containers

MIXED PAPER

Acceptable items:

- Cereal and other boxes (flattened)
- Computer and office paper
- Corrugated cardboard (flattened)
- Newspapers and inserts
- Paperback books and telephone books
- Unwanted mail

Unacceptable items:

- Foil gift-wrap, paper towels, napkins or tissues
- Food-soiled paper such as plastic or wax-coated liners, pizza boxes
- Packing materials like Styrofoam or plastic
- Paper or cardboard contaminated with paint, chemicals, kitty litter, water, or anything else
- Wax paper, carbon paper, hard-backed books, beverage containers such as milk or juice cartons

Community Events

Time to Clean Up the Neighborhood

Mark your calendars and get ready to haul your junk to the curb because our trash contractor is ready to pick up old furniture, appliances, and other bulky items.

We'll distribute a flyer with the details closer to the date, but for those who want to get a head start ...

Friday, May 1: All storage bins (and bicycles kept in the front rooms of basements) must be labeled with current information and date.

May 2-5: Put bulky items for special trash pick-up at inside ends of parking lots. (No hazardous waste, bricks, pavers, stones, concrete blocks, computer monitors, or laptops.)

Wednesday, May 6: Special trash pick-up.

Questions? Call your Board rep listed on the back page.



Maintenance Requests

If you have a maintenance request that you believe should be handled by the condominium, please contact management directly. You can reach property manager Bruce Blumberg at 301-468-8919.

Please do not ask the workers, including Pat Sharp, to address any maintenance issues.

Your Neighbors Recommend... *

Facility Services Company

301-340-2665

FSC is the landscaper used by the Condo Association Board for community-wide projects so the workers know what bushes and plants will grow well in Regent Square.

Do you have a vendor to recommend? Email Robin Ferrier at ferrier_robin@yahoo.com

*** Vendors are not endorsed by the Board.**

News from the City

Update on Verizon FiOS

Last year, the City of Rockville approved an agreement that will allow Verizon to build its fiber to the premises (FTTP) project in the City. City employees assure us that Verizon will distribute door hangers when they are getting ready to install in our neighborhood. For more information, visit <http://www.verizon.com/md> and click on "Fiber Cable Construction."

Bus Stops

You may have noticed that the City of Rockville recently added shelters at some of the bus stops on Nelson Street. The Board has spoken with City representatives and has asked that the City consider adding a structure to the bus stop at the corner of Nelson Street and Azalea Drive. If you would like to support this request, please contact our Neighborhood Resources Coordinator at the email or phone listed at the end of this column.

New Bus?

If you read *Rockville Reports*, you may have seen mention of a new "round Rockville" bus. The bus referenced is Route 45. The bus and service will still be run by Montgomery County. The only changes will be the look of the bus and that it will be going down Maryland Ave.

Rockville Town Center Updates

Current estimates have the Super Fresh grocery store opening up a location in Rockville Town Center in late fall of this year.

In addition, please note that starting Monday, May 4, the City of Rockville will expand the days and hours for paid parking at Town Center garages and meters to include weekdays, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Saturdays, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Community-City Liaison

Have a question for the City? Contact Neighborhood Resources Coordinator Orlando Heyliger at 240-314-8137 or oheyli@rockvillemd.gov

Grounds & Maintenance

Snow Removal

Snow removal is one of the services provided by the Condominium Association. You are therefore not required to shovel your doorways, walkways or stairs. However, we pay for snow removal by the hour so any help you can provide cuts down on condo expenses and is greatly appreciated by all.

In addition, please remember to keep all newspapers and other items off the walks as it slows the snow cleanup. If you are going on vacation, ask a neighbor to collect your newspapers or consider temporarily suspending your subscription while you are away.

Feeding our Furry (and Feathered) Friends

Just a reminder that while you may think leaving out bread crumbs or other food for birds or other creatures may be kind, you are attracting vultures, foxes, squirrels, mice, rats, and other creatures to our neighborhood.

Squirrels can get in our attics. Mice can get in our houses. And all of these animals can be rabid and present a threat to our residents. **So please do not feed the wildlife.**

Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils, and Grease

Did you know that discharging your fats, oils, and grease (FOGs) into the sewer system or storm drains can result in sewer backups?

When FOGs are deposited down the drain, they cool and solidify to form hard deposits that cause blockages and breaks. This can result in raw sewage overflowing from manholes and backing up into homes.

Guidelines on proper disposal: 1) Pour cooled FOGs into a can, wait for it to harden, and throw it in the trash. 2) Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash. 3) Use sink strainers to catch fatty food items and empty the strainer into the trash.

Please do not pour kitchen grease or oil down the drain or toilet.

Rules and Regs

Insurance Policy Deductible Changes

Effective January 1, 2009, State Farm, our Master Insurance carrier, mandated an increase in our deductible from \$2,500 to \$5,000 due to a number of recent insurance claims.

We want to remind you that the Master Insurance policy covers both the common elements and the interior structures of the units. However, owners must purchase coverage for the new \$5,000 condominium deductible and should purchase some "building coverage" to "cover" any interior upgrades. Please ask your insurance agent how much coverage you need.

The Regents Square Condominium's insurance does not pay for loss or damage to personal property, household goods, or vehicles; extra living expenses such as hotel costs, restaurant meals, etc., or unit owner personal liability.

Co-Owners Handbook

Please note that the Condominium Board currently is working on an update to the Regents Square Condominium Co-owners Handbook.

We hope to have the new and improved edition to homeowners this spring.

ODDS & ENDS

The Gazette Newspaper

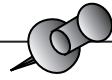
Our Property Manager has been receiving complaints from some Regents Square residents about *The Gazette*.

If you would like to stop delivery of *The Gazette* to your home, please call 301-670-7350.

Each resident must call separately for his/her individual unit.

Future Issues

Do you have suggestions for future issues of the newsletter? If so, please contact Robin Ferrier at ferrier_robin@yahoo.com.



Regents Square Condominium
Board of Directors
September 2008 - September 2009

<u>Area No</u>	<u>Units Represented</u>	<u>Board Representative</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
1	907-1015 Nelson 501-507 Azalea 500-516 Azalea	Sandy Gavin +	500 Azalea	301 762-7749
2	518-566 Azalea	Jackie Shipp +	614 Azalea	301 294-0145
3	602-662 Azalea	Carl Bauersfeld %	634 Azalea	301 424-5162
4	664-714 Azalea	Jim White +	704 Azalea	301 279-9059
5	716-764 Azalea	Ruth Koenigsberg %	758 Azalea	301 279-7263
6	766-824 Azalea	+		
7	741-831 Azalea	Joe Covey %	831 Azalea	301 279-0028
8	826-892 Azalea	Patty Wilson +	784 Azalea	301 610-6631
9	833-895 Azalea	Christine Malich %	566 Azalea	301 346 1616

% Elected September 2007 for two-year term ending September 2009

+ Elected September 2008 for two-year term ending September 2010

Officers

President.... Ruth Koenigsberg
 Vice President.... Sandy Gavin
 Treasurer.... Christine Malich
 Secretary.... Jackie Shipp

Committees

Animal Control.... Christine Malich
 Architecture & Buildings.... Carl Bauersfeld
 Budget & Audit.... Christine Malich
 Joe Covey
 Landscaping.... Sandy Gavin
 Jim White
 Newsletter Editor.... Robin Ferrier #
 Painting.... Joe Covey
 Simon Bustow #

Not on the Board of Directors

Other Important Contact Information

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 Abaris Realty, 12009 Nebel Street
 Rockville, MD 20852
 301 468-8919

Pest Control: Randolph E. Lynch
 Lynch Pest Control Company
 301 340-2960

BOARD MEETINGS

The Regents Square Board of Directors meetings are held on the second **Tuesday** of each month in the Senior Center located at 1150 Carnation Drive. Meetings start promptly at **7:30 p.m.** and are open to all co-owners and residents.

Meetings begin with a Co-Owners' Forum during which residents can bring comments, requests, complaints, and compliments to the attention of the Board.