

# DEVON COMMUNITY NEWS

## Johnson joins council

The Council asked Matt Johnson to fill the rest of Joan Taylor's term on Council. Matt will serve until the fall election.

Additionally, we appreciate Matt's initiative to reach out to Gerald Brady for hand sanitizers and his participation on the COVID committee.

During the Special Meeting, Matt shared some of his experiences as follows: He has served on other boards, such as, The Helen Graham Senior Center, as well as the Stapler Athletic Association. He was the founder of the Sallies turkey drive, which now feeds over 240 families every year.

Matt adds, "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. I am looking forward to running in the Fall."

## Laundry room update

Equipment Marketers inspected our facility and advised that, for their equipment to work correctly, each dryer needed its own exterior exhaust vent.

IPS and the vendor are discussing a 3-year contract with additional clauses addressing improved repair or replacement response. We will keep you posted with any updates.

## Phase 1 Lobby renovation update

Premier Builders has submitted the application for the permit to start Phase 1 of the first-floor renovation project, which includes the mailroom and first floor bathrooms.

The permits will take 4 to 6 weeks to obtain. The Lobby Design Committee will meet with Premier Builders in the interim to formalize the installation and communication plan for Phase 1 of the renovation project.

## Library materials available to residents

In preparation for the upcoming library renovation, all materials must be boxed and removed. Before taking this step, we have scheduled three dates for residents to get some books and puzzles before the library is closed. Every book and puzzle you take will mean fewer books we need to box and store.

Please do not bring any materials to leave in the library. You will have that opportunity when it reopens. This process requires us to follow the below **COVID** rules:

- Your mask must be on when in the library
- One person at a time in the library.
- Use the hand sanitizer before you enter.

### Library schedule

Saturday, September 12 1-3 pm

Tuesday, September 15 7-9 pm

Wednesday, September 16 1-3 pm

We hope you find items to enjoy from our wonderful collection.

## Cart usage: Do's and Don'ts

This is a gentle reminder for all residents to be mindful of cart usage. Be a good neighbor and follow these simple rules:

- Don't leave your cart in your apartment or in the hall until the next time you go down. Others may need it.
- Do return your cart quickly.
- Don't just push it out of the elevator and leave.
- Do stack it.
- Don't allow a cart to block a doorway—a violation of the fire code.
- Do return the cart to the correct spot—lobby or basement.
- Don't leave your trash in the cart.

## Service elevator flooring repair

While we deal with the flooring issue in the service elevator, a carpet was placed as a temporary measure to avoid a trip hazard.

The flooring contractor assessed the area on August 21 and determined that there is an issue with the subflooring, which is causing the floor tiles to bubble up.

New flooring has been ordered and the flooring technician will address the issue with the subflooring.

The carpet in the elevator has been professionally cleaned and will be rotated with another carpet for cleanliness until this issue is resolved.

## News to share?

We want this newsletter to be community focused, so we need your input.

Please feel free to provide a brief description, along with your contact information (for follow up purposes) and leave it in the drop box outside Kathleen's office.

## Parking rules and regulations

### Changes provide additional notices to residents

In May, Council voted to soften the consequences for parking violation. Initially, the Rules and Regulations had only one penalty for a parking violation - tow the offending car. This consequence was unduly harsh and would only be used in the most extreme cases. Council changed the Rules & Regulation to:

1. Slip of paper noting the infraction placed under the windshield wiper blade.
2. A letter from the Office advising the Unit Owner of the infraction.
3. On the 2nd occurrence of the infraction, a \$25.00 fine will be levied against the Unit Owner.
4. On the 3rd occurrence of the infraction, a \$100.00 fine will be levied against the Unit Owner.
5. On the 4th occurrence of the infraction, the towing company will be called. The Unit Owner will be liable for the towing costs and storage from the moment the towing company is called.

These rules are established to help maximize space in the parking lot for residents. The DC sticker, properly placed on the rear bumper or window, signifies that the vehicle has been registered with the Devon office and the resident had a current state vehicle registration and therefore verified insurance. A visitor tag, obtained from the doorman, signifies the vehicle has permission to be in our lot.

The DC sticker requirement is enforced for overnight parking. During the day, clients of first floor businesses, contractors, workers in the building, etc., are allowed to park in the available space.

Parking between the lines is important to ensure that your vehicle occupies only one spot and allows adequate space for entry to and exit ~~from~~ for the neighboring vehicle.

Before we changed the Rules and Regulations, we were finding a few of our neighbors were ignoring multiple requests from the Office to register their vehicle and park between the lines. Since we approved the fine schedule, essentially all vehicles in our parking lot have a DC sticker when checked early in the AM.

We are still seeing cars parked with their tires on or over the line. I am sure that in time, the driving skills of these drivers will improve, hopefully before we need to have the offending car towed.

As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Devon Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9AM-Noon & 1PM-3PM**

**If you have good news, a concern, or a complaint, please contact:**

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