



## **Alexandria Knolls West Condominium**

6101 Edsall Road  
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

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### **Coronavirus Update #11 Resident and Notary Services, Driveway Blockage, Fire Inspection**

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#### **Face Mask Requirement**

As the Governor has updated his orders as they relate to the present pandemic, Association's legal counsel advises us on what steps we need to take to respond. The most recent update sets forth a requirement that we everyone wear face coverings in public spaces. Our attorney has advised that that extends to the common element of the condo building.

In accordance with the governor's orders, beginning tomorrow—Friday—all residents, visitors, contractors, and employees will be required to wear a cloth face covering while in the hallways and stairways, and while going to the mailbox, retrieving packages, or otherwise transiting or about the ground floor. When working out during your slotted time in the gym you will not have to wear a face covering. You will not, of course, be required to wear one in your own apartment. Please be sure to make your contractors and visitors aware of this requirement.

#### **Update on the Resident Services Program/In-Unit Services Program**

At its May meeting, the Board of Directors voted to restart some essential parts of the Resident Services Program (RSP). In March, the In-Unit Service portion of the RSP was suspended as part of our initial response to COVID-19. As the pandemic is clearly not going away any time soon the Association has studied ways to offer essential in-unit services in a way that protects the health and safety of both residents and staff. Effective immediately the services listed below will be offered at the temporarily increased prices noted:

Service: Temporary Price/Regular Price

- Faucet Washers: \$32.50/\$25
- Unclog/Snake Drain: \$50/\$40
- Garbage Disposal Reset: \$32.50/\$25
- Garbage Disposal Unclog: \$50/\$40
- Replace Toilet Seat: \$32.50/\$25
- Replace Toilet Seat Where Bolts Are Frozen: \$50/\$40
- Replace Light Bulbs: \$22.50/\$15
- Reset Circuit Breaker: \$22.50/\$15
- Fix Door or Drawer Handles: \$32.50/\$25
- Water Shut-Offs: \$75/\$50

The costs are being temporarily increased to cover the additional cost to the Association of providing these services, namely the costs of purchasing Personal Protective Equipment and supplies to facilitate cleaning of work areas in owners' units. The costs will revert to their previous levels when these additional measures are no longer necessary.

Please note this important additional guideline residents must adhere to: During the work, residents must either be out of their unit—or on the balcony, or wear a face covering over both their mouth and nose and remain ten feet away from the employees. There is no exception to this, and employees are directed to cease work and leave if residents violate this protocol.

Other key program guidelines remain in effect. You can find the full policy [HERE](#).

Hopefully with these new, protective measures the Association can offer these vital services in a way that protects our residents and our employees.

### **Notary Services Resume, With Precautions**

AKW Board Treasurer Sharon Grant is the Board's official notary public and she offers the service to her AKW neighbors. Sharon had suspended offering the service owed to concerns about the current pandemic. Research and scientific understanding have netted us enough facts on limiting virus spread and protecting ourselves and our neighbors such that she believes precautions can be put into place to allow her to again offer the service. If you'd like to receive notary public service reach out to Sharon at [sharon@akwcondo.com](mailto:sharon@akwcondo.com) to schedule a time to meet. Be prepared to observe safe social distancing and to wear gloves and a face covering. The good news? The Association covers the notary fees so the service is offered to you at no charge!

### **East Driveway Blockages**

Virginia American Water has made us aware that there is an emergency repair necessary on the east side of the building. The timing is most inopportune as the west side driveway is already blocked by the crane servicing the roof replacement. Virginia American Water stated that they will assign someone to direct traffic during the project, as one lane of the driveway will be blocked. The emergency work is expected tomorrow and/or Monday, weather dependent. We asked if they could postpone the work until after the roof work is complete and the crane is gone but they stated that the work could not wait.

### **Annual Fire Inspection Results**

There was a problem with one of the strobes on one floor that needs to be repaired before we can pass our fire inspection. Once the repair is complete there will be another fire alarm test to verify that the repair was effective and to achieve a "pass" on the test. Unfortunately, we cannot isolate just that floor and a building-wide alarm test will be required. Details on the date forthcoming once we get that information.

### **Start Your Engines**

Just a reminder to go to your car and start it once in a while. Several residents have mentioned not being able to get their vehicles started owed to dead batteries.