

KNOLLS NEWS

Praises galore to our *Decorating Divas!*

When **Dail Claridge** was able to round up **Pam McCaffrey**, **K.C. Snyder**, **Sharon Grant** and **Kay Wilmoth** (pictured below), she absolutely got the Best of the Best! Why have these ladies been hiding their lights under a barrel? Their solution to the problem of the same-old-boring-decorations proved that creativity and excellence and perfection and downright *skill*, will keep them “employed” for many years to come! **Congratulations, Ladies!** A beautiful job, well done! Our “Landscaping Committee” will never be the same!



Presidential Points of View

I hope this finds you home safely and relaxed after the Holiday season and looking forward to a healthy and prosperous 2016.

Even during the Holiday season, work continued on completing the replacement and installation of new HVAC units for those owners who purchased them. Kudos go out to Wendy Shelley for her tireless work in organizing and coordinating the HVAC replacement effort.

Our next project, scheduled in late January or early February, will be the replacement of two elevator door mechanisms. Notices will be sent out once a schedule has been determined. Other projects are in the queue, but announcements will come from Building & Grounds in the ensuing months.

Unfortunately, we enter the new year losing Jose Castillo (a.k.a. "Jose 1") who has decided to retire and enjoy life with his wife and family. This will be a tremendous loss not only for the Association but to many of us who consider him as our friend. Jose has been with us over 30 years, longer than most of our residents! We will miss his dedication and the loyalty that he has given our Community throughout his time with us. Although he retired on December 28th, we will organize a retirement party for Jose sometime in January. (Jose has given the Office his home phone number for those residents who would like to contact him for various chores in their units.)

I'll take this opportunity to thank the many Volunteers who gave of their time and effort and expertise during 2015 to continue making AKW the community we all want it to be. We strongly encourage those who have not done so to participate in any of our committees; your time, expertise and efforts reward all of us! When you participate, we all benefit.

And a super 2016 to all of us!
Ron Jones



HVAC UPDATE

from Wendy Shelley

Certainly by now everyone has become aware of HVAC replacement, whether you're on the *Receiving* end or just the *Inconvenience* end of this huge project! And, by now, we've had all good reports --- no matter the inconvenience to everyone! Yes, it's hard going thru the dust and debris for the better part of a week, but well worth it!

What we must point out here, tho, is that this *Inconvenience* is going to continue (thank goodness it's only a Tier at a time!) for the next several weeks. The schedule will be put on the easel in the lobby, so you're aware of what's happening. HOWEVER, you will be able to notice the weekly Tier list getting shorter --- there **is** a light at the end of the tunnel!

Jammie has been right on top of things and when he saw a problem, HUI fixed it immediately. We've had terrific service and give kudos to Jamie Durand, the Project Manager. Dylan is also "Johnny-on-the-Spot" to be able to notify Participants when there has to be a change in the broad schedule we've announced. And of course, Mary McClelland and Chae are intimately involved in all this; Attaboys to them, too!

We do have to emphasize, too, that everyone who is affected during a Tier shutdown has to remember to be super flexible in their own schedules. You'll have noticed that Tier 6 went from Week One to Week Two. Saturdays had to be scheduled for pillar repair work and other little touch-ups and generally fixing glitches. With winter weather now bearing down on us, HUI may have to stop any installations during ridiculously low temps (so *some* heat can still be on!). Pillar demo and repair may still go on, however, so be prepared for change! Those with Day Jobs should alert their bosses/staff that you may be away suddenly!

I'd be remiss to not acknowledge some *real inconvenience* to those on the 2nd floor who have to put up with the pipe drainage situation. Huge thanks to all of you --- past, present, and future!!! Literally, installations couldn't be done without your cooperation!

(Now, if only I can keep all these caveats in mind when my turn comes in mid-month!!)

Building & Grounds

from Mary McClelland, Chair

To my Regulars and Irregulars; Supporters and Detractors; Spawned Committees (HVAC & Exercise Rooms); AKW board members; Wonderful Porters, Building Engineer Extraordinaire, and Gracious and Courageous Building Manager...THANK YOU!!!! I couldn't do it without you!

Also, to the cooperative "*F-parking-space-parkers*," a special THANK YOU for so graciously giving up your parking spaces so dumpsters and vendors' vehicles have a temporary place to call their own. You'll get your spaces back eventually. Enjoy a snow-scraping-free winter.

**Thank You! Muchas Gracias!
Merci Beaucoup! Danke Schon!**



Mary and Chae hard at work

Fitness Center Improvement Committee (FCIC)

Bill Munson reports that the men's new sauna heater has been installed. The women's sauna was checked out and found fully functional.

Did you know?

- * Both our saunas were designed to be steam rooms and apparently were converted to saunas early in the building's history? This is why they have tile walls, sloped ceilings, and floor drains.
- * The showers are there to complement the saunas? *They are **not** there just so you can clean up after your workout!*

Suggestions on how to use the sauna, taken from the brochure that came with our original units, *will be posted (soon)* in the facilities. *For your advance information, however, **CAUTION, PLEASE** — Elderly persons or those suffering from heart disease or high blood pressure should consult a physician before taking saunas.*

No meeting dates or other developments on the FCIC yet, but expect an eventful 2016!

VISITOR PARKING REMINDER

Visitors are always welcome, but remind them about available, unreserved parking.

Visitor Parking spaces:

B visitor spaces (By the tennis court)

B42, B43

D visitor space (By the tennis court)

D17

C visitor spaces (Edsall Rd. West driveway)

C13 C20 C33 C34

C35 C37 C38 C39

V visitor spaces (Across from pool)

Spaces 5-22

No spaces in **F** due to contractors working (Normally 4 spaces)

Remind your visitors to register, **including** the parking space they are using, in the log in the lobby. The sign-in sheets have been revised to include a mobile phone number so they can be reached quickly in the event of an issue. Visitor parking is also available in the north cul-de-sac *during the evenings and on weekend.*

Reminder re Water Shutoffs

To those who need to schedule shutoffs (water to kitchens and baths), please refer to the dates on the monthly calendars posted on the bulletin board opposite the elevators. Other "rules" that Chae has to follow are:

- Chae has to give 4 (business) days' notice to Tier Residents.
- Jammie has to be present to do the shutoffs.
- If the Resident requests shutoff on the scheduled "routine" days, there is no charge (it's *free!*).
- If the Resident requests shutoff on a different day, payment of **\$50** is required as soon as the day is confirmed, because the same 4-day notice must be distributed to the Tier.
- If no one requests it, the Tier is not shut down.
- All shutoffs come *after 9am*, and are routinely finished *before 4pm*.
- Shutoffs are generally *not* done on Mondays and Fridays.
- Emergency shutoffs require a \$50 payment to AKW (and still require Jammie's presence).

These are the folks who make it happen!



(l-r) Luis Nativi, Jose Fonseca, Micha'lyn (Chae) Washington,
Jammie Marshall, Jose Castillo

Hi-Rise Windows

PRESENTATION SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Mark your calendars!

COMMUNICATIONS ...

Have a photo of life at AKW that you want to share? The AKW Communication Committee is looking for pics of our community: the building, our neighbors, the grounds, the view from your balcony, or an old snapshot that speaks to our community's history, for possible inclusion in AKW's website. The website is undergoing design and content development now and the committee hopes to have Phase One *live* in 2016's first quarter. Phase Two, which will include a resident/owner log-in area, will be available later in 2016. Please send along your photos--and any questions you have--to Quade at AKWQuade@outlook.com, or drop them in his folder in the office.

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Following up from last month ...

We had asked for any recommendations you have for vendors who have worked in your unit that you feel would be a good fit for others who might have the same "problem" or "condition" or just in general. Strange that there were only TWO for us to pass on this month. Obviously, there will be no "chart", but here they are:

Pete Pietropaoli highly recommends **Vienna Aluminum** (703-961-9954). Pete and Ric had rollers replaced under (original) doors, making them super-easy to open. (Wendy had them do screens years ago, and they were absolutely excellent.)

Pam McCaffrey "had a very successful experience" with **Universal Service** (703-461-7708), saying "they can do most anything." They did a total remodel of her unit. Easy to work with; get items at good prices overall (in comparison with other bids). Family business; ask for Linda (she's also good at design).



HVAC REPLACEMENT PROPOSED START DATES

NEXT WEEK

January 4 – 8 (Monday thru Friday)
Tier 8: 508, 708, 808, 1108, 1208, 1708 (12)
+ partial 1806 (1)

FOLLOWING WEEK

January 11 – 15 (Monday thru Friday) (Phase I)
Tier 3: 303, 503, 903, 1103 (8)
Tier 7: 407, 707, 1407, 1707 (8)

STILL TO COME

January 18 – 22 (Monday thru Friday)
Tier 1: 201, 301, 1001, 1501 (7)
Tier 2: 302, 402, 1002 (6)

January 25 – 29 (Monday thru Friday) (Phase II)
Tier 3: 1203, 1403, 1503, 1603, 1703+ partial 1803 (11)

February 1 – 5 (Monday thru Friday)
Tier 4: 904, 1504, 1604 (6)
Tier 5: 205, 405, 505, 1005, 1405+ partial 1803 (11)

February 8 – 12 (Monday thru Friday)
Tier 12: 612, 712, 812, 912, 1712, + partial 1808 (12)

IMPORTANT DATES in JANUARY

- ◆ **Security & Safety** **Tue, 1/12**
- ◆ **By-Laws** **Wed, 1/13**
- ◆ **Building & Grounds** **Mon, 1/18**
- ◆ **Hi-Rise Windows PRESENTATION** **Mon, 1/25**
- ◆ **Board of Directors** **Tue, 1/26**

**All meetings held at 7:00 PM in the Community Room,
unless noted otherwise**

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Guard Mobile	703-635-6668
AKW Office	703-751-7541
Email: akwmainoffice@gmail.com	
AKW Fax	703-751-2136
A-1 Towing	703-971-2600
Police non-emergency	703-746-4444
Police emergency	911



Board of Directors

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**Happy
New Year!**