

St. Asaph Square Newsletter

May and June 2014

Our Saint Asaph Square website has lots of news and information for you.
Check it out at <http://www.st-asaph-square.com>.

Board President's Report

Debbie Bowman, President



Hello Neighbors

With the pool opening, we know that summer is finally here. With any luck, it will not be as crazy as our winter! I hope you've been able to take advantage of the recent good weather to appreciate our beautiful landscaping!

It has been an exciting spring. Good news on the elevator front. The elevator project is progressing on schedule so the update of elevator #1 will be completed before we know it.

Thanks to all of our Committee volunteers who work so tirelessly to improve our Community. I encourage more owners to get involved. We have Committees for Pool, Decorating, Budget, Landscaping, Social, and Covenants. If you are interested in participating in any of them, I would be happy to put you in touch with the right Committee Chair.

If you have not already done so, please take some time to check out our Saint Asaph Square website (<http://www.st-asaph-square.com>) which has a lot of information you should find helpful. Our site works with the Firefox, Safari or Internet Explorer browsers. I hope you will start checking the online calendar on the "Owners/Residents" tab to keep up to date with things going on in our community. Mr. Serry or I can provide you with the password to access that page. Please let me know what else you would find helpful. You can even use the form on the "Contact Us" tab to do that. Thanks in advance for your suggestions!

Welcome Wagon

*Debby Palmer-Mills & Shari Keefer,
Chair and Co-Chair*



Beverly Ann Hollis has recently moved into Unit 206 and Celeste Johnston is our new resident in Unit 123. A very warm welcome to you both!

Social Committee

Ginny Long, Chair



Our "Dinners Out" outings are always fun, and they're a great way to explore the many wonderful restaurants in the area. Ralph Rosenbaum is our very own maître'd, and this time he's made arrangements for us at *Carmine's*, the sister restaurant of the ever-popular Italian restaurant *Carmine's* of Times Square in New York City. If you'd like to car-pool, come to the South Pitt Street lobby at 6:30 pm, or you could meet us there at 7:00 pm. The address is 425 7th St., NW. The reservation will be made under "St. Asaph Square". Please let Ralph know by Thursday, May 29 if you're planning to come so that final arrangements can be made. *Ciao*, and hope to see you there!

Happy Hour continues at about 5:30 p.m. every Friday on the Saint Asaph Street patio, now that the weather is warmer. Come on down – the more the merrier.

Landscape Committee

Bev Keane, Chair

Barbara Ballentine, Researcher



We invite and welcome residents to join the Landscape Committee.

Decorating Committee



Linda Burton, Chair

The Decorating Committee has been busy meeting with contractors and decorators these last few weeks. We are coming up with ideas for updating our lobbies and will have our recommendations to share with you soon!



HAPPY SUMMER!

With the Memorial Day Holiday just around the corner it's time to start thinking about swimming, summer activities, and picnics and barbecuing!

I'd like to take this opportunity to provide a few reminders in regards to the above. This year there is a new pool management company with new lifeguards and supervisors. The American Pool Company has been awarded the contract for the 2014 season. As a reminder...please remember to bring your pool passes and surrender them to the pool guard upon entering the facility. Entrance to the swimming pool should be made through the bathhouse main gate and all residents are required to shower before entering the water. Pool rules and regulations as well as hours of operation are available in the management office should you desire to receive a duplicate copy.

There is nothing like the flavor of grilled food! The barbecuing areas (residents are to supply their own grills) are located on the plaza deck in three separate locations. Two areas on the Northeast side of the Plaza and one area in the Northwest plaza near the handicapped bath facility. Please remember to clean up your grill and area. Never leave burning embers unattended. If your grill is in disrepair please contact Mr. Serry for removal and disposal.

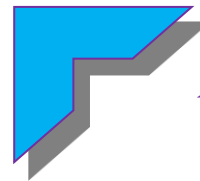
The elevator project is proceeding on schedule as planned.

Unfortunately, when the first lift on Pitt Street was removed from service the individual lift on St. Asaph Street failed and was taken out of service. It took many man hours and several technicians to troubleshoot the problem make repairs and get it back in service. We thank you for your patience. Hopefully this repair will last until the renovation of that lift is completed.

SUMMER HOURS

Cardinal Management Group Corporate Office hours will change beginning June 2, thought Labor Day. The office hours will be 8:00-5:00 Monday - Thursday and 8:00-12:00 on Friday.

If you have any questions about the goings on around the community, please feel free to shoot me an email or call me directly.



Yahya M. Serry
On-site Manager

**LEARN TO FOLLOW THE RULE...
IT SAVES LIFE AND MONEY**

It all started as I was heading home at the end of the day. After locking the office, I turned around heading to my car in the garage; I spotted a contractor worker leaving the elevator with his equipment, heading to the main door to exit the building. I told him to use the loading dock door instead. He paid me no attention. He grabbed a couple of his tools and headed for the main door. By the time he came back for the rest of his equipment, I was there and tried to stop him from going through the main door again. This was the time when all hell got loose. He dropped his equipment and became very agitated. He said he would beat me up if I ever touch him again. He repeatedly tried to exit the building through the lobby door, and I just stood at the door way and told him he would have to go through me to get out of the building. He finally went out through the loading dock. When I went out with my car to get his company's number from his truck, he grabbed two business cards, opened my passenger side door and through them at me and then slammed the door. He repeated this several times cursing until I had to move away in a hurry. His co-worker did nothing to stop him but was very apologetic. I feel like this guy would have done me harm if had he had a weapon.



The incident described above is one of many that I have encountered with contractors. However, none is a match in violence to this. This, and all others, would have been prevented if the proper procedure was followed by unit owners and/ or their agents. Lots and lots of owners do construction in the building without following the rules. It is understandable that not all projects need Board approval.

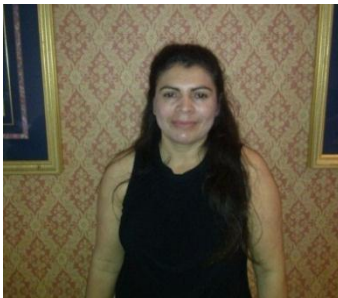
However, it is the rule, for the safety of the residents and staff, and for the proper upkeep of the property, to have all contractors use the loading dock, especially when they are carrying tools and equipment. This can only be effective if owners are willing to abide by it.

My appeal to all owners and residents is to please make sure that all contractors working on the Pitt Street side only have access to the building through the loading dock. All owners and residents have to do is give contractors the key to the loading lock. For those on the St. Asaph Street side, please let your contractors know that the only alternative is to use the side door by the swimming pool gate. Remember that St. Asaph Square is your property. The right and responsibility to protect and maintain its value is yours, but no other person else.



For each newsletter issue, editor Mary Ann Radebach selects a lucky resident or staff member to interview. So right now, it's time for (cue the band)

 *Getting to Know You...* 
by Mary Ann Radebach



Maria Lopez

If you are up and about in the early morning, you probably see *Maria Lopez* at her job as housekeeper at St. Asaph Square. Maria has worked at St. Asaph Square for seven years. She enjoys her work and likes to see everything clean.

Maria is a native of El Salvador and lives in Alexandria. She is the mother of 5 children, Marlon- 27 years, Hugo- 24 years, Wendy-22 years, Tony-19 years and Nilson-15 years. Only Hugo, Tony and Nilson still live at home. In addition, she is the proud grandmother of three grandchildren. When she is at home with her family, she likes to cook. Her specialties are salads and chicken.

If you see Maria in the halls, say hello to her. She works hard to make St. Asaph a good place to live and we all appreciate her efforts.

Our "Odds and Ends" is for all kinds of things...from thoughtful commentary, to recipes, to words of appreciation and more. Please feel free to join in.

Odds and Ends



In the Mailbox....

"The new elevator is just beautiful. The committee did a great job. Am eager to ride it. Also, the roses are lovely on Green and Asaph."

Sent by Ann Louise Mapes, Unit ??

Reminders



Our Monthly Board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the South Pitt St. lobby. **The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 17.** The meetings are the place for the unit owner to voice questions, comments, concerns, criticisms and complaints.



- We have a little library on the 3rd floor of the South Pitt Street side.
- Residents are requested not to use the entryway rugs to keep the door open while checking their mailboxes. Doing so causes unnecessary wear on the new rugs. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- Residents are reminded not to park in designated parking spaces unless they have the owner's prior approval. Visitors who use the outdoor visitors' parking spots need to register these vehicles with the office. If the office is closed, please put a sign on the

dashboard indicating which unit the car is visiting. The complex reserves the right to tow non-registered vehicles.

- *There is a NO SMOKING policy in common areas of Saint Asaph Square, including open air balconies.*
- Please ensure that all trash and recycling is placed in the receptacles in the trash room and that trash and chute rooms are kept free of non-bagged waste. Boxes should be flattened before placing in receptacles. Note: Single Stream Recycling is in effect. Recyclable material can be placed in the marked recycling bins and does not need to be separated by type as before.
- Mr. Serry collects donations of used clean clothing, shoes, and canned goods to send to needy people in his homeland of Sierra Leone. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

MEET THE TEAM

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Ginny Long, Vice President
Bev Keane, Secretary
Donna Douglas, Treasurer
Ralph Rosenbaum, Member at Large

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If you'd like to submit an item for publication
In the upcoming July/August issue, please
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by July 15.

Please note ~~

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- If you would like to receive the newsletters using our *website*, just log onto <http://www.st-asaph-square.com> and go to the *Owners/Residents'* tab where the newsletters are posted (please see Mr. Serry for the password you will need to access that page). Deb Bowman, creator of the website, will be happy to assist you if you have any problems or questions.

If you do not have a computer and would like hard copies of the newsletters to be delivered to you, please notify us with a note under our door (#427 or #216) and we'll be happy to do that.

*Your St. Asaph Square Newsletter editors,
Van Keane and Ginny Long*