

Algonquin House Newsletter



Around the House

Social Events...

●The monthly **TGIF** will be hosted by the 10th floor, and held on **March 16th**. *This event is always scheduled for the third Friday of each month and the hours are from 5:30 - 7:30p.m.* The hosts provide decorations and set-ups. Bring your own alcoholic beverage and an appetizer to share.



●The **movie** for **March** is **Home Again**, starring Reese Witherspoon as Alice Kinney in a modern romantic comedy. Life for this single mom in Los Angeles takes an unexpected turn when she allows three young guys to move in with her. It will be shown on **Tuesday, March 13, 1:30 – 3:30p.m.** *Thank you, Roy and Bettie Jean Darnell, for sponsoring a “Movie of the Month” complete with snacks!*

● The **Belly Dancing Class** meets **Mondays at 10:30 am** and some **Wednesdays at 10:00am** in the Algonquin Room. **The cost is \$5.00 per session.** New members are welcome! This is more of an exercise class than a dance class, and stresses building up core strength.



Mark your Calendars...

- **Daylight Saving Time** begins **Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 a.m.** Set your clocks *ahead* one hour. Remember, *Spring forward, Fall back!*
- **The monthly Board Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, March 20**, starting at **5:30 p.m.** for the Homeowner’s forum. ***The formal meeting starts at 5:40 p.m.** An additional 10 minute Homeowner’s Forum session will be held immediately following the Board meeting. Board meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. ***Please note this is an evening meeting.**
- The **Riverfront Civic League** will hold its’ next quarterly meeting here on **Monday, April 23.** Toni



Pridgen, 2F, is the Algonquin House representative. All residents are welcome to attend to hear the latest news about our neighborhood and have input on upcoming projects.



Around the Corner...

✿ Daylight Saving Time Begins	March 11
✿ TGIF	March 16
✿ St. Patrick’s Day	March 17
✿ First Day of Spring	March 20
✿ Board Meeting (at 5:30p.m.)	March 20
✿ Passover Begins	March 30
✿ Good Friday	March 30

- Kudos to the 11th floor residents for presenting a lovely “Silver and Gold” themed TGIF. Ted Forte and his team worked wonders! Speaking of our monthly TGIFs, a few reminders may be needed. Please bring enough food for about 8 people, and more if you’re bringing guests. Out-of-town guests are welcome. If you are one of the host/hostesses, you *may* bring a food item although it is not required.
- Reminder: If you have to **call 911**, please call the front desk so they can hold the large elevator for the EMT staff and their equipment.
- Looking for something to do on March 17th (in addition to enjoying corned beef and cabbage, and maybe some green beer?) **Norfolk’s 51st ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK’S DAY PARADE** begins at **10:00a.m.** at Northside Middle School, which is located at the corner of Westmont Ave and Granby Street. The parade proceeds North on Granby, turns left at A View Ave, turns left on First View Street, and ends at the intersection of First View and Government Ave. Immediately following

the parade, from **noon until 4:00 p.m.**, is the After Parade Party, hosted by The Columbian Club of Ocean View. There will be live music, food, and fun. This event is open to the public (21 and up).



From the Board...

- Have you noticed the box on the front desk labeled **Homeowner's Forum**? It is for your questions/suggestions for the manager or Board. Please include your name as anonymous messages will not be addressed.
- Have you ever wonder how much your monthly HOA dues cover? Well, let's begin with our utilities. Yes, our fees cover all of them; gas, electric, water, sewage, trash pick-up, and basic cable. But they also cover the door staff, front desk staff, cleaning staff, management, maintenance staff, swimming pool, library, use of a banquet room with kitchen, hotel-like guest rooms, and beautiful grounds which include gas grills for cooking out. And there's more! The fees also cover the maintenance contracts for the elevators, heating and cooling systems, generator, and swimming pool, to name just a few. Then there's landscaping, tree trimming, caulking, filter changes for our convectors, and the parking lot. Obviously you get the idea of how far a dollar can be stretched. We live in a wonderful gently-aging building that has been well-maintained and we certainly want to keep it that way. This is "Easy Living" for a small price. I hope everyone enjoys this wonderful home with great community spirit where there's always something happening as much as Joe and I do!

Ellie Marasco, President

- A gentle reminder Everyone is permitted to use the Algonquin Room kitchen when hosting gatherings there. For the convenience of everyone, please adhere to the following guidelines: clean up any spills you make on the counters, stovetop, or in the oven; if using dishes, utensils, pots and pans from the kitchen, wash them, dry them, and put them back; make sure to put your name on items you put into the refrigerator since the items not labeled will be thrown away. The refrigerator on the left is for resident use, and the one on the right is for the employees. If you drop off goodies for the staff to enjoy, please put a note on them, and also let the front desk person know. Be sure to tell them to pass the news on to incoming staff.

● What's the latest news in **recycling**? A recent Virginian Pilot article listed both cartons and plastic bottles as recyclable, but said plastic bags, pizza boxes, and beer caps (what?!) are not. More newspaper articles will be forthcoming as efforts continue to decrease the amount of contamination in landfills. Paper, bottles, and cans are generally okay.

● **Thank you to the Maintenance Staff** for installing natural gas detectors in units that have gas stoves. This is yet another safety feature of living at The Algonquin House!



● St. Patrick's Day occurs annually on March 17 in observance of the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Most of us know that it is associated with being Irish, shamrocks, wearing green, getting pinched, luck, leprechauns, and corned beef and cabbage, and St. Patrick's Day has become one of the most popular cultural events worldwide. So who was St. Patrick? Born to a wealthy British family in the late 3rd or early 4th century, at 16 he was captured and sold in Ireland as a slave. He escaped and became a monk, and later returned to Ireland as a missionary. He chose to incorporate traditional rituals into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish. Did he introduce Christianity to Ireland, banish snakes from the island, and use the 3-leaf Shamrock to teach the Holy Trinity? Nope. Those legends can be simply classed as Irish folklore.

*May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light,
may good luck pursue you each morning and night.*

(Irish toast)



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Committee chairs and others, please submit any information you'd like to have published in the newsletter to Newsletter editor Sally McPhillips, unit 6H, by the 20th of the month.

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