

Bristol Court Newsletter – March 2021

For health and safety reasons wildlife should be allowed to find their own source of food.

Two things need to be highlighted this month;

We need to congratulate our residents for their cooperation and patience during the February snow events. No one parked on the streets making snow removal a much more efficient task. Our maintenance staff worked tirelessly to keep our streets open. It is good to see the community pull together to 'weather the storm'. Hopefully, March will not include as much snow.

Secondly, our progress in the upper hallways renovation which began in mid-January is remarkable. 2400 Windsor is almost completed, and 400 Thames is finished. Work has begun on 600 Thames and 400 Ascot. We anticipate the completion of all four buildings by the beginning of May. Due to monetary constraints the remaining four buildings will be renovated beginning January 2022. It has been a long road to the completion of the firecode upgrades required by the City of Park Ridge but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. To recap our building elevators were updated to computerized controls and the addition of the 'fireman's recall' feature. All buildings had the fire alarm system upgraded to include hardwired smoke detectors, heat detectors and audible strobes in each unit with the inclusion of more sensors in the common areas. During the lobby renovations paneling was removed, fire caulking was applied, fire-rated ceiling panels were installed, and new fire doors were fitted at the stairwells and in the back halls as well as a separation fire door in the lobby. Upper hallways saw the removal of the paneling and new door jambs. Fresh paint and new wood trim is included to present an updated look. Main-floor horizontal plumbing replacement was also included in this extensive update as well as boiler replacement with more efficient units. The boiler replacement is the last phase of the project and we have 2 of the 14 boilers replaced to date. The pace of boiler replacement will accelerate once the upper hallways are completed.

Put it on your schedule

Please be prepared to allow access to your unit for the annual Spring Maintenance Check in preparation for the Air-Conditioning season. Due to the

corona virus the maintenance staff will perform the check using PPE and limiting their time in each unit. You will be asked to wear a mask while they are present in the unit and move into a room other than the one in which they are working. This is probably the most important maintenance task they perform. Everyone's fancoil units must be serviced before the summer. While staff is servicing the units Rado, our lead maintenance person, is working on the cooling towers. **The Spring Maintenance Check will begin in APRIL 2021.** A schedule will be published the end of this month. The weather determines when the air-conditioning season begins this May.

Two dates to remember:

Sunday, March 14th – the beginning of Daylight Savings Time.

Tuesday, April 6th – the Consolidated Election. Early voting begins March 10th

Areas of Concern:

As good neighbors we should all abide by the Association rules. In the garage these are listed on the door and in the laundry room they are on the wall. These are generally courtesy rules to assure our neighbors are treated the same as you would like to be. Even though rules are not posted in the storage areas; your belongings should be limited to your storage space. Please review the situation from your neighbor's point of view.

Security Issues:

Unfortunately, the world we live in can be a challenge. We have to be alert, use common sense and be proactive. Shred any sensitive documents you are recycling, don't give access to anyone you don't know who rings your bell and call the police if a package cannot be found after contacting the sender.