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# *SIERRA LANDING*

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*ON SUNDAY MAY 13TH  
SIERRA LANDING WISHES EVERY MOTHER AND  
GRANDMOTHER A WONDERFUL MOTHER'S DAY!*



Other Special Days In The Month Of May



May Day   Cinco de Mayo   National Teacher Day   Victoria Day  
Memorial Day   National Physical Fitness and Sports Month  
Asian American Heritage Month   Jewish American Heritage Month  
Skin Cancer Awareness Month   National Bike Month

## **IN THIS EDITION:**

**BOD Minutes Highlights**

**Have Something To Sell? Donate?**

**Pool Opening**

**Laundry Room Etiquette**

**Things that make you shake your  
head..**

**and much much more !!!**



**SIERRA LANDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 3, 2018 7PM COMMUNITY ROOM  
MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

**Resident Concerns:**

A bee's nest outside of the window of 11503 #2, facing the walkway of 11505 need addressing.

A resident question about laundry room floors, as 11601 has patches of the floor that need to be redone, as the old floor can be seen.

**Board Meeting:**

The April meeting minutes were approved.

**The BOD approved Drive Towing company to tow in parking lot when:**

- a car is blocking fire lanes
- illegally in a handicap space
- blocking the dumpsters
- is abandoned or a junk car
- taking up 2 spaces,
- inoperable / wrecked cars,
- at the Boards request for non-permit

The BOD approved roof repair work identified by Team Chateau at a cost of \$5,302 .

The BOD approved work in front of 11505 by Lawn Systems at a cost of \$1,650 to address water flow.

The BOD contracted Clean Advantage carpet cleaning at a cost of \$2,165.63. The BOD would like the carpet cleaning to occur immediately in May, with spot cleaning occurring in August and November.

The electrical outlet for the dumpster camera has been installed. Management will be reaching out with Innovative Security to get the camera installed to help control illegal dumping.

The BOD approved to have the Lease Addendum sent to owners for the required 30 days notice prior to the final board vote. The BOD would like to have Section D Item v. revised to include "Smoking, to include electronic cigarettes/vaping, ...."

**The meeting moved to closed session at 8:00 PM.**



# COMING TO A NEWSLETTER NEAR YOU:



## THE CLASSIFIED SECTION

**Do you have gently used items you no longer need (furniture, toys, electronics, baby items, etc)?**

**The Sierra Landing Newsletter will be starting a classified section where residents can advertise items for sale. Don't place these items outside the trash bins as that is in violation of the community by laws. Instead, consider placing an ad in the newsletter. It is a free service for all residents. Simply email [sierralanding@gmail.com](mailto:sierralanding@gmail.com). Write the word "CLASSIFIED" in the subject line.**

**Tell us what you are selling or giving away. Give your contact info.**

## ACTIVELY SEEKING BUILDING REPRESENTATIVES

Sierra Landing Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to serve as Building Representatives. We' like at least one resident owner from each building to be a "contact person" who would notify the BOD or Abaris of any concerns in their building. Unlike the building representatives of the past who helped sell laundry tokens to residents in their building, this volunteer opportunity requires a minimal time commitment. Let's make Sierra Landing a great place to live by making sure management is aware of issues that need to be addressed. If you are interested in being a Building Representative please email [sierralanding@gmail.com](mailto:sierralanding@gmail.com) and enter the words "Building Representatives" in the subject line. We will invite you to the meeting to find out more.

# POOL INFO!!!



**OPEN MAY 26 THRU SEPT 1**  
**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 4:00PM - 8:30PM**  
**SAT. SUN. AND HOLIDAYS 12 NOON - 8:30 PM**

All residents should be aware that the pool management company has been given strict instructions to check the pool pass registration list for every resident and to require that every resident sign-in when entering the pool facility. This is being done in order to ensure that the pool is only being used by members and their guest.



Denise Hasneh BOD, and Teresa Bernal BOD discuss pool equipment with Marko J. of Continental Pools.

# CAN WE TALK ABOUT THE LAUNDRY?



## Timing Your Laundry:

For most people, it doesn't take long to figure out how long it takes to wash a load of clothes and dry them. Common washing and drying times are 30-40 minutes to wash, and 45 minutes to an hour to dry. Because other people need to do laundry too, it is important to attend to your clothes promptly after the washing or drying cycle is done. Chances are, your neighbors don't want to touch your clothes, but if they need to use the machines, and you are holding them up, they will move your clothes

## Cleanliness:

There are many cases when doing laundry can be messy. There may be things on your clothes that could potentially be on the outside of the washer or dryer, and sometimes they don't get cleaned away completely. If there is a chance of this occurring, be sure to bring a towel to clean up anything you need to.

## LAUNDRY ROOM ETIQUETTE

### Do:

- 👍 Be timely in removing clothes from washers and dryers.
- 👍 Give others 15-20 minutes of leeway after their cycle has finished before removing their clothes from the machine.
- 👍 Place other people's finished clothes either in a laundry basket or on top of the machine after giving appropriate leeway.
- 👍 Keep the laundry room neat and tidy.
- 👍 Clean up all spills and messes.
- 👍 Empty the lint tray when done using the dryer.
- 👍 Return all clothing left behind to its owner.
- 👍 Be respectful of others people's clothing.

### Don't:

- 👎 Leave clothes in the washer or dryer after the cycle has finished.
- 👎 Throw other people's clothing onto the floor when removing it from machine.
- 👎 Be greedy with machines. Always share machines and leave at least one machine free for others to use.
- 👎 Overload machines with clothing or use too much detergent.
- 👎 Leave clothing or laundry baskets in the middle of the floor in the way of others.
- 👎 Make someone else clean up after you.
- 👎 Leave behind any clothing in the machines.

# LETTER TO MONTGOMERY CO. COUNCIL REGARDING CLEAN WATER

Hello Dan.

The Board of Directors of Sierra Landing Condominiums and its 136 Unit Owners, wanted me to reiterate the importance we place on programs initiated by our Montgomery County officials to maintain clean water and protect the Chesapeake for our kids.

The Rainscapes support for the Bio-retention Cells created at the corners of Amherst Ave. and Elkin Street are an example of the responsible leadership we need to continue and improve upon.

We are very aware that Maryland's drinking water is among those that need improvement in the United States, according to a new report by the National Resources Defense Council.

<https://patch.com/maryland/annapolis/maryland-drinking-water-among-nations-least-safe-report>

Ohio CAN happen here, if we are not diligent and increase our efforts in sustainable water treatment programs.

Our elected Montgomery County officials should know our communities feel their fiduciary responsibility should be to improve and protect our basic nature given right to clean water.

Please share this thank you and continued expectations with them and keep us in the loop on new programs.

Sincerely,

Sierra Landing Condominiums  
Board of Directors  
Silver Spring MD



## **ARE YOU PICKING UP AFTER YOUR PET?**

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and to other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

It is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. When walking your dog, take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. Also, when walking your dog in our community, remember that it must be leashed. Thank you for your cooperation!

## **FRONTSTEPS IS COMING !**

**As a Sierra Landing resident you will be able to stay in the loop with a private newsfeed that includes maintenance updates, announcements, and real-time alerts.**



**SMILE! YOU'RE ON CAMERA! AS A REMINDER, CAMERAS RECORD ACTIVITY ON OUR GROUNDS 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.**

## **13 THINGS YOUR DOG CAN TEACH YOU**

1. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
2. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
3. Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
4. Take naps and stretch before rising.
5. Run, romp, and play daily.
6. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
7. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
8. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout - run right back out and make friends.
9. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
10. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
11. Be loyal.
12. Never pretend to be something you are not.
13. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

## **NEED HELP?**

**There is only one number to call at Sierra Landing for assistance:  
(301)468-8919  
(24 hrs)**

# Things that make you shake your head...



Your condo fees go here...  
to clean this up...just sayin'



I am speechless!!  
Really?



Did we mention no garage work  
on cars in the lot? No wheels, no  
license plate, no permit! WOW!



What's a bucket after you've  
thrown out the sink?





# We Are All In This Together

## 5 Reasons For You to Volunteer at Sierra Landing

It's no secret that volunteering can be a time and energy consuming endeavor. The role of the volunteer or board member is often a thankless one, but that's not to say it can't also be rewarding. It is also a necessary role. Without volunteers to lead and manage the association, things would start to fall apart. At Sierra Landing, we rely on community volunteers by working side-by-side with them. Thinking of serving on your Board of Directors or in some other capacity? Here are just a few reasons why we see homeowners step up to the plate:

You have a vested interest in your investment. By becoming involved with your community association, you can take an active role in maintaining property values and ensuring your community's quality of living.

Continue your education. As human beings, we never stop learning. Going behind the scenes to see how things operate is one of the greatest educational experiences available.

Express your creativity. Our individuality is what makes the world go 'round, as they say. Even when serving your community, you can find ways to express yourself.

Serving allows you to get out and socialize and network with your neighbors. It can even be fun!

Like to solve problems? Isn't it better to help your leaders than to complain or criticize?

Today it is estimated that over 60 million people are living in one of the 300,000 community associations in America. Of those residents, nearly 2 million are serving on their Board of Directors to manage their association. If you've got your eyes set on your board, you're not alone.

Sierra Landing offers training to help prepare our community's volunteers. The resources are available for you should you need them; you just have to take that first step by making the decision to serve your community. Just email [sierralanding@gmail.com](mailto:sierralanding@gmail.com) and enter "Volunteer" in the subject line! Thanks!