

Seal Chit-Chat

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The View From The Fourteenth Floor

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe it's 2012 already.

Looking back on the past year I see that a lot of good things happened in the building. There also were a number of things that needed to be worked on.



Our Home Sweet Home

In the coming year I hope there is an increased sense of community and friendship and improved communications. I also hope that people are willing and able to go out of their comfort zones and try new things.

Finally, I wish for more tolerance and acceptance of change and different opinions. We are all in this together and we can learn a lot from each other.

Enjoy this issue and have a happy and healthy 2012.

Melissa Pappas

You Are Cordially Invited

To the annual Seal Holiday dinner.

This year's theme is "Winter Wonderland". It features a blue, silver, and white color scheme and lots of snowflakes.

Those attending are encouraged to dress in

those colors and wear some sparkle.

The menu features a choice of either roast beef, scalloped potatoes, buttered corn, and pasta salad or vegetarian lasagna, Caesar salad, and a breadstick. A variety of pies will be served for dessert.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

I also want to stress the importance of showing up at the dinner if you sign up for it. At past events there have been a number of no shows and a good bit of extra food left. That is potentially wasteful and costs the Council



extra money.

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Getting Public Sidewalks Shoveled

By Linda Mainquist

Remember the snow drifts on the sidewalk south of Territorial last winter? The City sent a team with a bobcat to shovel the sidewalk. With the ensuing labor charge and possible fine, that property owner will certainly shovel the sidewalk next winter.

Through the City of St. Paul, you can also persuade property owners to shovel their sidewalks. If a property owners don't shovel their sidewalks within **24 hours** of a snow fall, call the city or complete a form on the web. The city will inform the property owners they must shovel or the City will charge them and perhaps fine them as well.

A little known regulation is that property owners are required to shovel a path between the sidewalk and the street by bus benches if there are no bus shelters.

Unfortunately, the property owner is not required to make the path wide enough for walkers or wheelchairs.

The property owner is not required to shovel corner curbs for pedestrian paths either. Seal residents are lucky that most businesses between Seal and University shovel the corner curbs. When you have a chance, thank them.

Keep in mind that property zoned commercial is required to be shoveled to the concrete while properties zones residential are not. Since the parking lot south of Seal is zoned residential, the owner is not required to shovel it to the concrete.

The key to getting sidewalks shoveled is problem reporting by people like you. If no one says anything, nothing gets done.

For residences with problems, I suggest talking to the owner or putting a snow shoveling door knocker on the door.

Make-it-yourself warning door knockers are available on smart-trips.org/sidewalks or in the Seal Community Room. The errant resident may be on vacation, in the hospital or disabled. In these cases, shovel the sidewalk yourself or call your St. Paul District Council (649-5992) to make arrangements for a volunteer

For businesses, I just call the City at 651-266-8989. You may also use the form on smart-trips.org/sidewalks. Be sure to have the **property address with number**, or your complaint will not be processed. In either case, you are not obliged to share your name.

This is a easy way to make St. Paul winters easier. Use it!

Residents Council Report

Here are some highlights from the December meeting.

The addendum to the space use agreement was discussed. It

states that non-profits, service providers, and political candidates do not need to pay the \$10 administrative fee.

PHA security officer Keith Draz spoke. He went over the safety survey we took several months ago.

The holiday party was discussed. It will be in mid or late January. A committee is needed to plan it. A caterer will need to be decided on. There was discussion about what caterer to use. Some people wanted to use TST. Others wanted to try someone new. That will be discussed more at the first committee meeting.

A Christmas Eve get together was discussed.

The idea of fundraising for the council was discussed

Save The Date

Upcoming events and holidays.

January 1st- New Year's Day

January 3rd- Executive Board meeting. 6:30PM

January 10th-
Residents Council
meeting. 6:30PM

January 15th- Martin
Luther King Jr. Day

January 21st- Seal
Holiday Dinner.
6:00PM



Dog ice sculpture

Just For Laughs

**Some “laws” you
may not be familiar
with**

1. Law of Mechanical
Repair - After your
hands become coated
with grease, your nose
will begin to itch and
you'll have to pee.

2. Law of Gravity -
Any tool, nut, bolt,
screw, when dropped,
will roll to the least
accessible corner.

3. Law of Probability -
The probability of
being watched is
directly proportional to
the stupidity of your
act.

4. Law of Random
Numbers - If you dial a
wrong number, you
never get a busy signal
and someone always

answers.

7. Law of the Bath -
When the body is fully
immersed in water, the
telephone rings.

8. Law of Close
Encounters - The
probability of meeting
someone you know
increases dramatically
when you are with
someone you don't
want to be seen with.

9. Law of the Result -
When you try to prove
to someone that a
machine won't work, it
will.

10. Law of
Biomechanics - The
severity of the itch is
inversely proportional
to the reach.

14. Law of Physical
Surfaces - The chances
of an open-faced jelly
sandwich landing face
down on a floor, are
directly correlated to
the newness and cost
of the carpet or rug.

15. Law of Logical
Argument - Anything
is possible if you don't
know what you are
talking about.

16. Brown's Law of
Physical Appearance -
If the clothes fit,
they're ugly.

17. Oliver's Law of
Public Speaking - A
closed mouth gathers
no feet.

18. Wilson's Law of
Commercial
Marketing Strategy -
As soon as you find a
product that you really
like, they will stop
making it.

19. Doctors' Law - If
you don't feel well,
make an appointment
to go to the doctor, by
the time you get there
you'll feel better. But
don't make an
appointment, and
you'll stay sick.

A Limerick By Ed Eubanks

Food critic, John
Vincent Devine,
Went into a tavern to
dine.
His gripes never tired
'Til the waiter
inquired
“Sir, would you like
some cheese with that
whine?”

Editorial Statement

The Seal Chit-Chat is
the newsletter of the
Seal hi-rise residents

by the Seal hi-rise
residents.

All submissions of
content are welcome.

**Deadline for
submissions: January
21st.**

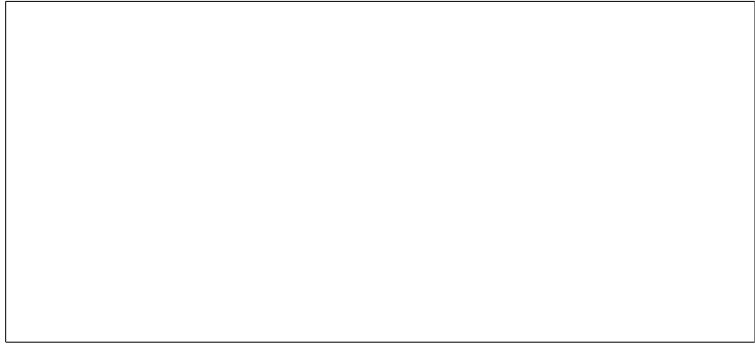
This is your
newsletter. Help make
it great.

Quote of the month

The very powerful and
the very stupid have
one thing in common.
Instead of
altering their views to
fit the facts, they alter
the facts to fit their
views ... which can be
very uncomfortable if
you happen to be one
of the
facts that needs
altering.
-- *Doctor Who, "Face
of Evil"*



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