

# Seal Chit-Chat

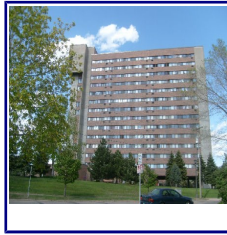
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## The View From The Fourteenth Floor

Welcome to the revamped Seal Chit-Chat.

I'm continually working on making this newsletter more relevant and readable. Let me know if you like the new format or if you think anything should be changed.



*Our Home Sweet Home*

I'm also always looking for articles, photos, poems, jokes, or whatever else you would like to add. This is your newsletter and I can't do it alone. (Nor do I want to.)

Submissions can be left in the suggestion box or emailed to [newsletter@sealhirise.com](mailto:newsletter@sealhirise.com).

Enjoy this issue and have a happy holiday season.

Melissa Pappas

## Seal Beat- What's new in the building

Here is a rundown of the new things that are going on in the hi-rise.

### Coupon exchange-

There is now a box in the community room where anyone who is interested can place coupons they would like to share with others.

All residents are welcome to take coupons from the box.

Please be considerate of your fellow residents and only take coupons you know you will use.

### Card games-

Like to play cards? There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would be interested in a weekly card game. Put down your name, apt#, games you play, and what day would work best for you. So far the interest seems to be in 500, and the preferred time is early Saturday afternoon.

### Wireless printing-

Got a laptop? Want to be able to print directly from it? Well, now you can.

The HP multifunction printer in the community room is connected to the Seal network. To print remotely you just need to install the printer software on your laptop. A CD with the software is in the drawer of the printer table. Just install the software

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and choose HP universal printing PCL 6 as your printer and you are all set. See the computer administrator with any questions or problems.

## Holidays at Seal

This year there are a number of holiday events planned.

On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> the Just For Fun Singers will be here.

The performance is at 7:00PM and cookies and cider will be served.

On December 25<sup>th</sup> the Union Gospel Mission will be providing a Christmas meal. Sign up on the posted sheet if you plan to attend.

The Holiday dinner will be held in January this year. The theme is 'Winter Wonderland' and it will definitely be a lovely event. More information and a sign up sheet will be posted in the coming weeks.

Other small events may be planned. Check the bulletin board for information about these.

## Residents Council Report

Here are some highlights from the November meeting.

Total of funds in all accounts: \$2296.03

The importance of the Presidents Council was stressed. The PC is our chance to voice issues and concerns to PHA management. Please bring any issues to a board member so they may be taken to the Presidents Council meeting.

Be sure your air conditioner cover is on tightly. Not doing so can let in a draft and could possibly lead to frozen pipes.

Proposed building improvements were discussed. John Glaus will be at the December Residents Council meeting to talk about some of them.

Reminder: the lobby area is for waiting for rides. Residents should not be loitering

or sleeping there. (An exception to this rule is made when the community room is reserved or closed for some reason.)

not being monitored when they use the computers.



*The Just For Fun Singers at last Year's Holiday Party*

The computers were briefly discussed and everyone was reminded to log out when finished checking email. Failure to do this can result in the next person to go to that site being logged into your account and having access to your information.

It was stated that the board and computer administrator do not have access to residents information or browsing history and that residents are

## Save The Date

Upcoming events and holidays.

December 5th- Islamic Ashura

December 6th- St. Nicholas Day

December 6th- Executive Board meeting. 6:30PM

December 7th- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 13th- Residents Council meeting. 6:30PM

December 15th- Just For Fun Singers performance. 7:00PM

December 19th- Presidents Council meeting. 10:00AM at 555 Wabasha St.

December 21st- Hanukkah begins

December 21st- Winter Solstice

December 25th- Christmas Day

December 25th- UGM dinner. 12:00PM

December 26th- Kwanzaa begins

December 31st- New Year's Eve



*The tree in the IDS Center crystal court*

## Holiday Fun On The Cheap

Here are some inexpensive (or free) things you can do and see around the Twin Cities this holiday season.

### The Holidazzle

### Parade

For just the cost of a bus fare you can see this lighted holiday parade on Nicollet mall. The parade runs Thursday through Sunday until December 18<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 6:30PM. While you're downtown you can also check out the decorations in the IDS center and other malls.

### Macy's Santaland

This is their annual holiday display. It is in the 8<sup>th</sup> floor auditorium and is free to view.

### Wells Fargo WinterSkate

Active types can go to downtown St. Paul and try out this outdoor skating rink near Landmark Center.

It is open until 5PM Monday through Thursday and later on the weekends. Skating is free. Skate rental costs \$2.00.

### Minneapolis Institute of Art period rooms

Come and see rooms from different points in history all decorated for the holidays. There also are other holiday displays in the museum. Admission is free.

### Just For Laughs

### Where I have and have not been.

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several Trips there, thanks to my friends, family, and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing

and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

**Wise saying:**  
"A closed mouth gathers no foot"

## Editorial reminders

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.

Items submitted may be edited for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any submission.

If you are sending something to the Chit-Chat and don't want it published (a letter to the editor, maybe) please state that on the document. All such requests will be honored without question.

**Deadline for submissions: December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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