

# The Liberty Letter

Liberty Tower Condominiums

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## New LTOA President Expects 'Historic' Year

Finding solutions to Liberty Tower's fire protection issues will be priority one this year, according to new LTOA President Bill Bland.

The Board will be working in coming months to provide answers that best meet the needs of the building — both in terms of finances and safety.

Accountability will be a matching priority. The Board is accountable to residents for maintaining good security, increasing financial reserves and limiting expenses, Bland says.

The year should be "historic," he says. "We must develop a positive direction for the future."

Bland uses the term accountability to describe meeting the expectations of the LT lifestyle in a changing world. The

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Board and LT employees are charged with making sure day-to-day issues are taken care of.

"People live here with an expectation that their lives will not be encumbered by outside influences," he says. "We need to make responsible decisions that will best serve their day-to-day needs."

Retired from public education, Bland plans to devote much of his time to his LTOA position. Yet the

success of the building depends on a group effort — by Board members, employees and involved residents.

"Everybody has a different opinion, and we're not going to agree on everything. However, we need to include everyone in the decision-making process as much as possible," he says.

A resident for 15 years, Bland says LT has plenty of spectacular attributes that will preserve its prominence in Tulsa's skyline. The view and urbanized location truly define Tulsa living. However, it's the people that make the building what it is.

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## Feb. 14 — Love Your Home and Neighborhood

Liberty Tower will be hosting its neighbors and Ward 4 city council candidates during a Valentine's Day social, Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

The Riverview Neighborhood Association will be holding its monthly meeting in the 7th floor clubroom. All LT residents are invited to attend.

Riverview is one of Tulsa's oldest and most diverse neighborhoods. It cuts a triangle east of the Arkansas River bordered by Boulder Avenue and the Inner Dispersal Loop.

*The LT Social Committee  
Invites you to  
Share a Valentine's  
Day visit with your  
neighbors.*

Restored homes are mixed with office uses, businesses, townhouses and small apartment complexes. River Parks defines its western border.

In addition to LT, the neighborhood includes University Club Tower, Mansion House Apartments, Sophian

Plaza and Boulder Plaza — all high-rise residential buildings.

The RNA meets monthly to discuss issues related to preserving and enhancing property values — including proposed planning and zoning matters.

The group has been on the forefront of fighting the fire sprinkler issue, according to LT's RNA liaison, Barbara Maxwell.

Five candidates for the Ward 4 City Council seat being vacated by Tom Baker have been invited to attend and discuss their views on city issues.

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### Happenings ...

#### NOT READY TO RUMBLE

Although many residents have replaced the original sliding glass doors with newer, more-efficient models, there are still several original doors left. When opened quickly, they vibrate a rumble that can heard far and wide. Residents with older doors are asked to open them slowly and avoid the rumble. Residents should also try to close unit entry, laundry room and stairway doors quietly and speak softly in the hallways so that others will not be disturbed.

#### THANKS MELLA GLENN

Mella Glenn was recognized at January's LT Board meeting for her excellent work as chair of the Social Committee in 2005. She brought a lot of fun and friendship to many in the building through her work. The Thanksgiving open house and the Christmas party were the most recent highlights. Thanks for the wonderful job!

#### GAS SAVINGS REALIZED

By switching to Tiger Natural Gas, LT has realized savings of over \$1,000 from gas purchases through ONG. A roar of thanks goes to the Energy Committee for working to set up the Tiger contract.

#### TV COMMITTEE FORMING

A committee headed by Greg Hisaw is forming to review LT's contract with DirectTV, check out what channels residents may want to add or delete, and to prepare recommendations for conversion to high-definition television.

#### ELECTION EVALUATION

Although there were no problems found with the recent LT Board elections, a committee will be looking at how the procedures work to see if improvements can be made. A few tweaks may be in order assure that owners retain confidence in the election process.

## Library Room Opening on 7th Floor

LT residents can enjoy a relaxing read in the new Library Room on the 7th floor.

The library is located in the former manager's office adjacent to the club-room area. Volunteer hours on the part of several residents freshened up the facility. And, other residents donated the paint, furnishings, artwork and reading materials. No LT funds were used for the project.

Persons wishing to use the library can pick up a key at the front desk to unlock the door. They can lock the



facility back up when they are done.

Residents are encouraged to stock the library by sharing their current newspapers, magazines of interest and books. As the collection builds, residents will be able to leave a book and take a book.

## Fitness Room Planned in Basement Area

A much anticipated fitness room for LT residents may soon become reality in the building's basement.

A former storage room in the southeastern area basement has been donated by Joe Miller for use as

an exercise and workout room. Several residents have donated fitness equipment. Policies are being looked at to govern its operation.

A fitness facility is one of the most requested amenities by LT residents.

## Commentary ... Getting to Know the Theys

Every company or organization has a Mr. or Mrs. They. Nobody has ever really met them, but we recognize their awesome power.

The Theys have it made when it comes to making life miserable..

Just ask employees about low pay, bad hours or a lousy work environment. You'll quickly hear who's to blame ... the Theys did it to them.

The same goes for any civic club or service group. The Theys are always making unpopular decisions. And oh yes, the Theys go to church too. They dominate almost every congregation at one time or another.

After endlessly hearing about the Theys in the bureaucratic organization I work for, I went in search of them. After all, these people were the budget cutters, equipment deniers, hours schedulers and all around bullies that were bad for business.

I looked in every hidden office where people are stored away for the organization's own good. No Theys there. I looked in the directors' offices

and the seats of power. No Theys there — just folks making daily decisions to keep things rolling.

I finally met the Theys, and they are us. It's true, the only They we have to fear is They ourselves.

I deal with Mr. They at work quite frequently. In reality, he's a guy of normal sensitivities who is committed to the same goals as I am. He sometimes may see things a little differently, but we can usually come to an understanding when all is said and done.

The key is engagement. Those who sit around and whine about the Theys rarely realize the power to overcome them rests within. The Theys are usually in search of better ways to do things just as most of us are. All they need is a little awareness and understanding.

So next time you are sitting around bemoaning the Theys, do something about it. Let them know what you think. Better yet, get involved with them.

They'll thank you for it!

*Andy Templeton*