

The Liberty Letter

Liberty Tower Condominiums

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Plans to Fly Colors on July 4th Unfurling

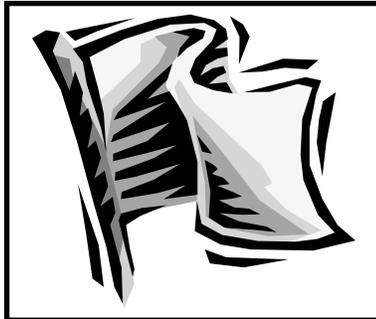
LT may become a sea of red, white and blue during this year's Independence Day holiday.

Flags may be draped from many of the building's balconies to honor America this year.

The patriotic measure is being planned by Mella Glenn, Social Committee chair, to draw positive attention to the building.

"After all, we are Liberty Tower," Glenn said.

To date, she has acquired 62 4' by 6' flags and is working to find more. Depending on the number of flags purchased, they will be arranged in a pattern to compliment the exterior.



Flags will be draped from balconies of those residents who volunteer — with proper securing provided to keep them fastened in place.

Once a pattern is determined, residents of affected balconies will be contacted. The committee will oversee installation.

MORE SOCIAL EVENTS

In her report to the board, Glenn recommended that the \$2,100 budget

for social activities be used for multiple events in addition to the annual Christmas party.

Events would be planned on a more regular basis to spur more resident involvement. Glenn noted some residents who are unable to make it to the Christmas party are not getting a chance to meet other residents and their guests.

"It would be better to touch people at least every quarter," she said. "We're missing the boat if we are only doing something just once a year."

Some of the upcoming events include a pool reopening party and an open house tour where residents could showcase improvements to their units.

The pool event is expected to be held later this month.

Swimming Pool Rehab Work Continues, Expands

When Lt's swimming season opens at the end of this month, residents should have a virtually new pool to splash in.

During the April board meeting, an additional \$3,000 was approved to replace the capping that rings the pool and ties it to the deck. Total project cost is now expected to be around \$18,000.

The work by Voss Construction is expected to be done before the traditional Memorial Day weekend opening.

The pool will have a new interior surface and tiling around

the rim. Piping and lighting systems are being replaced and upgraded. Capping replacement became necessary after cracks were noticed in the existing capping.

An effort to install steps has

fallen dead in the water for the time being. Donated funds were quickly being realized for conventional steps. However, they would not fit properly in the pool, and the effort was sunk.

Congratulations Lisa — It's A Boy!

LT Manager Lisa Hays and her husband, Keith, are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Cody Allen Hays was born April 26 at 9:30 p.m. in St. John Medical Center. He weighed in a 6 lbs., 1 oz. Both baby and parents are doing well.

During Lisa's maternity absence, a temporary person is assisting with daily managerial duties. LT front desk and maintenance staff are pitching in with board members to keep things running smoothly.

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(Maintained by Bill Johnson)

Happenings ...

CAREFUL WITH THE SIZZLE

Ah spring ... the mouth-watering smell of cooking out is in the air! When grilling on the balcony, residents need to remember a few critical rules to avoid a visit from the fire marshal. Charcoal grills with electric starters or self-starting coals are allowable since the building is made of metal and masonry. Flammable fluids are prohibited as starters, and propane grills are not allowed. Also, grilling is not allowed on the pool deck.

SHELTER IN THE STORM

Recent tornadic threats in the Tulsa area sent several LT residents scurrying for safety. The building's design should withstand most any wind that Mother Nature can stir up. The most serious threat is from breaking glass and flying debris in individual units. Residents should have an action plan that makes them most comfortable when storms strike. The interior areas of the basement are available when major threats occur. Stairwells can also ward off debris and glass breakage. Don't forget neighbors in an emergency. Elderly residents may need some help to stay safe during a storm event.

AH CHUTE - PLASTIC PLEASE

Some residents are still trying to send boxes and other bulky items down the trash chute. An April 30 clog caused by boxes required overtime work by maintenance to clear the blockage. Residents identified in chute clogs may be charged for the cost of clearing the chute. Here's a tip on avoiding this problem ... say "plastic please" when getting your groceries sacked. Plastic sacks from most grocery stores are a good fit for kitchen trash cans and easily slide down the chute when securely tied. If a trash item cannot fit in the plastic bag, it is probably too large for the chute and needs to be carried to the basement trash room.

11th Floor Hall Awaits Finishing Touches

Next time the elevator stops on the 11th Floor, take a peek at the latest in hallway looks.

Workers have been busy through most of April installing tile near the elevators, laying distinctive carpeting to accent doorway entries, and painting and wallpapering the walls. New lighting fixtures have also been installed — including decorative fixtures by the elevators.

The only items remaining for completion are accessories such as wall hangings and furniture.

Steve and Mella Glenn have coor-

dated the project and have provided significant funding for the extras. Other residents on the floor have also contributed to and supported the project. LT provided a \$500 carpeting allowance.

A professional decorator was employed for design and oversight. The theme was kept modern with browns and greens the primary colors.

For other floors interested in re-decorating their hallways, Mella Glenn would be happy to share some pointers and lessons learned through

Bricks and Insulation In — Cameras Out

During April, The LT Board approved funding to make masonry repairs to the front and south sides of the building. Some of the bricks have come loose and need to be secured.

The Board also approved funds to replace a significant area of damaged insulation above the 7th Floor ceiling. Efforts are also continuing to get the north end of the 7th Floor sealed from water leaks during heavy rains.

The projects are costing around \$7,500. Additional work to keep the building's exterior in good shape is planned for the coming months.

Adding cameras to the security system is currently on hold. The Board determined funds could be better spent on structural issues. The existing camera system which covers all primary public areas recently received servicing.

Commentary ... Love That Lonesome Whistle

In the railroad industry, I'm known as a "foamer." Rail fans such as myself are generally tolerated but are often viewed derisively with the term because we theoretically foam at the mouth at the sight of a train.

That may be a little overstated in my case, but I've never seen a train that I didn't like. LT is the perfect location for such pursuits in the Tulsa area. The rail yard and main tracks are just a few minutes away. If I'm so inclined, my perch here provides a great listening post for train movements from around the region.

It's a hobby that ages well. Hot action trackside leaves you with no regrets the next day!

Then there are those subtle lonesome whistles. LT's far enough away to keep them from being a nuisance,

yet close enough to know the nation's commerce from the west coast to the east and southeast is rolling steadily.

Many times, I can tell what type of locomotive is leading the train by the sound of that whistle. Life would be boring if all whistles were created equally. The usual major fifth-chord sound (for those of you musically inclined) of newer locomotives is occasionally pierced by the bitter minor chord whine of older equipment.

Occasionally, a locomotive from an eastern railroad will pass through tooting a major sixth-chord. That rarity just might get me foaming.

A less subtle sound that also strikes my passion is TFD Engine 5's siren. Us eastsiders know it well. I guess that's a story for another time.

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