



## Spring

*has sprung !!*

*SO many of us are SO grateful for this year's mild winter. Spring is now bursting with striking colors everywhere! It's been said that there is nothing more beautiful than Spring in the Mid-Atlantic.*

*Don't you agree? 😊 ❖*



### *Upcoming events . . .*

*April - 'Welcome Spring' Happy Hour - has been **CANCELLED***

*June - Gazebo Get-Together - further details to come*

### **Annual Meeting to be rescheduled . . .**

As you know, the RRII Annual Meeting scheduled for March 26 had to be postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. It will, of course, be rescheduled as soon as it is practical to do so. Typically, the annual meeting is followed by an organizational meeting of the Board, wherein the Board members decide on their roles for the coming year.

Until these meetings are able to be held, the current Board members will continue to act in their roles as assigned in last year's organizational meeting. ❖

## Hallway sconces – new LED lights installed . . .

Many residents were happy to see that the light bulbs in the sconces in the building have all been replaced with new LED light bulbs, **creating consistent lighting on each floor!**

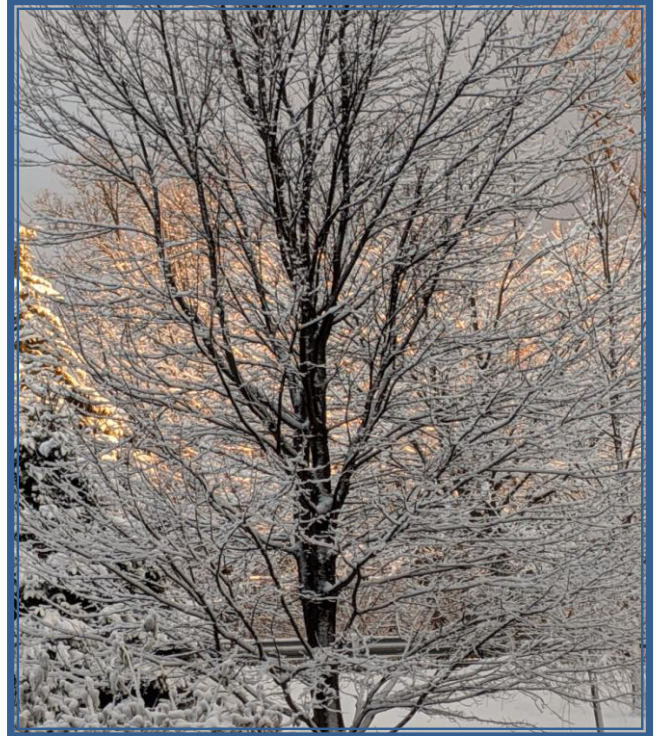
With the help of Brodie Management, we were able to purchase in bulk the number of needed light bulbs at a very competitive price. Some of our Board members used their personal time replacing the lights in each sconce. The building's cleaning service has agreed to replace the light bulbs in the ceiling globes on each floor and will do so when current restrictions in the building have been lifted.

Not only are the light bulbs creating a more aesthetically pleasing look, the electricity savings will be significant through the years.

(Note: Remember that each unit is responsible for the light bulb in the sconce located outside each door, so those lights will not be replaced.) ❖

## The Winter that Wasn't . . .

Following are pictures taken after the only 2020 snowfall. It was brief. It was very pretty! 'nuff said . . . ❄️❄️❄️



## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID19) . . .

has changed our lives drastically in just a few short weeks. The Board has communicated (and will continue to communicate) as timely as possible any important information that affects our building and its residents. The scammers are already out there, cooking up ways to deceive us! So below are some tips to help us avoid being the victims of a scammer. As we work together through this difficult time, please – **Be vigilant! Be safe! Be healthy!** ❖

### **Tips to Help Avoid Coronavirus Scams . . .**

- **Hang up on robocalls!**

Don't press any numbers. Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam Coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes. The recording might say that pressing a number will let you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list, but it might lead to more robocalls instead.

- **Ignore online offers for vaccinations and home test kits!**

There currently are no vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, lozenges or other prescription or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure Coronavirus. At this time, there also are no FDA-authorized home test kits.

- **Fact-check information!**

Scammers, and sometimes well-meaning friends and family, share information that hasn't been verified. Before you pass on any messages or social media posts, know for sure that it's from a trusted source.

- **Know who you're buying from!**

Online sellers may claim to have in-demand products when, in fact, they don't.

- **Don't respond to calls, texts or emails about checks from the government!**

Anyone who tells you they can get you money now or needs your account information to set up a bank authorization is a scammer.

- **Don't click on links from sources you don't know!**

They could easily download viruses onto your computer or device.

- **Watch for calls or emails claiming to be from the CDC or other experts!**

And again, don't click on a link inside an unsolicited email. Go directly to the website for the information you're looking for.

- **Do your homework when it comes to donations – whether through charities or crowd-funding sites!**

Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it!

Source: adapted from the Federal Trade Commission's website ([consumer.ftc.gov](http://consumer.ftc.gov)) (03/31/2020)

**Question:** The use of anti-bacterial hand wipes is increasing considerably now, and many of these types of wipes are marketed as “flushable,” but I heard that it is NOT advisable to flush these or any other type of disposable wipes. Is that correct?

**Answer:** That is correct. Regular toilet paper is the only flushable paper that is recommended for use in our toilets. Even so-called “flushable” baby wipes and regular wipes can cause problems in our plumbing system as they take longer to break down when compared to traditional toilet paper. Therefore, used wipes of any kind should be disposed of in your regular trash. Doing so could help keep your unit and our building free of unnecessary plumbing problems. ❖

**Question:** In the storage rooms, why are we not allowed to store items on top of our own lockers?

**Answer:** It is a violation of the fire code to store items on top of the storage lockers because the clearance between the sprinkler heads and the top of the storage lockers needs to be at least eighteen inches. In order to meet this and all other requirements of the fire code, residents must place any stored items inside their storage locker only. ❖

**Question:** The building usually has the outside windows cleaned in the spring. Will this be cancelled?

**Answer:** At this time, there are no plans to cancel the spring window cleaning, but a lot depends on how long the current restrictions last. When (if) the window cleaning is scheduled, you will receive an email blast from Brodie Management. (Reminder: Only outside windows with screens removed can be cleaned.) ❖



## 10 Things To Do While Self-Isolating During a Pandemic

1. Complete a puzzle – the more pieces the better! Or, try Sudoku, or a crossword puzzle. (Note: There are many free apps to download to your device if you want to try an electronic version.)
2. Watch all the really long movies you've wanted to watch.
3. Read (or re-read) one of the classics. Or, read all those magazine issues that have been piling up. Or, finally read the rules to the board games you enjoy playing.
4. Go through and reorganize your junk drawer and/or supply shelves.
5. Bake – make up a new recipe! (If it's good, bring it to the next social gathering!)
6. Pick up that knitting or crocheting project you started way back when, or start a new project with all the yarn you've collected through the years.
7. Finally get around to fixing that broken door knob or loose tile. Clean up the scuffs on your walls.
8. Make a wish list of all the museums, sporting events or concerts you want to go to when things finally reopen.
9. Teach your dog to shake hands. (Hand sanitizer optional.)
10. **AND ALWAYS . . . Keep in touch with neighbors (while maintaining social-distancing, of course!). Make sure that neighbors you know with medical or physical limitations are having their needs met. ❖**



**A FEW RELIABLE SOURCES  
FOR CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION**

Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention  
(cdc.gov)

World Health Organization  
(who.int)

Federal Trade Commission  
(consumer.ftc.gov)

Johns Hopkins University  
(jhu.edu)

**REMEMBER:  
WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN!!**

You've been hearing this a great deal lately but it's worth repeating - Handwashing is still the single best way to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. You can find very specific information about proper handwashing and the proper use of hand sanitizer on the CDC's website (cdc.gov).



***STAY SAFE! STAY HEALTHY!***

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