

January 21, 2015

SPECIAL EDITION #2

The Board met in emergency session last night (Tuesday, 1/20) to deal with building security issues. Here are the Board's decisions and recommendations.

- * The Board voted to extend the current security detail one final time. A security guard will be stationed in the lobby between the hours of 3PM and 11PM through Monday, 1/26/2015.
- * The total cost of our recent security measures, including this extension, will be in excess of \$5,000. Fortunately, we were able to budget sufficient funds in our Contingency Line Item to meet this expense without the need for an assessment.
- * On two recent occasions, Board members and shareholders have visited the local police precinct and were given the following advice concerning security:

If you see anyone loitering in any common area of the building in a suspicious manner, you should dial 911 immediately. If anyone behaves towards you in a manner that makes you feel unsafe in any way, call 911 immediately. You should not be concerned that the situation is not sufficiently serious to call 911. The officers were extremely clear on this point -- calling 911 is our first and best option, and the single most important thing that we can do. They also advised that the more detail you can provide to the 911 operator about the individual(s) and the situation, the better, although obviously, getting to safety is the first priority.

* The Board urges any resident calling 911, to also email our Managing Agent, AJ Ursillo at boardandmgt@875west181.com providing as much detail as possible. It is very important that our management maintain a record of any such incident.

* Additionally, while the police officers also stressed how important it is to keep strangers out of the building, the Board is aware that this is not always an easy thing to do. We urge residents to adopt the following strategies which can help to keep possible intruders out while avoiding the need for a confrontation:

If, when approaching the lobby from the outside, you see someone unfamiliar waiting to get in, turn around and enter the building through the service entrance on Riverside Drive. That way you can avoid the uncomfortable situation of opening the door for yourself while trying to prevent the unknown individual from entering.

If, when leaving the building, you see someone unfamiliar waiting to get in, get into the elevator and exit via the basement.

* And finally, several shareholders are in the process of organizing a security committee. Pavel Zustiak will be the Board's representative on the committee. If you want to become involved, please contact Chantal Sulkow at chantal.sulkow@gmail.com.