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VLT₁ COMMUNITY NEWS

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WELCOME TO OUR DEBUT NEWSLETTER!

We hope you'll enjoy reading the first Valley Lo Towers 1 Newsletter, which will be published on a quarterly basis. We'll explore the people and issues that are part of our VLT1 community, alert you to important upcoming events, and more.

Comments or suggestions? Contact Shelley Riskin, 847-767-7419.
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Valley Lo Towers 1
Community

2000 and 2020
Chestnut Avenue,
Glenview, IL.



MEET KEVIN SANDERS

BRAESIDE VLT I PROPERTY MANAGER

Tell us something about yourself. I grew up in Orland Park. My degree is in Accounting, with a minor in Italian. I started working in condos in 2001 as a concierge, and have experience in property management and HVAC.

How long have you been the Braeside manager? I started with Braeside in 2014 as assistant property and then property manager for various buildings, left to help manage my father's commercial HVAC service in 2017, and happily returned to Braeside in January, 2019. I became property manager of VLT I condominiums in March, 2019.

Why did you want to manage Valley Lo? Valley Lo Towers I is a pillar of the community. The wonderful residents here make managing such a remarkable building a privilege. I take pride in representing such a great Association.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I love spending time every week with my grandfather. I also enjoy hiking and cooking, and have been training dogs as a hobby for 15 years.

What would you like owners to know about you? I want owners to know I truly give my best effort each and every day. I genuinely care about the well-being of Valley Lo residents. I'm far from perfect and make mistakes like everyone does, but it's never from lack of effort. I hold myself to a high standard, and pride myself on honesty and integrity.



MEET YOUR COMMUNITY

Meet Your Community will feature
Board members and owners in each issue

LYNNE GOLDMAN, 2020 BUILDING, #501
VLT I BOARD PRESIDENT



Tell us something about yourself. I'm currently working as the Global Travel Manager for Anixter, Inc. I previously worked as an auditor at a pharmaceutical company.

How long have you lived at Valley Lo I? I moved here with my mother and cat in 2016.

Why did you want to buy here? I looked at many area condominiums, and the caring community and upkeep of the building made me feel at home.

Why did you decide to become involved? I thought that my financial background and experience could be helpful to the Board.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy scrapbooking, photography, traveling, and cooking.

What would you like owners to know about you? I love music, and was thrilled to meet Bruce Springsteen, my idol!

FLORENCE BUBES, 2000 BUILDING # 510. VLT I BOARD DIRECTOR

Tell us something about yourself. I came to the U.S. from Cuba at age 8. I was placed in kindergarten. But in 2 months I had learned English, and moved to 3rd grade!

How long have you lived at Valley Lo I? My late husband Irv and I moved in 27 years ago, when VLT I became condominium buildings instead of rentals.

Why did you want to buy here? The apartments don't have stairs, and we loved the pool, clubhouse, and tennis courts.

What Valley Lo activities have you participated in? All of them. I was on the Board for 20 years, went off, and now I'm on the 2020 Board. I think all owners should go to the Board meetings. It's your property, and it's really important to be part of the discussion on how your money is spent.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I love culture: theatre, music, ballet, art, and more.



KELVIN AND CATHERINE "Cathy" BYRNE, 2020 BUILDING, # 503

Tell us something about yourself. Kelvin works in the Commercial Appraiser Dept. of JP Morgan/Chase. Cathy is retired. Our daughter Nicole lives in a group home in Sandwich, IL, Scott is married and lives in Texas. They're expecting a child in February, so we'll be grandparents for the first time!

How long have you lived at Valley Lo I? 1-1/2 years

Why did you want to buy here? We were going to rent, but when a 5th floor condo apartment became available here, we changed our minds. We especially love the view from the top floor.

What Valley Lo activities have you participated in? Landscaping, Maintenance Commissions, and attending Board meetings.

What do you like to do in your spare time? Walking, biking, travel, and golf (Kelvin.) Kelvin is also looking for a tennis partner.



MEET THE 2020 BOARD

Also email the Board with general questions: VLTcommunity@gmail.com

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VLT I 2020 BOARD DATES

THURSDAYS: 7:00 P.M.@ CLUBHOUSE

January 23; March 26; May 21; July 23; August 20

October 1 Budget Discussion meeting

October 22 Budget Q&A

November 12 Budget Approval/Annual Meeting/Directors Meeting

GOING IN-DEPTH: VLT I COMMISSIONS

Q: What is a commission?

A: A commission consists of non-board members (with Board chairs) who make recommendations to the Board, acting in an advisory role.

Q: What are the 2020 VLT I commissions and who are the chairs? How often do they meet?

A: By-Laws/Rules and Regulations: Mary Bielinski and Lynne Goldman
Communication/Owner Involvement: Paul Kaiser. Finance: Jim Janus.
Maintenance/Landscape: Lynne Goldman and Florence Bubes. Social: Dixie Elwell. Commissions meet every other month.

Q: How do I join a commission?

A: An initial sign-up sheet will be posted. To join later, contact the chairperson listed on the *Condo Board Information/Commissions* link of VLT I's website: [.https://www.valleylotowerscondominiumassociation.com/](https://www.valleylotowerscondominiumassociation.com/) or contact any Board member for the chairperson's information: vltIcommunity@gmail.com

Q: Where do I find the commission agendas, minutes, updates, and names and contact information of commission chairs?

A: In addition to information sent to commission participants, VLT I's website will have updated information



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WHO DO YOU CONTACT? This information is also listed on VLT I's website

Work Order Maintenance Requests

847-504-8008 (M-F, 9am-5pm) ksanders@bcmltd.com Property Manager Kevin Sanders:

After Hours Building Emergency:

847-504-8000: Follow emergency instructions.

Homeowner Unit Maintenance Concerns:

(electrical, plumbing, handyman services for condo unit)

224-661-3136: Erel's Maintenance

Office Hours : M-F, 7:30am-5pm

Pricing: \$45 hour, with a minimum charge of \$75.

Building Maintenance Staff:

Adrian Hurtado – Full Time Building Janitor

Luis Najera – Back Up Janitor

Questions, comments, or suggestions?

Contact Kevin Sanders: : 847-504-8008.

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BE PART OF THE NEWSLETTER TEAM!

Want to work on the Newsletter? Join the *Communication/ Owner Involvement Commission*. Contact chairperson Paul Kaiser: pkize719@gmail.com

We hope you've enjoyed VLT I Community News.

Watch for our Spring, 2020 publication!

We will feature more owner interviews, news, and updates from our community.