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**WORKING ON
YOUR BEHALF**



**FAST FACTS:
MAINTENANCE,
LANDSCAPING; HVAC**



**COMMUNITY
CREATIVITY**

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter



VLT1 buildings show the beautiful foliage of spring,

Community News for You:

Board and Braeside Accomplishments

New Contracts—Fast Facts:

Erels Maintenance; Apex Landscaping; Five Star Heating & Air

A Need for Commission Participation

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Board and Management Working Together for VLT I

VLT I's Board began its official term in January, 2020. They have accomplished:

KEEPING US SAFE: The Board and Management are continuously monitoring local health and CDC guidelines and implementing new practices when recommended.

MAINTENANCE: *New contract with Glenview-based Erels Maintenance.* Adrian Hurtado is VLT I's janitor. Erels staff members and essential service workers wear required masks for all tasks. They perform regular duties, sanitize and disinfect common area surfaces a minimum of twice a day, and take other cleanliness measures in line with health guidelines.

LANDSCAPE: *New contract with Apex Landscaping,* within budget for 2020-2022 spring, summer and fall grounds maintenance. Spring clean-up, planting, filling and maintenance of planters at condo building entryways has been accomplished.

HVAC: *New contract with Five Star Heating & Air.*

The spring residential A/C tune-ups are taking place in May. Technicians perform this maintenance service without entering residential units. Fall maintenance heating for units is available for a fee, upon owner's request. There will also be quarterly filter changes for common area ventilation.

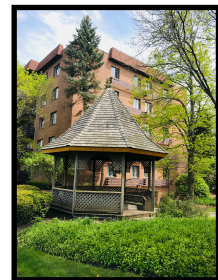
NOT ALLOWED: New construction work in individual units and remodeling is **not** allowed until further notice.

ALLOWED: Repairs, plumbing for water leaks, electrical outages, replacement of non-functioning appliances such as refrigerators, stoves etc. and cable/internet, are considered essential and are permitted, subject to approval by Management.

FINANCIAL: There is ongoing financial oversight to keep VLT I's finances within budget and stable.

BOARD AND OTHER MEETINGS: Ongoing via Zoom.

COMMISSIONS: Five Commissions have been formed and are meeting online. Please consider joining—we need your input. Thank you!



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Fast Facts:



Erels Maintenance was hired by the Board in March, 2020. The company has put in place many procedures to enhance Valley Lo Towers I exterior and interior spaces. Extra tasks during the coronavirus emergency have been added to sanitize and keep all residents and visitors safe. Erels and our VLT I custodian, Adrian Hurtado, are looking forward to getting to know owners in person once the health crisis is past.



Apex Landscaping was hired by the Board in March, 2020. It is a full service, award-winning landscape company serving the Chicagoland area for over 25 years. The company employs certified arborists, and ensures that staff are Landscape Industry Certified. More information and details about spring, summer, and fall landscape maintenance and tree service can be found on their website: apexlandscaping.com.

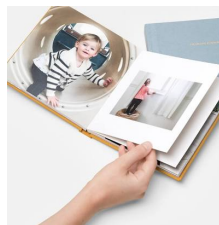
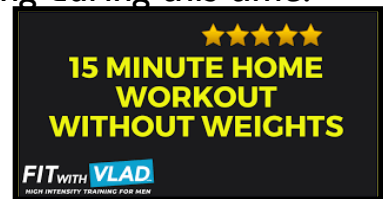


Five Star Heating & Air was hired by the Board in March, 2020. The 5 stars stand for: Comfort, Health, Energy Savings, Safety, and Dependability. Braeside Manager Kevin Sanders has worked before with this well-reviewed company, who will be responsible for VLT I's cooling and heating units and filter exchange.

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Community Creativity

The pandemic that has affected all of us as we shelter in place has highlighted many acts of neighborliness, kindness, and concern in our community. It has also inspired many owners to come up with creative solutions for keeping busy during this time. Favorite VLT activity? Walking and baking! Here are other ways our community is coping and even thriving during this time.



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Our Commissions Need Your Talents!

Are you talented or interested in any of the activities listed below? Do you have a talent not listed? Our commissions are made up of owners who advise the Board by bringing their own perspectives and expertise to a variety of issues. We need you! Go to our website for more information about each commission: <https://www.valleylotowerscondominiumassociation.com/>. **To sign up, email the Board with your interest/talent: vltcommunity@gmail.com.**

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IS THIS YOUR TALENT?

- Numbers/Financials
- Budgets



- Maintenance Experience

- Creative Ideas
- Big-Picture Ability
- Long-Term Planning
- Task-Focused: beginning to end



- Clearly communicating difficult concepts
- Translating legal terms to plain English

- Gathering Information
- Interviewing People
- Writing
- Editing
- Proof-Reading
- Photography
- Graphic Design



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- Technology skills
- Educational Events for owners



- Recycling and Environmental Interests

- Baking or shopping for events
- Social Events Planning



STAY SAFE! BE WELL!

We hope you enjoyed this issue, and welcome your feedback. If you would like to help with the quarterly Newsletters, please contact Shelley Riskin.

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