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MONDAY MORNING CONVERSATION



For several years, some residents of Moreland Courts have gathered for coffee and conversation on Monday mornings. Participation is open to anyone interested. In better times, neighbors met in person, and in better weather, outdoors, but currently meetings are via Zoom. Coordinator is Bill Lang, who invites you to contact him at billthelawyer@gmail.com to be added to the email chain and “fight the winter doldrums and join us”.



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT JOHN BEEKER

First, I want to acknowledge the work of our staff who went to extraordinary lengths to assist the Moreland Courts Community during the record setting snowfall on Martin Luther King Day. Understaffed because of the snowstorm, only a few employees were able to get to Moreland Courts that day. The few staff who were able to get here, arrived early and stayed late to help with the Herculean snow removal effort. The efforts of Larry McHugh, Glenn Henry, Mildred Brooks and Paul Stroud were above and beyond the call of duty.

The Board began has begun the year with a lot on its plate. On the recommendation of the Facilities Committee we approved funding and a contractor to undertake the Gas Meter Consolidation project. This will consolidate gas meters of individual units into a master meter, thus eliminating user fees paid to the gas utility by unit owners that typically amount to more than \$30/month. Board members and senior staff are working with our organizational development consultant to formulate a new strategy for staff oversight and for enhanced communications. A new committee of residents has been launched to contribute to and oversee the preparation of a monthly newsletter. We are making arrangements to assure that our annual meeting with residents will be conducted this year after a lapse of two years because of the pandemic. Plans are afoot for activities to celebrate the Moreland Courts Centennial year. Mebby Brown has been appointed to coordinate this effort with the General Manager. And the Board is finalizing a mission statement to guide its operations after hearing comments from a number of residents on the draft. Thanks are due to all who made the effort to offer comments on this."



Paul Stroud, Mildred Brooks,
Glenn Henry & Larry McHugh

WHAT TO DO/WHOM TO CALL IF....I want to reserve the guest suite.

Call Wanda in reception (751-1100) for availability and also for reserving the guest suite. The guest suite is available to Moreland Courts residents to rent for one night or more and is a fully furnished one bedroom apartment. Located on the ground floor of Building 8, it been recently refreshed, including new linens for the two queen sized beds. At times of great demand (Thanksgiving and Christmas, for example), a drawing is held for interested parties. Otherwise the policy is first come, first served.

Welcome, New Neighbors

Christine O'Connor, 13805

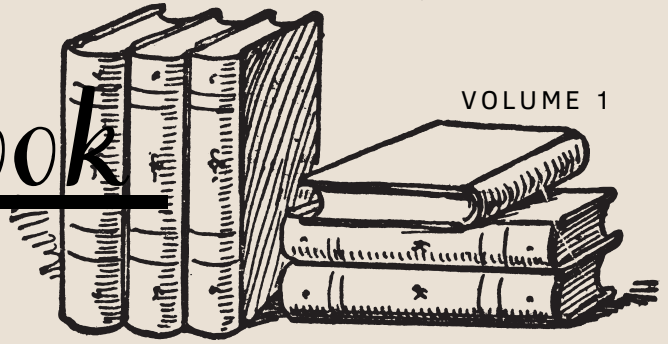
Ann Dobyns and Charles Scillia, Building 12

Ted and Linda Sempliner and their dog Lucy (sheepdog/poodle), 13805

Thomas and Scott Willkomm in Building 11



By the Book



Test your knowledge of the current rules in force at Moreland Courts pertaining to pet ownership:



Back in the day, pet owners at Moreland Courts were required to hold their pets in their arms on elevators. The first MCCA Rule Book had a stern warning for pet owners: “The opportunity to keep a pet in a Unit should be considered a privilege and not a right, and those who abuse the privilege shall lose it”. Today we take a softer tone. The current Moreland Courts Rule Book “welcomes responsible pet owners and their pets”.

1. False: Pets are limited to domestic household pets, such as dogs, cats, birds and fish. **2. False.** All pets must be registered with the Management Office by filling out a Pet Responsibility Registration Form. **3. True.** **4. False.** A Unit Owner is required to remove a pet that poses a threat to others within three days of receiving written notice from the General Manager. **5. False.** Pet owners should avoid walking pets on our Moreland Courts lawns. **6. True.** **7. True.** **8. False.** Dogs must be on a leash in all common areas. **9. True.** **10. True.**

1. I can keep my pet cobra in my Unit so long as it never escapes.

2. My right to privacy precludes the need to register my pet with Management.

3. Unit owners are allowed one dog, a dog and a cat or two cats per Unit.

4. Only the police have the authority to determine whether my pet poses a danger to others.

5. The grassy spots in the back line area are an excellent location for my dog to relieve himself.

6. Receptacles for pet droppings are located on the Condominium Property at four different locations and on adjacent public streets.

7. Failure of dog walkers to pick up after their dogs is a violation of Cleveland and Shaker Heights public ordinances.

8. Once inside the common areas of Moreland Courts, my dog can be unleashed.

9. Cat litter must be securely tied in an air-tight plastic bag and deposited in the rear halls for pick-up and disposal.

10. Owner supplied dog treats are given out to dogs when they stop by the Security Office.





A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Paul Stroud

This first installment of the new Newsletter format addresses an important opportunity for improvements to communications between Moreland Courts Board, Committees and Staff. Those who are working to maintain and improve the quality of the experience of living at Moreland Courts are looking forward to sharing more information about what is going on, what is being accomplished and what is planned for the future. Too often the staff has been engaged in solving problems, addressing concerns, and managing the operations of a large and multifaceted facility that communication had been relegated to something to try to squeeze in when there was time. Forming a committee of residents with editing and writing backgrounds and the addition of Office Administrative Assistant Tiara Smith creates a systematic program that is intended to produce a regular Newsletter on a regular and consistent basis. The regular cadence of publication of this Newsletter will be deadline driven in a way that news items will be included that meet the deadline, if something is late, it goes in the next edition. The goal will be regular communication that the community will be able to rely on. Plans include multi-faceted subjects from a variety of sources that should enable something of interest people will enjoy reading. We'd like to thank Kathleen Hickman who has accepted the role as initial editor of this sheet and look forward to the regular discipline of keeping you informed.

Gentle Readers,

Do you have announcements, comments, suggestions, events open to all at Moreland Courts? Address them to editor@morelandcourts.com, or on paper to Editor, attn: Tiara Smith.

Notice for Dick Blum

Many of our Moreland Courts Community enjoyed a friendship with Dick Blum, who passed away at 90, January 22nd. Dick, with his wife Harriet Warm have been residents at Moreland Courts since 1993. Dick served on the MCCA Board, and with Harriet created the Marketing Committee to pursue opportunities to promote Moreland Courts during the tough years of 2003 through 2014. Known as "Blos" to family and friends, Dick was an avid outdoorsman, a devoted Husband, Father and Grandfather, and a member of the legendary Dartmouth Class of 1953. Dick served his country as a Marine, founded his own company, Blossom Industries which manufactured commercial baking equipment, and travelled the world with his family pursuing adventure and countless family memories. Anyone wishing to may make a contribution to MOCA Cleveland in his memory.