



Nala

Nala the cat knows where it's at, and that's here at Mt. Vernon Village where you'll find him on his favorite leash taking a frequent stroll with his owner Erik. Erik says, "Nala thinks he is a dog. He is a very friendly nine-year-old rescue kitty who likes to be out and about. He is easy going, likes attention and will seek it out!" Not all cats like to be on a leash, but Nala has no problem with it at all. Erik says the trick is to let Nala lead him where he wants to go!



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Nala and Erik

The MT. VERNON VILLAGE VOICE

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By Brian Benedetti

COURTESY

As a new board member I look forward to helping provide relevant and positive news that focuses on our great community here at Mt.Vernon Village.

I have lived here for over 30 years and know that we are very lucky to have Kirk Gist as our maintenance employee. His skills and work ethic are stellar. He and his family also live here so he has ownership and the commitment toward making this a better place for us all to live.

I want to give him a shout out for the great work he has been doing for us. The list of things he does is long because he is a hard worker, and our condos are getting old and need a lot of prioritized work.

I also want to ask all of us to please show courtesy when approaching him when disagreeing with maintenance decisions. Kirk likes the people here and likes to help but when I see people complaining to him about this and that, it not only interrupts his work, but I think we all can imagine how it can affect morale to have so many 'bosses' giving negative input. I want Kirk to keep working here and I hope you do too.

If you take issue with maintenance decisions please bring it up instead to the MVV Condo Association Board, not to Kirk.

Instead of criticism, maybe just say thank you. He deserves that.

It's about morale. It's about courtesy. It's about being appreciative of one another. Thanks for listening.

-Brian Benedetti

Miscellaneous

- Thanks to two condo owners (who asked to not be named) for donating the new umbrellas in the pool. In recent years they also donated the blue chairs, blue cushions and the vacuum cleaner for the pool.
- Our sprinkler system is nearly 50 years old. For the past few years we have been relying on volunteers to turn on certain zones manually because part of the automatic system is no longer working. At times you may see some sprinklers running when it is raining. That's because our old system is too difficult to reprogram for weather. We hope to replace the whole system within a couple years depending on other priorities and needs. In the meantime we thank and appreciate our volunteers for helping us keep our lawns green.
- Have a great 4th of July everyone! Please remember to not use fireworks in our complex and give some extra attention to your pets who think the world is coming to an end every time they hear a loud boom from nearby neighborhood festivities.

**America is a tune that
must be sung together!**

-Gerald Stanley Lee

KIRK'S CORNER



- Priorities this summer are roofing, painting, siding and sidewalks.
- Repairing water leaks from pipes, replacing sprinklers, gate valves, back flow preventers, etc.
- Maintaining the pool.
- Proactively cleaned gutters and tended to our roofs so they haven't leaked during heavy rains.
- Two trees that were eroding our fence and brick pillar in front of our complex have been removed.
- Reminder that the lot next to the maintenance shed is for overflow parking. For households with multiple cars, please don't use all the parking spaces in front of your building. You can park extra vehicles in the overflow lot or along the fence line.