



Black History Month is an annual recognition and celebration of the history, achievements and contributions of African Americans and persons of African descent in U.S. history. The City of Alexandria invites us to celebrate by attending special events and activities at the Alexandria Black History Museum and tours of Freedom House Museum.

Visit alexandriava.gov/BlackHistory to learn more.

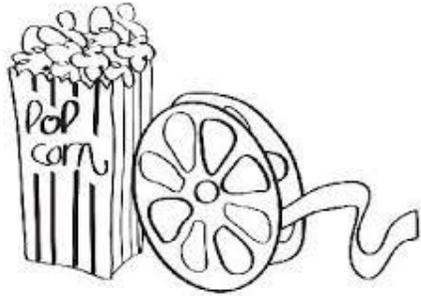
Important Dates:

- February 20 – Budget & Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. in Club Room
- February 25 – Club 31 Cinema *Bride and Prejudice* at 7 p.m. in the Club Room
- February 28 – Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Club Room
- February In-Unit Service Special – Replacement of Broken Outlets: \$55 for labor + parts
- March 2 – Repair Café and Free Market, 1-5 p.m., in the Club Room
- March 4 – Communications Workshop, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Club Room
- March 7 – Landscape & Grounds Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., in the Club Room
- March 12 – Water shutoff in 6631, if needed
- March 13 – Water shutoff in 6641, if needed
- March 14 – Water shutoff in 6621, if needed
- March 20 & 21 – Trash Chutes Cleaned
- March 28 – Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Club Room
- April 6 – Community-wide Grounds Spring Cleanup at 9 a.m.

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1. Club 31 Cinema



Club 31 Cinema showed its first movie of 2019 on January 15, *Mamma Mia*, a movie that took us away from snowy NOVA to sunny Greece!

The next film showing will be on Monday, February 25 at 7 p.m. *Bride and Prejudice* (with a B), the Indian version of Jane Austin's classic. This is Bollywood at its best with something for everybody: music, drama & comedy.

No need to sign up, just show up for free popcorn, soda, and a fun film! We will have a different film each month. For more information contact Larry Grewelle at 703-765-7057.

2. Repair Café & Free Market

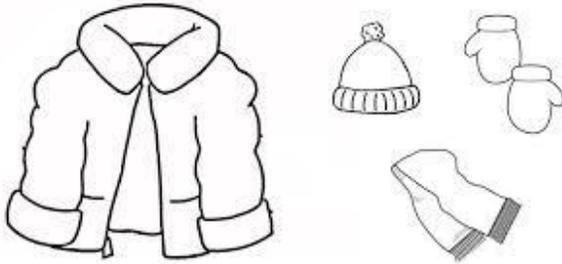


We have one volunteer for each of the following free repair stations: lamps/small electrics, bicycles, mending, knife sharpening, silver polishing, jewelry, gluing, detangling, and registration. Additional volunteers are needed for these stations, for managing the Free Market, and for general event assistance.

Have something in good repair that you no longer need? Put it on the Free Market table. See something on the table you can use? Feel free to take it. No clothing or open food items, please.

For more details or to volunteer, please contact Barbara Bacon via email at babacon46@gmail.com or by phone at 703-795-4131.

3. Collection to Help the Homeless



Our neighbors in 6631, Tony Richardson and Rose Gentile, sponsored an event on February 16 to help those in need via New Hope Housing and the Eleanor U. Kennedy Shelter. A large SUV was filled with items donated by River Towers residents. Thank you to all who donated!

Gently used items are still needed, including winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. New items needed are tooth brushes/paste, soap, deodorant and large/extra-large adult diapers. Tax receipts will be provided.

Contact Tony Richardson at 571-465-1891 to make donation arrangements.

4. Pet Policy



We know that, for many of you, your pet is an important part of your family. Please remember that they are only permitted on service elevators and must always be leashed or in a carrier when outside of your unit. Pets may only be brought in and out of the buildings through the side and rear entrances. Lobby elevators may be used only when the service elevators are not available, and pets should be removed from any elevator when another passenger objects to the presence of the pet.

Your neighbors count on you to clean up after your pet. Pet waste must be picked up, placed in a plastic bag, and disposed of in the dumpsters or other pet waste receptacles. Cat litter must be placed in a secured double plastic bag.

Pets not wearing a River Towers Pet Tag, or any pet found unattended on the premises, may be removed by County Animal Control Authorities.

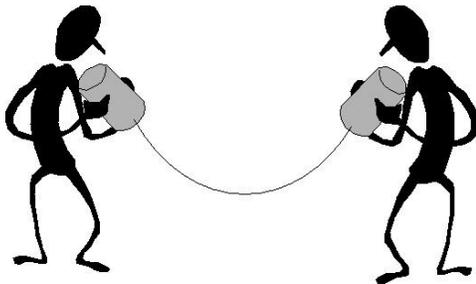
5. Annual Pest Extermination Treatment & Fire Alarm Testing



A few residents expressed concern that, in some units, the contracted exterminator used an insecticide spray (Cyzmic) rather than the gel that had been advertised. The contractor explained that if there were no sign of pests, a preventative spray was used. If signs of pests were present, the gel bait was used to attract the pests. If future concerns arise when work is being done by the association in your unit, please request that work be stopped and contact the Condo Office at 703-768-3800.

Notification of recent fire alarm testing was not adequate for many residents. Moving forward, advance notification will be provided via email and/or under condo doors.

6. Improving Communications



Would you like to help create a River Towers Community Directory? Become a Building Captain? Help start a neighborhood watch? Edit River Towers operations documents? Recommend a policy change? Help select window coverings and a multimedia cabinet for the Club Room? Enhance our River Views newsletter and publish a digital version?

Momentum and attendance are growing at our Communications Workshops. Owners and residents are invited to attend on March 4 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. to join workgroups and address the following: Office/Resident Communication; Communication within Individual Buildings; Safety, Preparedness & Resiliency; Condo Rules; and Interiors.

Because you asked, Board Meeting Minutes will be posted on the Residents Only section of the website, at Rivertowerscondo.org. Need an access code? Contact the Condo Office. Please anticipate a 5-6 week posting delay as Minutes must be ratified at a subsequent meeting prior to posting.

Please email Rivertowerscom@gmail.com with your suggestions, questions, and/or concerns.

7. **Have a Little Consideration – Help Make our Community Great-er!**



There are countless ways that each of us can be considerate of our neighbors. Here are ten:

1. Give delivery and contract staff directions about where to park, the intercom number to reach you, and where to find the loading dock entrance and service elevator.
2. Turn your lights off before you leave your unit to, save association energy costs and reduce condo fee increases, maximize your neighbors' view out their windows, and protect our planet's resources.
3. Set the alarm on your phone to alert you a few minutes before your laundry cycle will be finished.
4. Avoid putting glass and other breakable or sharp items down the trash chute.
5. Avoid having very large parcels delivered to the Condo Office, like car tires and furniture.
6. Inform your neighbors – above, below, and beside you – in advance of noisy work in your unit.
7. Ask new or prospective residents if they need help or answers to questions.
8. Report suspicious and illegal activity to the Condo Office and/or the police.
9. If your pet has an accident in an elevator, stairwell or hallway, clean it up, please.
10. Hold doors open and say "hello" to your neighbors.

Have suggestions for ways to Have a Little Consideration? Email Rivertowerscom@gmail.com

Thought for the Month

*I've learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel.*

– Maya Angelou