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Check your Kin Living mail for the agenda.

BIRDS, FROGS, AND OTHER WILD CRITTERS

It's always a joy to see the Quintet burst into flower. Some of us have bird families that nest on our balcony, the baby ducks are born, and of course, the famous frogs are back.



Forgive us if we trot out some timely Springtime tips from our By-Laws, Rules and Regs, or Declarations. Okay, they're not just tips. Violations carry a \$250 fine.

ARE YOUR PLANTS OUTLAWS?

When we decorate outside our unit's corridor door, the Fire Department insists we **leave 48"** of clear space all along the outdoor walkway. Should -- heaven forbid-- we have a health emergency or a raging fire in our units, we don't want emergency workers to have to heave a big potted Japanese maple out of the way to get the fire hose or stretcher in. The Japanese maple will be especially heavy, because **it's got to be in a pan or have a riser** under it to protect our porous building from onslaughts of moisture. That goes for balcony pots, too. Any plants perched on the half wall must be **secured** to prevent tumbles and possible planticide or manslaughter.

SHOULD YOUR DOG BE EXPORTED?

Yes, dogs want to run free. Persuasive as he is, please do not let your dog convince you to unsnap that leash. And if he's **woofing up a storm all night or about to charge at a person or a chihuahua**, please restrain him with some tough love. After three violations, he will be escorted off the property.

IS YOUR NEW DRYER IN LEGAL TROUBLE?

We've all been there -- in the garage with a cartload of groceries, and the elevator just won't come. Frankly, one passenger elevator is not enough for the 50 residents of each building. It's not legal here to use the passenger elevator for new appliances, couches, carpets, or construction materials, as they can damage our tired old lifts, which are already in iffy health. Please get a key from Maria for the freight elevator, a much tougher machine that can handle an elephant. (Though that's over the pet weight limit.)

DID A THIEF JUST GET INVITED IN?

Like the rest of Portland, we've had break ins and thefts here recently, and the security committee is busily working on possibly pricey proposals to lock out bad guys. Yet some critters (squirrels? ducklings? chihuahuas?) *in every building* are still propping entrance doors open, sometimes with rocks. Thank heavens we humans are smarter than that.

Be a good neighbor and close any propped-open doors. Maybe we won't need a new set of cameras after all.

NEW POLICY: YOUR NEIGHBORS WON'T BUY YOU A CAR WASH

We all know our garage roofs leak. Yes they do. The long process of renewing the membranes above those ceilings will eventually fix this problem. In the meantime, if our parking space is under a leak, it's so sensible **to get a waterproof cover** (\$30 and up) to protect our car's finish. We are each responsible for our own cars. The Quintet will not pay for our detailing.

Happy Spring!!!