



NORTHWEST CONDOMINIUM LIVING

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Dear VAUX Condo Owner and/or Resident,

Over the past few months there have been some major changes in the composition of the Board of Directors. Due to a number of resignations three of the five members have been replaced with new members. And a fourth one will become vacant in early January. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce the new board members.

Ron Bergman, A VAUX owner since 2015 has been named Chair of the board. Ron has a broad background in local government holding many senior positions in both small and large organizations. Since retirement in 2005, Ron has been doing international consulting work helping governments in developing countries, mostly on temporary assignments. Ron lives at the VAUX with his wife Tricia

Susan Waldron, a former Assistant US Attorney in Tampa, FL and retired RN, is the new treasurer. Susan has been a Portland resident since October 2011, and a VAUX owner since 3/17/14. She started the Welcome Committee, but is turning it over to Janet Schaefer due to time constraints. Susan lives at the VAUX with her dog Mac.

Paul Block's professional career was spent as a Talent Agent, a TV Show Talent Coordinator and Segment Producer (for the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson), a TV Producer, and an Executive Producer. Paul lives at the VAUX with his wife Gila Lane(of the Lane Gallery across the street).

Sara Burton is the continuing member. She is a small business owner related to local film production and a member of the Board since the HOA took over from Trammel Crowe in 2007. She is a second-generation Portlander.

Abe Farkas has submitted his resignation effective on the 8th of January, when the board meets at its regular meeting.

The new board is interested in creating opportunities for owner/resident participation in committees and special task forces to help solve problems and investigate opportunities for our association. Some of these opportunities include:

- Social events
- Oversight of the bike program
- Landscape maintenance
- Investigating business practices and relationships
- Welcoming of new residents and orientation to VAUX house rules
- Floor coordinators to help residents with "how to" questions about the VAUX
- And many more



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So, let us know your talents and interests. We know the VAUX has talent and we want to utilize that expertise where we can. Just drop us a short e-mail or note to CMI describing your talents, interests and contact information.

The board is proposing a policy for replacing board members who resign in mid-term. This draft policy provides for notice to owners and a two-week opportunity for individuals to put themselves forward as candidates. The board will then (individually or in groups of two) interview interested people. The full board will then make a selection at a regular board meeting. In following this draft policy, if you are interested in being appointed to the soon to be vacant board position, please let us know by sending a similar email or note to CMI with interests, VAUX unit number, contact information, and any special interests you have for improving the VAUX experience. CMI email is NancyL@communitymgt.com.

We have decided to increase the number of meetings per year from 4 to 6, meeting in the third week of each odd numbered month. This will make our meetings shorter, but also be more timely, and reduce the number of "emergency" actions between meetings. We will identify an exact day, location and time by the previous meeting. This way board members and resident/owners can plan for attendance at the meeting.

As a way to improve communication, we will soon make modification of our web site to include a "button" for owners and residents to send communications to the board. It is hoped that this can facilitate good communication.

Your board is working hard to make your home at the VAUX as enjoyable as possible.

Have a very good holiday season,

The VAUX Condominium Association
Board of Directors