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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Shelley Riskin, 2000 Bldg. Apt. 502
Newsletter Creator and Editor



Tell us something about yourself.

I'm a life-long Chicagoan, and moved to Glenview with my (now "amicable-ex") husband just after the birth of our sons, Justin and Micah. I'm retired from a wonderful 38-year school library career. I wrote school library-related articles, conducted workshops for school district librarians, and continue to mentor, run my synagogue (BJBE's) library, and substitute in schools and the Niles Public Library. My older son Justin is a sommelier and cocktail artist with his own business in Colorado, while Micah manages TD Ameritrade's e-communications group. He and his beautiful fiancée Alexa, who is luxury leasing agent for Chicago Downtown Apartment Company, will be married next year—I can't wait to dance at their wedding!

How long have you lived at Valley Lo? 16 years. This is my first condo living experience.

What do you enjoy most about living here? I love my beautiful apartment and view, plus the location. But most of all I feel grateful for my friendly and helpful neighbors, who have **so** generously reached out to help me during this past difficult year.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Of course I'm a bookworm! I formed a Bookclub in 1978 with some librarian friends, and it's still going strong. I spend as much time as possible with family. I'm very active at my synagogue, and I'm President of the Jewish Librarians Network of Chicago group. I also love to dance, walk, bicycle, attend the theatre, eat out, and scrapbook.

Have you participated in any Valley Lo activities or groups? Yes. I created and chaired the original Owner Involvement committee and still participate in it. I also created and worked on the first Meet the VLT1 Candidates Forum. I organized and run the VLT1 library, and I'm the creator and editor of this Newsletter.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS! **Jim and Pam Gassel, 2000 Bldg. Apt. 509**



Tell us something about yourself. We grew up in Chicago's north suburbs and have been married for 45 years. Our two daughters are Katie and Sammi. Katie and our son-in-law Jeff have a son, 2-year-old Teddy. We've been so fortunate to see our grandson grow! Katie teaches theatre to children. Sammi is a content writer for medical websites and produces an annual musical revue to raise money for epilepsy. We both retired at the same time, after successful careers in (Pam) advertising sales and (Jim) the accounting, financial and computer areas, including CFO and CIO of a food ingredients company.

What do you like to do in your spare time? We are both avid golfers, love musical theatre, and have Lincolnshire Marriott season tickets. Jim loves to cook, as well as create video montages, which also used to be a side business for him. Pam likes walking and listening to music.

How long have you lived at Valley Lo? We moved here 3 years ago, after living in our Wilmette house for 33 years. We downsized so we could spend our winters at our condo in Sarasota, Florida.

What do you enjoy most about living here? Both of us enjoy the amenities, the peaceful building, accessible location, and wonderful neighbors. We love seeing the north view of beautiful seasons from our top floor condo. Jim says he was born to live in a condo —everything is done for you in the common areas and there's no lawn worries!

Have you participated in any Valley Lo activities or groups? If so, what are they? We haven't really participated because we're fairly newly retired from stressful jobs. So we're taking a break from additional responsibilities for the time being. We're also babysitting a lot, which is a joy, not a responsibility!

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS! **Jane Carter, 2020 Bldg. Apt. 209** **VLT1 New Board Member**



Tell us something about yourself. I grew up in Wilmette. At college I majored in Food and Nutrition, then took classes in design. I'm semi-retired from a 28-year career in real estate, but I still do staging and referrals. It's been enjoyable, and I've met many interesting people! I'm widowed, and have a daughter, Katie, my son-in-law Preston, and my sweet granddaughter, Charlotte. My houses had beautiful yards, with flowering plants and vegetable gardens, so landscaping is a big interest of mine.

How long have you lived at Valley Lo? I moved to Valley Lo 4 years ago, after living in the north suburbs, then Florida. Valley Lo is the first condo I've lived in. I like my large balcony with space for growing tomatoes, herbs, and flowers in pots.

What do you enjoy most about living here? Many things. I became familiar with Valley Lo as a realtor, back when the buildings were rentals. I love the spaciousness of the condos, range of amenities, the convenience to my family, friends, shopping and the airport, and the welcoming neighbors. I like socializing with them at the pool or going out to dinner. It's nice coming home to people I know.

Have you participated in any Valley Lo activities or groups?
Yes—social events, meetings, joining and chairing the Landscaping Commission, and being on the Board. I hope more residents help with improving our grounds!

What do you like to do in your spare time? I like traveling, being with my family, swimming, cooking, and tending to my flowers on my balcony garden.

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Roy and Beth Olson, 2020 Bldg. Apt. 106



Tell us something about yourself. Roy: I grew up 5 blocks from Wrigley Field, when bleacher seats cost 60 cents (now \$48!) I had a 48-year communications career as a sports, news reporter, editor, and Illinois Dept. of Transportation spokesman. I've also operated a non-profit for 30 years that works with inner city ministries to provide free summer camp for needy kids.

Beth: I grew up in Chicago and River Forest. I taught primary grades, nursery school and was Regional Director for Community Bible Study, where I trained national leadership. Both of us are retired. Our daughter and pilot husband live nearby with our grandchildren, ages 15 and 13. Our attorney son has a small family law practice. He and his wife live in Des Plaines. We've lived in Glenview for more than 50 years.

How long have you lived in Valley Lo? Since September, 2020. We looked at the Valley Lo condo last June, and put in a bid for it the next day. We're "snow birds" who spend the winter at our Florida condo.

What do you enjoy most about living here? We love walking the grounds, Techny Basin, the Glen, and all the places with which we have become familiar as long-time Glenview residents.

What do you do in your spare time? We love travel, get-togethers with family, going to the Chicago Symphony, and walking at the Botanic Gardens. Beth also enjoys gardening, singing in the church choir, playing the piano, reading, crafts, entertaining, and making notecards and pillowcases for Chicago homeless shelters.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS!



2000 CHESTNUT

Hari and Ruby Rabid

Apt. 408

Owners since March, 2020

2020 CHESTNUT

Louis Carr (Sorin and Claudia Petrea, owners)

Apt. 406

Renting since September, 2020

Igor and Vera Gabriel

Apt. 311

Owners since September, 2020

Roy and Beth Olson

Apt. 106

Owners since September, 2020

See our *Meet the Neighbors* article to learn more about the Olsons.

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WHEN WE FEEL SAFE AGAIN: I CAN'T WAIT TO.....

Editor Shelley Riskin asked a variety of owners what they were most looking forward to doing once they were fully vaccinated, or felt safe about resuming their former activities. Do you agree, or do you have your own cherished dreams of normal activities that aren't listed here?

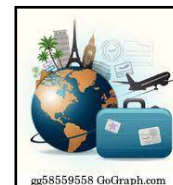
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Spend time with family and friends
- Eat out in a restaurant with family and friends
- Have a sit down dinner at a nice restaurant for the whole family
- Eat dinner with my parents
- Hug my kids
- Spend time with my grandchildren
- Hug my grandchildren, watch them skate, and have them sleep over
- Get together with friends



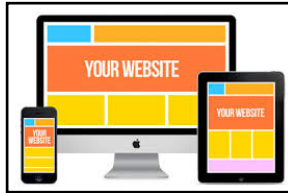
ACTIVITIES

- Travel/feel safe while traveling
- Attend church/synagogue in person
- Go to large gatherings with a purpose
 - e.g. Breast Cancer & Parkinson's walks
- Attend concerts
- Go out socially
- Eat outdoors at my favorite breakfast spots
- Go to school without masks
- Resume participation in distance running events
- Get a massage
- Browse in a bookstore
- Shop for clothes in an actual store
- See everybody's smiles—unmasked!
- Feel safe in general!



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VLT1'S WEBSITE



www.vlt1condo.com

Co-Webmaster Lynne Goldman

Co-Webmaster Adrian Rattner

What is the history of VLT1's Website?

Owner Jim Roberts saw the need for a VLT1 online information source, so he created the website for condominium residents. Paul Kaiser took over for Jim, continuing with maintenance and upgrading. After several years of expanding and enhancing the website, Paul asked for new volunteers to administer it. Lynne Goldman and Adrian Rattner were selected.

What do the new Webmasters bring to the website management?

Lynne and Adrian have been active participants in many VLT1 activities during the years they have lived in our community, and both have worked on a variety of commissions. Lynne was also President of the 2020 Board. This gives them a breadth of knowledge of VLT1 activities, programs and services. Each one will be using their combined talents of organization, communication, and technology to maintain and enhance the website.

What is the purpose of the website?

The website is an owner created and maintained source of information for residents. Its purpose is to provide current and easily accessible, detailed information about the VLT1 community and the Village of Glenview as it pertains to our community.

Why should I use the website?

The website is a one-stop, continuously updated source for archived as well as current information pertaining to owners.

What are some examples of website topics?

- Current information in *The Announcements* folder on the upper left of the website's home page
- Board meeting agenda and minutes
- Commission information
- Owner Directory
- Rules and Regs and VLT1 and State of Illinois Condominium By-Laws
- Plus much more!

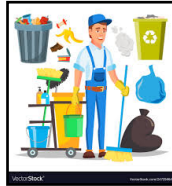
Who can I contact to learn about how to access and use the website?

Contact Lynne (224-616-3317) Adrian (224-616-3117) or Paul (847-834-0680) or email webmaster@vlt1condo.com. They will all be happy to help you.

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WHO DO YOU CONTACT? MAINTENANCE WORK



Homeowner Unit Maintenance (Interior) is the homeowner's responsibility. Please contact Braeside Property Manager Kevin Sanders first to find out if your issue is the Association or homeowner's responsibility. Kevin will then direct you to Erels Maintenance, VLT1's janitorial service, or an outside vendor. For more information, go to the VLT1 Website www.vlt1condo.com and click on Maintenance Information.

Kevin Sanders, Braeside Property Manager:

(847) 504-8008

ksanders@bcmltd.com

Erels VLT1 Building Staff:

Sergio Nunez Rodriguez

Serafina Blanco

Erels VLT1 Building Skilled Technician:

Francisco Reyes (responds to most work orders that require plumbing, electrical, etc;)

Erels VLT1 Services Available: electrical, plumbing, handyman

Address: 1739 Chestnut Ave, Glenview, IL 60025

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Phone: (224) 661-3136

Pricing: \$45 per hour, with minimum charge of \$75

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IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

CHESTNUT AVENUE EXPANSION



The Village of Glenview Announcement Summary

- The Village of Glenview has authorized a contract for engineering and environmental services related to the widening of Chestnut Avenue.
- The project consists of widening Chestnut Avenue from two lanes to three lanes, from Lehigh Avenue to Waukegan Road.
- The addition of a continuous third, center median/left turn lane would improve safety and traffic flow.
- A proposed multi-use path would accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists along the north side of Chestnut Avenue.
- More details are available on VLT1's website: www.vlt1.com.
- Adriana Webb is the Village of Glenview's Director of Engineering in charge of the expansion project. She can be contacted at 847-724-1400.
- There will be more information about the project by late summer. VLT1's Communications/Owner Involvement commission co-chair Paul Kaiser has been in touch with Ms. Webb, who has offered to meet with our residents to discuss concerns and answer questions regarding VLT1 driveway entry and exit, the multi-use path, trees on both sides of Chestnut Avenue, etc;
- This meeting or meetings will be planned for late summer or early fall. Watch for further details.

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STAY SAFE AND BE WELL!



We hope you enjoyed this issue, and welcome your feedback! If you would like more information about the biannual Newsletters, please contact Shelley Riskin. The VLT1 Condo Community Newsletter was created and is maintained by Valley Lo I owner Shelley Riskin. Thank you to Paul Kaiser, Norine O'Donovan, Lynne Goldman and other owners for additional assistance and suggestions. This newsletter and past issues are also posted on VLT1's Website. Don't forget that our condo's website contains regularly updated information and other condominium-related news.

Questions, comments, concerns or compliments?

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