



Columbus Point

(MANAGEMENT COMPANY) LTD

WATER FEATURE Members' Newsletter - 22 March 2021

Water Feature matters

Soak test

On Friday 26 March the water feature will be decommissioned for one week for the regular bi-annual (March and October) “soak test”. The purpose of the test is to ensure that the structure remains water-tight.

Repairs & maintenance

While the jets and fountains are off, in-pool maintenance (such as checking, repairing and replacing wiring and lighting) is carried out. At the same time, this year contractors will be on site to steam clean and treat the coping stones, repair minor damage to the interior coating and carry out other general maintenance before the Easter holidays and leading into the summer season.

Company matters

Announcement

Further to the recent appeal for volunteers to act as a CPMCL director, it is pleasing to report that three members put their names forward. Therefore, it is with great pleasure we welcome two of these to the Board with immediate effect and a third will also join when another vacancy arises.

Colin Lockett (Dominica Court) and Damian Reid (San Juan Court) have volunteered to join the board with immediate effect, bringing the number of directors to seven. Their appointments to the board will be ratified at the next Annual General meeting. Below are brief biographies for each of them.

Colin Lockett (Dominica Court) Colin started his career in London as a tour operator, arranging tours to Europe for Americans and Japanese. In 1988 he decided on a change of career and did an accountancy course in the evenings, qualifying in 1993 with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

In 1994 he joined an airline services company based at Gatwick and was Finance Director there from 1996 to 2009. He then worked as a finance consultant for the next four years and retired in 2013, moving to Seaford.

Colin has been married to Tina for 33 years and moved into Dominica Court in January 2021. He is a member of the tennis club in Meads and the golf club in Seaford.

Damian Reid (San Juan Court) Damian moved to Eastbourne in June 2020, having moved to work at East Sussex Healthcare. He originally qualified as an accountant and company secretary, working initially for the MOD, then in the private sector (EC Harris and Compass Group) and since 2008 he has worked in NHS finance. His hobbies include bridge, cruising (again, when we are allowed to leave lockdown) and plans to learn how to sail.

Annual Budget

In the next couple of weeks, the budget for the annual service charge will be prepared and approved.

The charge is anticipated to be similar to recent years' (around £250). In accordance with the Deed of Covenant, which every member of the company has signed, the invoice must be settled within two weeks of its receipt. Please carefully read your Invoice and pay the correct amount.

Last year the directors were sympathetic to a handful of requests for payment plans to assist members who were struggling financially because of the pandemic. Sadly, several of these arrangements went unfulfilled, invariably leading to the board hardening against doing this again. However, given the continued challenge of life returning to "normal", and although they are not obliged to agree to payment plans, the directors are able to consider requests for further assistance.

Communication

Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited (CPMCL) does not use social media. Instead, it uses this newsletter, email, its website and a WhatsApp Alerts group to communicate with members. To be added to any of these, email CPMCL with your property address and mobile telephone number.

To join the WhatsApp group requires WhatsApp to be installed on a smartphone. WhatsApp can be downloaded free from your App store. It is important that all members with email accounts join the mailing list as the bulletin provides regular updates, reminders and information about work issues related to the Water Feature and CPMCL.

If a property close to you has recently been occupied by new owners please ask them to join the mailing list. Easy-to-print versions of bulletins are on the website.

HML communication

HML Property Managers (HML PMs), whose office is at The Waterfront, act for CPMCL. They manage contractors, and deal with financial and company secretarial business on the company's behalf.

If you have not already instructed HML to communicate with you electronically, please consider doing so, and if you are already registered to receive your HML communications electronically, please let them know if you have changed your email address.

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