



## Celebrating 44 Years

### Claridge House Cooperative News

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### Winter 2023 Edition

**Welcome** to the Winter 2023 edition of our Claridge House Cooperative e-newsletter! This year we celebrate the 44th anniversary of the Claridge House Cooperative. Our South Building was completed in 1959. Our North Building was completed in 1964. We became the Claridge House Cooperative in early 1979.

### A Farewell, New Beginnings and Anniversaries

There are a number of changes to Claridge House staff:



In December we bid farewell to Pierre Francois, our longtime porter supervisor. Residents

were invited to Pierre's retirement reception where the Vice President of our Board of Directors, Kathryn Halpern, presented him with a plaque marking his 37 years of dedicated service to the Claridge House Cooperative.



Porter Joseph Victor will be retiring. Victor has worked for the Claridge House nearly 11 years. His last day is March 6, 2023. We will be hiring another porter.



Porter Yves-Dwidg Jeanty was promoted to porter supervisor. Jeanty came to the Claridge House four years ago in January 2019.



We welcomed our newest staff member to the Claridge House. Uvic Gutierrez was hired as a porter at the end of December. He came to the Claridge House from United Service Companies and Madeperfect Cleaning.



We have loyal staff who have worked here for several years. We acknowledge and

appreciate staff whose anniversaries are in the first two quarters of this year.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Maria Gutierrez, porter, started 23 years ago on 1/18/2000;

Yves-Dwidg Jeanty, porter supervisor, started 4 years ago on 1/28/2019;

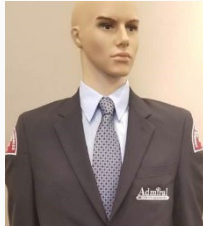
Pilar Juergenson, general manager, started 26 years ago on 4/14/1997;

Manuel Mendoza, porter, started 22 years ago on 6/1/2001; and

John Morse, associate manager, started 9 years ago on 6/16/2014.

Photos of these and other staff members may be viewed in our Staff Directory in BuildingLink.

### **Admiral Security Officers**



In addition to staff changes, the Claridge House is welcoming three new security officers from Admiral Security Services. Officers will be working at the front desk on all three weekend shifts. Their duties are the same as the concierge staff. Lola Shannon has already started working the 7 AM to 3 PM shift. Two other officers will be starting in the near future. Their uniform includes gray blazers and pants.

### **Assessment Fees Increased in 2023**

Unit and garage space fees increased 2% at the beginning of this year. Fees are due the first day of each month and no later than the 14th of each month. Late fees are assessed on the 15th of the month. If you mail payments, we recommend mailing them at least 10 days prior to the first of the month. Other payment options include setting up auto payments with your bank or submitting the Legum & Norman Direct Debit Authorization Form. Form is available at [www.claridgehousecooperative.com/forms](http://www.claridgehousecooperative.com/forms). One-time direct debit payments may be made by clicking on Associa Homeowner Account Access at [www.claridgehousecooperative.com/resources](http://www.claridgehousecooperative.com/resources) and registering for TownSq.

## Board of Directors Meetings



The 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule is posted on our public Website at [www.claridgehousecooperative.com/resources](http://www.claridgehousecooperative.com/resources). Meetings are held virtually. A shareholder participation session is held 10 minutes before the start of each meeting. Meeting minutes may be viewed by shareholders in the library section of BuildingLink.

## Energy Star Certification



CONGRATULATIONS! The Claridge House earned EPA's Energy Star certification for 2022, the fifth straight year we earned it. Our Energy Star score is 97. This ranking means the building is more energy efficient than 97% of similar properties nationwide! Our Energy Star decal will soon be posted at the building entrance.

## Recommended Contractor/Vendor List

Looking for a contractor or vendor to perform work in your unit? Check out our Contractor/Vendor List at [www.claridgehousecooperative.com/resources](http://www.claridgehousecooperative.com/resources). In addition to contractors, list includes recommended housecleaning companies and realtors. CORT was recently added for those who would like to rent furniture for their units.

## Rent Survey

Shareholders will be asked to complete a rent survey for 2021 and the first two quarters of 2022. Survey will ascertain if the Claridge House qualifies for Employee Retention Credits. Keep an eye out for this upcoming survey.

## Wellness Check

If your unit is vacant or you plan on being away for more than two weeks, please submit a

maintenance request in BuildingLink so we can do a wellness check in your unit. Our maintenance staff will check faucets and toilets for leaks, smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, gas leaks, wall or ceiling damage and mice droppings.

### **Claridge House is a Smoke-Free Building**



Section 5.1 (a) of our Rules and Regulations state:

*"This Building is a smoke-free building. No smoking is permitted in the premises or in any of the common areas, including the hallways, lobby, elevators, laundry rooms, stairwells, basement, exercise rooms, business center, entertainment lounge, library, terrace, pool or garage. This also includes the patio and BBQ areas." One has to be at least 10 feet away from the building if smoking outside the building.*

Please call the front desk at 202-337-2240 to report smoking complaints. The concierge will investigate complaints. Once confirmed, management will follow up with residents violating our rules and regulations.

### **Noise Complaints**

Section 4.1 (b) of our Rules and Regulations state:

*"Residents shall not make or permit to be made any disturbing noises or do or permit to be done any act which unreasonably interferes with the rights, comforts and convenience of any other resident."*

Please call the front desk at 202-337-2240 to report noise complaints, especially during quiet time from 10 PM to 7 AM daily. Quiet time is determined and enforced by the DC Police Department. Complaints are investigated by the concierge. Once confirmed, management will follow up with residents violating our rules and regulations.

## Recycling



Recycling is a requirement in buildings like the Claridge House. Recycling signs are posted inside the building where most blue recycling bins are located. Blue bins are located in the South Building basement stairwell, North Building elevator lobby on the First Floor, North Building garage and Laundry Rooms on each floor except the basement. Recycling bins and dumpsters out back have signs indicating which items may be placed inside. Paper items (newspapers, magazines, printer and note paper, etc.) may be placed on racks in or near trash rooms in both buildings. Please do not put regular trash on bins or racks.

## GW Community Benefits



George Washington University reinstated its community benefits. Up to 150 Foggy Bottom residents are invited on campus by The Office of Government & Community Relations to enjoy and take full advantage of everything GW has to offer. From library access, performing arts, technology assistance, gym membership, art galleries, sporting events and much, much more. Details on this and the Friends of GW GWorld Community Card Program can be viewed at <https://neighborhood.gwu.edu/neighborhood-benefits>.

## **River Inn Restaurant Reopened February 15, 2023**

A new restaurant called Matera opened at the River Inn Hotel next door. Restaurant features contemporary reinventions of American classics. It is open daily for breakfast from 7 AM to 10:30 AM and dinner Tuesday-Saturday from 5 PM to 9:30 PM. The bar is open Tuesday-Saturday from 4 PM to 10 PM. Reservations are not required. Whether planning a date night or business meeting, Matera offers a variety of food and libations with a creative twist. For more details, visit <https://www.theriverinn.com/food-drinks>.

## **Fun Facts Trivia**

As you may know, February is Black History Month. Several prominent civil rights leaders were born in the early 1900s. Which prominent leader was born in the 1920s?

## **Upcoming Events**

March 12 – Daylights Savings Time Begins

March 15 – Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A Meeting at 7 PM

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

April 18 – Tax Day

April 18 – Board of Directors Meeting at 7 PM

April 19 – Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A Meeting at 7 PM

May 15 – Board of Directors Meeting at 7 PM

May 17 – Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A Meeting at 7 PM

May 27 – Swimming Pool Opens

May 29 – Memorial Day (Management Office Closed)

*Fun Facts Trivia Answer:*

*Martin Luther King, Jr was born on January 15, 1929. His birthday is celebrated as a nationwide holiday on the third Monday in January.*

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