



Woodlake Towers - Community Association of the Year!

The Washington Metro Chapter of the Community Associations Institute has awarded Woodlake Towers Condominium the title of “Community Association of the Year” for 2012 in the large community category. The award was officially announced Monday morning, January 9th, at a Chapter breakfast in Bethesda, Maryland. A plaque will be presented at the Chapter’s annual EXPO on March 31st at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center.

Community Associations Institute (CAI) is the only national organization that exists to promote the interests of condominiums, cooperatives, and all other forms of community associations. The Washington (D.C.) Metro Chapter (WMCCAI) is the largest of all the CAI chapters in the United States.

Each year, WMCCAI awards the title of Community Association of the Year to four communities, one in each of four categories based on the size of the community. The “large community” category encompasses condominiums, cooperatives, and homeowner associations that have 500 to 999 units.

To be considered for the award, each community must complete a 78 item questionnaire and submit copies of a recent newsletter, the annual budget, and an essay explaining why the community believes it deserves to be considered for the honor. Woodlake Towers used the essay to explain how it has managed to keep condo fees from increasing for three years in a row while still putting needed funds into a Replacement Reserve and paying for more than \$3 million in improvements.

This award is a well-deserved recognition of how far Woodlake Towers has brought itself in the past four years. The credit for this is rightfully shared by every Board member and unit owner, as well as our management and staff. It required some difficult decisions and a lot of hard work, and all of us have reason to be very proud. To express that pride, the Board and management are discussing how best to publicize this great news to the surrounding community.

Town Hall Meeting — Key Fobs & Building Security

The Board of Directors held a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday evening, January 17th. The sole topic of that meeting was a discussion of the key fob system, its problems, and its impact on the security of the residents of Woodlake Towers.

The Town Hall Meeting provided an opportunity to explain how the key fob system works and what its drawbacks are. Owners and residents were able to express their own opinions. The key fob system was recently upgraded with new components, yet some residents have experienced problems gaining access to some doors. The problem is rarely one of programming, but rather failures of one or more mechanical parts in the key fob system.

The Board will continue to discuss this issue and perhaps form a working group to formulate recommendations of long-term plans.

Save the Dates! (check the bulletin boards for details)

- Feb. 13 - President’s Day (Management Office closed)
- Feb. 19 - Community Concerns Committee meeting
- Feb. 28 - Board of Directors meeting (all are invited to attend)
- Feb. 29 - Finance Committee meeting
- Mar. 12 - Building & Grounds Committee meeting
- Mar. 27 - Board of Directors meeting (all are invited to attend)
- Mar. 28 - Finance Committee meeting

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We thank Howard Cihak and
his team of Woodlake Towers employees
for an outstanding achievement.

A few years ago, this was a dream.

Today, it is a reality.