



The people have spoken! Here are final results of your priority survey:

High Priority	Lower Priority	Don't Care	
90%	10%	0%	Replace Styrofoam/ single-use plastics in dining room
72%	26%	2%	Reduce non-essential lighting, consistent with safety
70%	20%	10%	Adjust outdoor lighting so it shines less into apartments
67%	26%	7%	Replace plastic bags for linens with reusable cloth or nylon
38%	44%	18%	Offer detergent sheets and dryer balls in Beaupre Shop
36%	36%	28%	Replace hard walkways with water-permeable rubber walks
34%	41%	24%	Replace shuffleboard courts with permeable bocce court
32%	58%	11%	Increase our portion of renewable electricity (solar, wind...)
23%	46%	31%	Replace blacktop parking spaces with permeable pavers

(Not all totals add up to 100% because of rounding. Not all voted in every category.)

Many thanks to all of you who submitted your priorities and comments.

The strong support for replacing Styrofoam and single-use plastics in dining carryout will be pursued with the new dining director once that person is in place.

Barbara reports that supplier and minimum purchase requirements make stocking detergent sheets and dryer balls in the Beaupre Shop difficult. If you wish to order these yourselves, Consumer Reports recommends:

Earth Breeze Liquidless Eco Sheets — \$12 for 60 loads, with free shipping
Order from earthbreeze.com

Better Homes & Gardens calls long-lasting wool dryer balls “an eco-friendly and cost-effective alternative to dryer sheets or fabric softeners” that “decrease drying time and soften clothing while reducing wrinkles, static cling, and pet hair.” It likes Smart Sheep, fair-trade made in Nepal:

Smart Sheep Dryer Balls — \$19.95 for a pack of six, with free shipping
Order from smartsheepdryerballs.com

The walkway and parking space issues involve capital budgets and will be examined as current surfaces need replacement. One question about permeable rubber walkways was whether they were safe for residents with walkers. Stoneleigh Garden reports that “we have many folks who visit with walkers, and they seem to be able to move without any issues.” A bonus is that they are softer on the knees and cushion falls. Besides reducing water runoff (a point of emphasis with Radnor Township), they are made of crumbled rubber keeping old tires out of landfill.

As mentioned previously, TMR is awaiting a quote from Constellation Energy on increasing our renewable electricity sources (solar, wind, geothermal, as opposed to coal, oil and gas) from 18% to 25%.

Progress on other issues, such as lighting and replacing plastic bags for sheet and towel laundry will be pursued at the next quarterly meeting of the Green Action Group (Carisa Livingston, Steve Pargeon, Victor Mignogna and Terry Shepard).

Other comments included the excess fliers — many useless to us, such as for companies who do gutters, roofs. We all deplore this waste but the US Postal Service, Inquirer and market-by-mail companies all get paid for bulk delivery of these and do not eliminate individual addresses. The one consolation is that the bins in the mail room for these discards do go to recycling.

The absence for several days at a time of the new single-stream recycling bins has been raised with Carisa. This appears to be a gap between when they are collected for Waste Management to empty, and when they are returned to their rooms. We are seeking two sets so that empty ones can be put in the recycling areas when the full ones are taken away.

I have passed along all the comments on surveys to Carisa. Other concerns that are outside my remit as a resident — such as more carts for resident use or running toilets— should be reported to the appropriate authority, such as maintenance, housekeeping or Steve in Building & Grounds.

—Terry Shepard