

The Empress Condominium

Empressions

Quarterly Newsletter

January 2026

Greetings Empress Family,

It is hard to believe that 2025 is already coming to an end. This year seems to have passed even faster than those before it - something we say every year - but for me, it truly feels as though I lost several months while recovering from my ankle injury.

Once again, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone, near and far, for the good wishes, cards, flowers, food, love, and especially the prayers. I am happy to share that while I may not yet be ready for a marathon, I am walking on my own again - and it feels wonderful. The incredible support from my Empress family has played a tremendous role in my healing and ongoing recovery.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank-you to Barbara Diperna from Advantage for being in the office every day during my absence and ensuring that the Empress continued to be well cared for. She truly served the community exceptionally well.

The largest project in the building this year was the installation of Hotwire. Overall, the project went smoothly, though there were a few minor glitches along the way. Hotwire was very responsive and promptly addressed any issues owners experienced. We are currently working on the Community Channel, which will be available on Hotwire Channel 99 and is expected to be up and running by mid-January. This channel will feature information on activities, meetings, and other Empress-related updates.

Please remember that there are several ways to stay informed about what is happening at the Empress: 1) Check the Mail Room regularly for announcements, 2) Visit Engage online at engage.goenumerte.com or 3) Explore our website at www.empresscondo.org.

Our Maintenance Team worked tirelessly throughout the summer to modernize and refresh several areas of the Empress. In the Social Room, baseboards were painted, outlets were upgraded, and the tiles were acid-washed—providing a much-needed facelift. We also added a new ping-pong table, which has been a welcome and much-enjoyed addition.

As we enter the new year, please be assured that the Empress team will continue to work diligently to ensure that the Empress remains The Jewel of the Isle.

My very best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year.

Have a blessed day!

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PLEASE REMEMBER.....

The Empress Bicycle Storage Room is always a work in progress. To help prevent overcrowding, an inventory is conducted each year in January. Currently, there is an excess number of bicycles in the room.

The *Empress Rules & Regulations*, Paragraph 22, state: "All bicycles stored in the Empress Bicycle Storage Area must display a permit and must be kept in good working condition." Please note that *working condition* does not include rusty chains, rusted wheels, or flat tires.

If you are currently on property and have a bicycle stored in the Bicycle Storage Room, please take a moment to inspect it to ensure that:

- A readable permit is clearly displayed, and
- The bicycle is in safe, operating condition.

Following the completion of the January inventory, any bicycle that is not in working order or does not display a valid permit will be removed and donated to a local charity.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and ask that we all do our part to help downsize and maintain an orderly Bicycle Storage Area.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

Please be reminded to review the Empress Rules and Regulations for contractors working in the building and for any renovation projects.

*All owners must submit a **Remodel Application and Agreement** and receive the necessary **Board approval** prior to beginning any work. Renovations may not commence until all required **permits have been received and are on file in the Office.***



New Ping Pong Table

COMING SOON

***Empress Annual Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2026
at 7 p.m.***



Mark your calendars!

REMINDER TO PET OWNERS

With the new year approaching, please make sure you furnish the Office with updated veterinary records for your furry friends.



***The Empress Staff wishes
you and your family
a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season!
Deb, Jeff & Mario***

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Empress palm trees are aglow in their colored lights. The Christmas tree in the lobby is brightly festooned and lit. The Social Room is decorated in its Seasonal finest. We're welcoming back our owners and renters from their cold environs. Our Holiday Party is ready to go.

Winter season at the Empress has started!

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

January 16th - Welcome Back Dinner

January 21st – Book club discussion of The Lion Women of Tehran

January 25th – White Elephant

And that's just January! A full calendar of events and book club selections can be found on-line at engage.goenumerate.com — PLEASE make sure you are signed into your account and check out the Social Committee information to stay current even if you are not on property – just to see what you're missing. Full info and pictures on-line!

If you are at the Empress, you can access information through your Hotwire/Fusion television homepage ... see Community. Does it say "Coming Soon"? Yes, yes, we know – just repeat "it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks" ... and keep us in your prayers. More information coming soon.

Empress Social Committee



Huge shoutout to Susan Goodman for making another Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive a smashing success!

The Empress residents gave with heart, making sure even more kids in our community have a Merry Christmas full of joy and smiles!



Lobby Christmas Tree 2025



Social Room Christmas Tree 2025



The Social Room is ready for the holidays!



HOLIDAY PARTY 2025



