

# The Empress Condominium

## *Empressions*

Quarterly Newsletter

January 2018

### ***Happy New Year!***

*Dear Empress Residents,*

*It is with joy and optimism that I greet you as we embark upon a new year.*

*Looking back on the past year which was filled with the unusual challenges of the balcony restoration and the associated cost, I would say the Empress came through the fire, unscathed.*

*Thanks in no small part to the diligence and masterful planning of the Board of Directors, especially Carl Valdiserri, who spearheaded the project, you have a building that is structurally sound and ready to take on the next thirty years.*

*We expect this year to be a quiet one, in so far as having to do anything major. Expect however, to see a more conservative approach to minor improvements as we attempt to rebuild the finances.*

*Know that you can count on our capable and willing team, Debbie, Tammy, Jeff, Steve and I to make your experience here at the Empress a truly blessed one.*

*Love and best wishes to you and family for 2018.*

*Howard*



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## ***LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE***

Our property suffered some damage from hurricane Irma. We lost four sable palms and one coconut palm, five hibiscus, four Ti plants and two bougainvillea. Between cleanup and replacement plant material \$1670 will have been spent.

Most of our plant material is showing signs of wind and salt burn. We have done a cut back on most plants and they have been fertilized so we need to wait and see what will recover before I do anymore remove and replace.

I know the hybrid crown of thorns inside the gate by the guardhouse look pretty bad now, but I'm hopeful.

On a walk-a-round I noticed our hibiscus in front of the west wall was not flowering. Upon further inspection I saw they had "bud drop" and mealy bugs. I notified Royal Green and they were out the next day to treat them. The hibiscus are starting to keep their blooms and flower now.

Our palm trees have been trimmed and the property has been mulched. With all the rain we had during the tropical storms and Irma many of the growers plant material rotted out. Our choices for plantings at the front entrance were "what color of begonias would we like". That's why we have begonias and not geraniums.

I feel overall our property and palms look pretty good compared to some of our neighbors. Any questions you have, feel free to contact me.

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***Landscape Committee Chairperson***  
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***EMPRESS***  
***HALLOWEEN***  
***2017***



## ***SOCIAL COMMITTEE***

We started off our season with a Halloween and Thanksgiving TGIF party. We also held our first Social Committee meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Many thanks to all of you who have come forward and volunteered to help with all our upcoming events.

By the time this newsletter reaches you we will have decorated for the holiday season and celebrated the first night of Hanukkah, and will have had our Annual Holiday Party on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

On January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. we will need volunteers to take down decorations, and of course, Dunkin' Donuts and coffee will be served.

We hope to see a lot of you at our next Social Committee meetings on January 10<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> with some helpful suggestions.

We are all so excited that the balconies are finally done that we are having a BIG BASH on January 12<sup>th</sup> with a DJ, dancing and lots of surprises. This is definitely reason to celebrate! Wouldn't you agree?

We're also planning our "Welcome Back" sit down dinner, followed by a Super Bowl party, a Valentine's party, a ladies' fashion show, the Men's BBQ, Sonia's Splish Splash and St. Patrick's Day party taking us into the middle of March with more to follow in the next quarterly Impressions Newsletter.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

***Shelly Mahoski  
Paulette Smith  
Social Committee Co-Chairpersons***



The Empress Staff Family wishes  
you and your family a  
**Happy and Blessed Holiday Season!**

### ***Be Kind to your Neighbor.....***

**Sliders and pocket doors being opened and closed make noise in the unit below you. If you can hear the sliders, it might be time to lubricate or replace rollers or the track.**



### ***IN MEMORIUM***



Alan Driver passed away on October 10, 2017. A Celebration of Life was held on November 12<sup>th</sup> and was attended by many.

Bob Tannehill passed away on October 24, 2017. If you would like to read the full obituary, please go to [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com).

***2017-2018  
Empress Telephone Directories  
are now available!***  
Please see Debbie in the Office



### ***F.Y.I.***



Smoke alarms have a life expectancy!

Smoke alarms should be replaced every 87,000 hours, or about ten (10) years.

To find out how old your **smoke alarm** is and its **expiration date**, simply look on the back of the **alarm** where the **date** of manufacture is marked.

## ***COMING SOON***

***Empress Annual Meeting  
Monday, February 5, 2018***

 ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS*** 