

# The Empress Condominium

## *Empressions*

Quarterly Newsletter

April 2020

*Hello,*

*To all of you residents and guests who have graced the Empress with joy and enthusiasm for much of the season thus far, our thanks.*

*You left the bitter cold of the north and other parts of the states to soak up some sunshine and good vibes.*

*As we plan for the elevator modernization in the background, activities such as pool aerobics, social committee functions, tennis and pickle ball have not skipped a beat.*

*Blessings to all for continued health and happiness throughout the remainder of the year.*

*Howard*



## **Empress Board of Directors**

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**President**

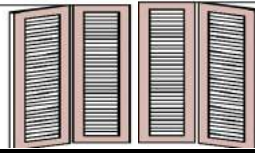
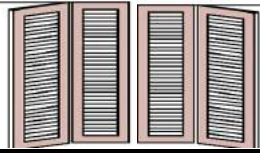
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**Secretary**

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**Treasurer**

***Bill Borland***  
**Director**





## **REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS**

It is important to remember to keep your hurricane shutters either closed and locked or completely opened and locked. ***If the locking device is not in place, the wind makes them rattle very loudly***, in turn creating loud unpleasant noise for your neighbors.

Your attention to this will help to ensure we keep the Empress ***"neighbor friendly."***



***Mermaids 2020***

Please remember to ***return*** the ***grocery carts*** and luggage carts to the Bicycle Area ***immediately*** so that it will be there when your neighbor needs it!

***In case you forgot.....***the Empress has a new email address. Please change your address books so that we are sure to get your email:  
[emprescondo@gmail.com](mailto:emprescondo@gmail.com)

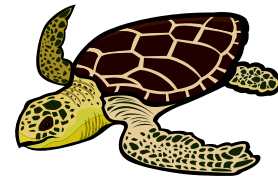


### ***IN MEMORIUM***



*Jim Helton, former owner of unit #505, who served on the Board of Directors for many years, passed away on February 2, 2020.*

*Theresa Hammerle, unit #301, passed away on February 17, 2020.*



## **PROTECTION OF SEA TURTLE NESTING**

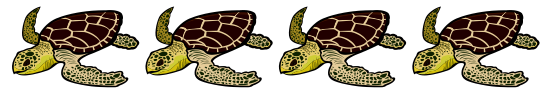
**MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> – NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

KEEP DRAPES OR VERTICALS CLOSED AT NIGHT TO PREVENT LIGHT FROM BEING EMITTED ONTO THE BEACH AREA.

***TURN OFF ALL UNNECESSARY LIGHTS THAT ARE VISIBLE FROM THE BEACH BY SUNSET.***

THE LIGHTS OVER THE DUNE WALK WILL BE TURNED OFF DURING THIS TIME.

THREE LIGHTS ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT ARE FORCED TO BE OFF FOR TURTLE SEASON.



**As a reminder to all unit owners, as stated in the Empress Amended and Restated By-Laws with regard to leasing your unit:**

***No leases (rentals) are permitted for less than 60 days and ALL paperwork must be submitted to the Office for approval by the Board of Directors. For a full explanation, please refer to the By-Laws No. 17.8.***



# ***SOCIAL COMMITTEE***

January, February and March have been very busy months here at the Empress – and we're still going strong! We had many social events – some old favorites and some new ones.

Our January Welcome Back Dinner was followed by the February Fashion Show luncheon. The music at this year's Valentine's Day Party was provided by a local DJ. Our new February event was the Chili Cook-Off – it was a lot of fun with award-winning chili made by our own Empress chefs!

Upcoming events include the Park Avenue Barbecue, St. Patrick's Day dinner and the Splish Splash Pool Party. Other new activities will be our first Movie Night on March 13<sup>th</sup> and Trivia Night on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Farewell Brunch is planned for March 29<sup>th</sup>. April brings a close to the season with the Pizza Party (this year catered by Advantage Property Management) and the last TGIF of the 2020 season on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

We wish you a wonderful summer, stay healthy and happy – we're looking forward to seeing you next year ...

***Your Empress Social Committee***

## ***VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY 2020***



The Empress' First Annual CHILI Cook-off Results



Chili Chefs:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Best all around	Cha Cha Chili	Suzanne Sorice
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Spiciest	Fall Tailgate Chili	Ross Green
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Most Unusual	Short Rib Chili Rookie	Bonnie Deegan
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Diner's Choice	It's His Favorite	Marie Novotney
		White Wonder Chili	Sunny Fedak
		Buzzard's Breath Chili	Ken Urban
		Beany Bird Chili	Joanna Peters
		Aunt Ida's Chili	Carrie Rosenblatt

Judges:

Nancy Samuels  
Paul Smith (Head Judge)  
Delores (Dee) Hunstead

Thank you to all the Chili Chefs, Judges, and Diner's Choice Judges who made the Empress' First Annual CHILI Cook-off a huge success.

Thank you to all who signed up to enjoy the fixin's and those who helped with cleanup. It could not have happened without your participation!

Thanks again,  
Shelly, Joanne and Jaimie

**Welcome  
New Empress Owners**



**Dewayne & Tina Lincoln  
Unit #201**

**John & Cindy Blunnie  
Unit #803**

**Stephen & Tammy Fasano  
Unit #908**

**Chuck & Sharon Kushner  
Unit #1008**

**Below picture was taken from an  
Empress unit and the  
Stuart News (2/25/2020) liked it too!**

**READER SNAPSHOT**



Barry Richardson found this group of pelicans going after a meal in the ocean in Jensen Beach. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY BARRY RICHARDSON



**In memory of Susan Stoudt, an annual tradition at the  
Empress by the Stoudt family.**



All renovations that involve relocation or addition to existing plumbing, electrical, A/C duct work or structural aspects must submit "AS BUILT" drawings to the Empress Office depicting the final location of all altered elements along with a completed Remodeling Authorization Form, which can be obtained from Debbie in the Front Office or on the website. A copy of the Contractor's License, Proof of Insurance *AND A COPY OF ANY REQUIRED PERMIT* must also be submitted. **This form and information needs to be approved by the Board and Property Manager before beginning any work.** ***YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CONTRACTOR FOLLOWING THE EMPRESS RULES.***