

The Empress Condominium

Expressions

Quarterly Newsletter

January 2019

Greetings Empress Residents!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends and recovering from all the excitement that accompanied the season.

A lot was accomplished in 2018 and you have been kind enough to observe and applaud our efforts in maintaining the Empress. We are grateful for the privilege of serving you. We expect to continue our effort in improving life for all who reside here while we continue to manage cost.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if you are aware of any concerns you would like us to address.

As you are well aware by now, the Association has signed a new contract with Comcast to provide cable and internet service to all units. This new contract will begin March 1, 2019 and will be in effect for five (5) years. It will allow you to stop paying for individual internet access, with speed (60 Mbps) comparable to what you now have.

Prior to the start of this new contract, Comcast will be coming to the Empress with all the new equipment needed to accommodate the new service and will change out your old equipment. We will let you know in advance when this will occur. They will adjust your billing to reflect the changes provided for in the new contract and make allowance for those units with advanced services, i.e., X1 voice recognition, DVR, blast, etc.

Other note worthy initiatives for the new year include replacing the pool and spa heaters (already done) with brand new ones, improving the efficiency of the parking lot lighting, and continuing to shore up the financials of the Empress.

We look forward to what we hope to be a year filled with many blessings for all. Happy New Year!

Be well!

Howard



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2018-2019
Empress Telephone Directories
 are now available!
 Please see Debbie in the Office

**Welcome
 New Empress Owners**



**Mark Schnorbus/Jill Thompson
 Unit #306**
**Barry & Deborah Richardson
 Unit #506**
**David & Kay Engle
 Unit #1206**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We started off our season with a Halloween and Thanksgiving TGIF party. We also held our first Social Committee Meeting on November 7th followed by another meeting on January 16th. Many thanks to all of you who have come forward and volunteered to help with all our past and upcoming events.

By the time this newsletter reaches you we will have decorated for the Holiday Season and celebrated Hanukkah, and will have had our annual Holiday Party on December 14th. A special thank you to all of you who worked so hard to make this party a success and helped decorate the Empress for this festive season. Our outside decorations were the BEST yet thanks to Lynda Urban and Carol Ross. The Empress looked beautiful!

We also had our White Elephant sale on January 11th. It was a great deal of fun and wish to thank all of you who helped. A 'special' thank you to Bruce and Thelma Williams for hosting this event. Great job! Our profit was \$600 which went to our Social Committee.

We hope to see a lot of you at our next Social Committee meeting on February 13th with some helpful suggestions and volunteering.

Also in the making is our "Welcome Back" sit down dinner, followed a Valentine's party, the Men's BBQ and St. Patrick's Day party taking us to the middle of March with more to follow in the next Quarterly Impressions Newsletter.

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

As most have noticed, the non-descript concrete bench just outside the outgoing gate has been replaced. Joe and Kathleen Uras produced and provided the new and very attractive blue pearl granite bench we now have. The bench has been etched with the Empress logo and palm trees.

Thank you, Joe and Kathleen, for adding this "touch of class" to the Empress.



The Empress was once again "decked" out very nicely for this holiday season. The decorations, both those inside the building and outside, seemed extra special sparkly and nice. To all those who had a part in making our home this nice, we give a resounding "thanks".

The same thanks go to Dan Stoudt, his daughter, Sheila Bryant, and son-in-law, Ian Bryant, for putting up their Christmas tree this year on the Empress beach. The tree is in memory of Susan Stoudt.

Your trees over the years have brought smiles to owners, renters and visitors. The tree was both beautiful and poignant.



Empress colors of winter

COMING SOON

**Empress Annual Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2019**

 **Mark your calendars!** 



New pool heaters!

Holiday Party 2018

