

The Empress Condominium

Empressions

Quarterly Newsletter

January 2021

As this year draws to a close we look back and wonder how we managed to accomplish anything with the many distractions and anxieties we were faced with. Nonetheless we have had some successes.

Overall, the Empress building and grounds look amazing.

Beginning with the second floor the new pool deck was paved to perfection, one almost feels its invitation to lounge and swim. The covered area has been textured and painted as well.

Both the dune walkover gate and the gate leading out to the pool have been replaced with new customized aluminum ones which have been specially fabricated and powder coated to last.

We have attempted, with some degree of success, to stem the flow of mud and flooding behind the building when it rains, by installing a concrete barrier, or curbing, as well as trenching along the sidewalk area. This area is used frequently to access the beach.

We have also had a new exhaust system installed for the generator, provided two (2) benches for the Tennis Court and new lighting for the flag.

New entrance and exit lighting have also been installed on the Empress logo and landscape.

Thanks to the urging and direction of the Social Committee the entrance and grounds were professionally done up with Christmas lighting.

The Board is currently looking at replacing the gate operating system to one that is reliable since there have been so many issues with malfunctioning clickers and the gate opening apparatus.

We are also working with the manufacturer of the garage doors to replace the panels that are rusting and are still under warranty.

Finally, and probably most importantly is that the elevator modernization is on schedule and the south elevator which is being worked on is scheduled to be in service by December 31st.

Please have a safe, healthy and enjoyable Holiday Season.

Blessings,

Howard & Staff



Empress Board of Directors

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More than ever, it is absolutely necessary for us to wear a mask, especially in confined areas such as the elevator.

Thank you for your cooperation.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

All of us at the empress are wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season. As we celebrated Thanksgiving with a nod to social distancing, many prayers were heard to continue to keep us safe – with an exception for the turkey! On December 1st, we set up the Lobby Christmas tree – many thanks to Janet Christian, Ruth Ann Harvey, Linda Schneider and Thelma Williams for their combined decorating talents! An additional thanks to Lynda Hartley-Urban and Carol Ross for arranging for the outdoor lights on the palms, the wreaths and the garland on the catwalk – which were all lighted on the 1st.

On to Hanukkah and Christmas, and lastly, to the New Year – here's hoping 2021 is better than 2020. We'll be waiting for your return to the Empress – even the Enjoyment Books are back!

Empress Social Committee

Welcome New Empress Owners



***Victor Larco
Unit #101***

***Regan & Sandra Quaal
Unit #701***

***Chris & Janet Femiani
Unit #1005***

***Daniel Proscia/Anna Marie Goren
Unit #1503***

***Barry & Toby Fenner
Unit #1504***

COMING SOON

***Empress Annual Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
at 7 p.m.***

 ***Mark your calendars!*** 



IN MEMORIAM



Denise Beckerle, Unit #1106, passed away on October 20, 2020. Her obituary may be viewed at www.echovita.com.

Ensign Samuel Stephen Cleghorn (Unit #406) passed away tragically on October 3, 2020. His obituary may be viewed at www.foresthillspalmcityflorida.com