

The Empress Condominium

Empressions

Quarterly Newsletter

January 2024

Greetings Empress Family,

As 2023 draws to an end, please let us all be thankful for what the year has brought us, remember those in the Empress family that we have lost and look forward with great anticipation to what 2024 will hold!

The largest project that was completed are the new roofs on the garages and the out buildings, done in 'Empress Blue' making us very distinct on the Island!

After a long wait for the part, the air conditioner in the Exercise Room has been repaired and is fully operational. This unit was under warranty and the wait time was very lengthy. Despite the fact that we tried to keep air flowing in the Exercise Room without working air conditioning, we truly appreciate the patience of all who continued to use the facilities.

Maintenance painted the stamped concrete at the entrance and the front of the building, along with the walkways, giving the Empress a fresh look!

Unfortunately, we did experience several 'bathroom' leaks in several of our units, but the owners all stepped up and had the repairs taken care of expeditiously. Maintenance is just about finished up with the drywall replacement.

The tele-entry at the Lobby door has been replaced; Maintenance did an excellent job with the new encasement.

We have been without a floor machine since June, waiting for a wheel. Thanks to the creativity of Jeff and Carl Valdiserri, they were able to make a wheel out of wood to fit the floor machine, so the machine is up and operational AND we are still waiting for the actual wheel to arrive!

Please know that many of the gate clickers are not working on the entry gate. If you have tenants arriving, do not leave them a gate clicker but leave them a gate placard (these must be purchased by an owner for a cost of \$20.)

We are so happy that Mario returned to us, he was very missed! I would also like to thank David Duncan for all the hard work he did substituting in Mario's absence.

There are always miscellaneous projects ongoing, and as we do work as a team, sometimes we may miss 'something' and if we do, please let me know. If you see something, say something and that way we can get it taken care of!

All my best wishes for a healthy, prosperous and blessed 2024!

Have a blessed day!

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Garage Roof Replacement Project 2023



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

Deb, Jeff & Mario



Please remember to review the Empress Rules and Regulations for contractors working in the building and when doing any renovations, please submit a Remodel Application and Agreement to receive the necessary Board approval. No renovations will be able to begin until permits are received in Office!



*Please remember to bag and compact your trash! Break down boxes, do not put any items in the dumpster that are not household trash, because the Trash Contractor will **NOT** pick it up. If the dumpster looks like the one pictured, they charge the Empress additional!*

One of the biggest complaints from owners in a community such as ours is the 'scraping' and 'noise' that comes from their upstairs neighbor moving chairs, etc.

One unit owner has tested and tried silicone protective covers and feels it has made a big difference!

Below is the link if anyone is interested:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09DCV8R63?psc=1&ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details

COMING SOON

***Empress Annual Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2024
at 7 p.m.***

📅 Mark your calendars! 📅



Empress Holiday Help



IN MEMORIAM



Pete Beckerle, unit #1106, a longtime member of the Empress Family, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2023.

His obituary can be read at:

[*Laurence "Pete" Beckerle Jr. Obituary - The Journal News \(lohud.com\)*](#)



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Another year has come to an end - how is it possible? It all seems to happen so fast! I decided to take a look at some of the activities we celebrated at the Empress in 2023 ...

JANUARY: Welcome Back Dinner hosted by Tammy Fasano and Cathy Gendron.

FEBRUARY: Valentine's Day with Dottie Vernimb and Lisa O'Neil. **MARCH:** our first Basket Raffle! and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner arranged by Joanna Peters and the Annual Farewell Buffet/Brunch - we were really busy in March!!

APRIL: our Empress BBQ (formally known as the Men's BBQ) ordered from Park Avenue BBQ Grille so expertly by Larry Novotney and the Empress Splish-Splash Competition hosted by Sonia Fedak and Family **MAY:** Memorial Day Community dinner

JULY: July 4th Community cook-out **SEPTEMBER:**

Empress Labor Day cook-out **OCTOBER:** Halloween Party **DECEMBER:** Lobby Tree Decorating in the Evening with Refreshments and Social Room decorating ... and the upcoming 2023 Holiday Party hosted by Susan Goodman. WOW!

Looking ahead to 2024, we hope to have these activities as well as the return of the White Elephant Auction, our Fashion Show, an Ice Cream Social and our first Trivia Night!

Empress Social Committee



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Lobby Christmas Tree 2023



Empress 2023 Review



