

# The Empress Condominium

## Expressions

Quarterly Newsletter

July 2019

*My esteemed Empress Residents,*

*It is my sincere wish that this newsletter finds you in the best of health and enjoying the summer with family and friends. While most of you are away for the summer we are getting some big projects out of the way.*

*The parking lot re-pavement is nearing completion and should be done by the end of the week.*

*Next on the list will be the parking lot lighting upgrade which we hope to accomplish by the first week in July.*

*There are numerous cracks in the pool deck which must be taken care of and the deck repainted. No better time to address this than now.*

*To the residents who have stayed behind for the summer we owe you a debt of gratitude. You have put up with inconveniences that would tax anyone's patience. Many thanks!*

*We have hired a new irrigation company that has fixed a major break in the supply line and upgraded the system to include replacement of a battery operated clock to solar. They have raised dozens of sprinkler heads that were buried and not able to deliver sufficient water to the lawns and shrubs.*

*These initiatives will reduce the amount of reclaimed water the Empress uses, should the County decide to charge for the four million gallons currently supplied annually to the Empress.*

*Remember, should you need to reach out to us, we are here for you.*

*In the meantime have a safe and enjoyable summer.*

*God Bless!*

*Howard & Team*



### **Empress Board of Directors**

**Steed Johnson  
President**

**Carl Visscher  
Vice President**

**Carl Valdiserri  
Secretary**

**Mike Vinyon  
Treasurer**

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Director**



## ***SOCIAL COMMITTEE***

It's hard to believe another season at the Empress has ended. We were pretty busy this season and a lot of fun was had by all those who attended. We had parties, good food and of course good company. Our ladies also enjoyed another fashion show this year, hosted by Lynda Urban. Our very own Sonia Fedak along with Pat and Bill Borland modeled for us.

The end of the season also brought some changes on the Social Committee Board. Phyllis Klinefelter, as many of you know, resigned from her position as Treasurer. Paulette Smith and Susan Goodman have also stepped down. They will all be missed.

Your new Social Committee Board is:

Shelly Mahoski	Chairperson	(Unit #1203)
Pat Borland	Treasurer	(Unit #609)
Joanne Carron	Secretary	(Unit #505)

We are working on the calendar for the 2019/2020 season. You will be receiving an email shortly sharing the tentative calendar and asking for your input. If you are not on the email list, please let Shelly Mahoski ([mishbromat@optonline.net](mailto:mishbromat@optonline.net)) know and you will be added for future communications. Suggestions are always welcome.

Everyone is welcome to be a part of the Social Committee and the planning of our events for the season. We always need new people to help out with parties and to keep our events exciting. It's not hard to do and there are always others willing to help. Please think about getting involved. Maybe you have not come to a social event yet. Give it a try, you might find you like it or you just might meet someone new. Life is full of surprises, maybe this is one of them.

The Empress is my Happy Place. I look forward to being back there soon.

I hope you all enjoy a healthy and happy summer!

***Shelly Mahoski***  
***Social Committee Chairperson***





*Down the drain...*



*All hands on deck!*



*Whatever it takes!*



*Heads up!*



*Getting there....*



*Nothing like a fresh coat of paint!*

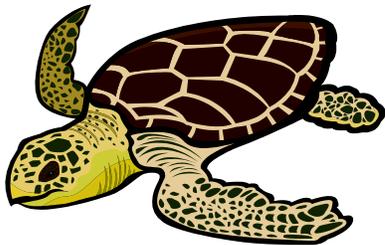


*Pool Deck of Cards*



*Start of Comcast re-wiring*

***To find helpful tips on the best A/C settings for seasonal customers please visit [www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com).***



Please remember that it is ***Turtle Season*** and it is ***imperative*** to ***close your drapes or verticals at night*** to prevent the light being emitted onto the beach area. ***Believe it or not, even lights from the 15<sup>th</sup> floor can be detected by the turtles!*** Also, please turn off all unnecessary lights that are visible from the beach by sunset.

***If we do not comply with these guidelines, we can be cited by the County.***

***Welcome  
New Empress Owners***



**Adens & Josephine Previlon  
Unit #604**

**Ralph & Linda Grauso  
Unit #804**

**Drs. Sami & Violette Salib  
Unit #901**

# Be Scam Smart



## Local Tip Sheet and Resources

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office- 772-462-7300

Fort Pierce Police Department- 772-461-3820

**STOP ADULT FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION**

Report suspicious financial offers or crimes to your local authorities.

Below are phone numbers and resources to help you protect yourself from financial fraud.  
*Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.*

**Credit Card Offers** - Call 1-888-567-8688 or visit [www.OptOutPrescreen.com](http://www.OptOutPrescreen.com)-Opt-in or opt-out of firms credit offers.

**Consumer Financial Protection Bureau** - 1-855-411-2372 or visit [www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint/](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint/) -Assist consumers with complaints about financial products and services.

**Direct Marketing Association** - Call 212-768-7277 or visit [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org)- A service to reduce junk mail and telemarketing.

**Federal Trade Commission** - [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov)- Resource for identifying and responding to fraud.

**FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center** - [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)-Information on internet crimes.

**Scams by Mail** - 1-877-876-2455 or visit <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/contactUs/filecomplaint.aspx>-Information on any scams that use the US mail service.

**Stolen Social Security Numbers** - 1-800-269-0271 Report them to Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline.

**Telemarketing Calls** - Call 1-888-382-1222 or visit [www.DoNotCall.gov](http://www.DoNotCall.gov)—Remove your name from telemarketing call lists.

**National Fraud Information Center** - Visit [www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org)- To view a list of current suspicious telephone, mail solicitations and much more.

Please visit [www.MyFloridaCFO.com/SAFE](http://www.MyFloridaCFO.com/SAFE) for more resources and information.



# **KEEP IT CLEAN/KEEP IT GREEN/ST. LUCIE COUNTY RECYCLES**

## *REMOVE THE CAP/RINSE AND FLATTEN/RECYCLE*

The recycling bins are kept in the bicycle room on the first floor, near the newspaper racks.

The bin covers should be kept closed at night to discourage raccoons and other small animals.

Recycling materials can be co-mingled so newspapers, phone books and paper material can be put in the same recycle bin as:

- a) all plastic containers #1 - #7
- b) glass bottles and jars
- c) drink boxes
- d) paper milk and juice cartons
- e) aluminum cans
- f) aluminum foil and pie plates
- g) steel vegetable and soup cans
- h) aerosol cans
- i) pots
- j) pans
- k) metal lids
- l) cookie sheets

### **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLE**

- a) plastic or paper bags
- b) Styrofoam
- c) propane tanks
- d) helium tanks
- e) hoses
- f) Pyrex cookware
- h) six pack rings
- i) clothing
- j) rubber items
- k) ceramics
- l) shrink wrap
- m) bottle caps
- n) window glass
- o) **SHREDDED PAPER**

For more recycling tips please check Single Stream Recycling on the St. Lucie County website:

<https://www.stlucieco.gov/departments-services/a-z/solid-waste>