

The Empress Condominium

Empressions

Quarterly Newsletter

October 2023

Greetings Empress Family,

It is hard to believe we have already reached September and soon we will have a full house again!

It has been a busy summer getting the Empress ready for everyone's return! We have painted various railings and doors, shampooed carpets, resurfaced the parking lot, sodded in the rear of the building, applied new signage, repaired exercise equipment, annual inspections, door repairs, repaired pool furniture, replaced pool furniture and all this while tending to the unexpected happenings that are all part of a normal day such as water leaks, a/c malfunctions and Hurricane Idalia, which once again we were very fortunate but prayers are with all those affected in the Big Bend!

The Social Committee has had their summer BBQ's and you can see the fun everyone had from the pictures on the following pages.

By the time you all read this, we will have 30 new chairs in the Social Room, which will make your sitting experience in there much more enjoyable!

We have new shrubbery in front of the walls on the West Side Property and you all must take the time when you return to see the beautifully decorated sidewalk, you won't be disappointed! One of the reasons the Empress is unique!

Pending weather and County permitting, the target date for the start of the Garage Roof Replacement Project is September 18th. We will absolutely be keeping everyone informed on where to park during the project and if all goes according to plan, once again pending weather and County inspections, the project should wrap up in two (2) weeks.

Important note: you will see a ladder on the garage and out buildings during this project, please do not touch and leave it in place as it is for the County Inspector and if there is no ladder, he will not inspect and we will have to pay for him to come out again as an 'additional' inspection.

We are still working on some miscellaneous projects which will beautify the grounds even more; you have a great Maintenance duo with Jeff and Mario, and they are working very hard to get the Empress in tip-top shape for your return.

Please be safe and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Have a blessed day!

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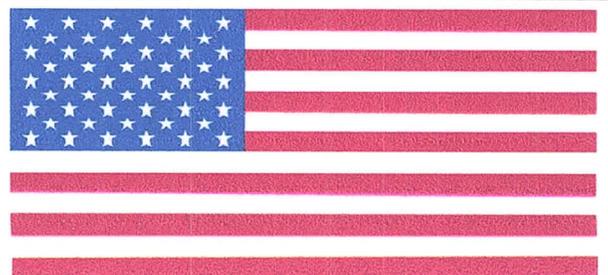
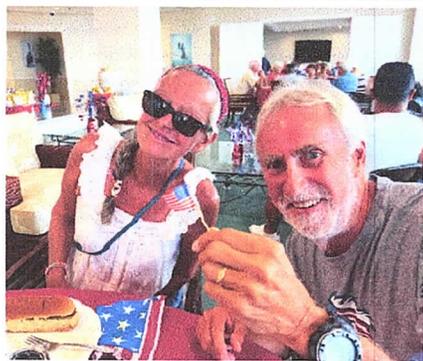
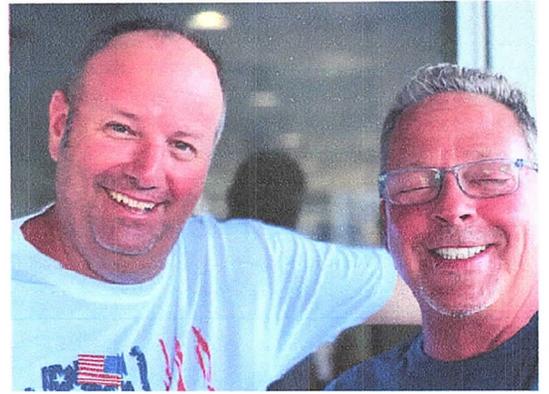
SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Summer's come and gone ... we've had visitors and guests enjoying the best of the Empress.

We scaled-down our activities due to heat - no 26 mile marathon around the garages nor swimming to the Bahamas this year - but we did have our Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day BBQs in the Social Room and patio. It's great to see everyone enjoying hamburgers and hot dogs from the grills - *thank you Grill Master Steve Kallman* - and relaxing with friends and family.

Spoiler Alert: This is a White Elephant Sale year ... feel free to bring an object from home that can be "recycled" when you return ... you'll feel better - and so will the Social Committee treasury. If you are renting your condo, please pass this along to your renters - so they won't be donating any of your items!

Empress Social Committee



July 4, 2023



Labor Day 2023



Please remember if there are any changes you want to be made to your information in the Empress Telephone Directory, please fill out a new Directory Questionnaire and either email, fax or mail it to the Empress Office. Forms can be found on the website: www.empresscondo.org

**Welcome
New Empress Owners**



**Kerry Phillips
Lila Zimmerman
Unit #306**

**Paul & Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Unit #1402**



Spring ahead, fall behind....

Daylight Savings

Sunday, November 5th

PUSH YOUR CLOCKS BACK!

Your new parking lot



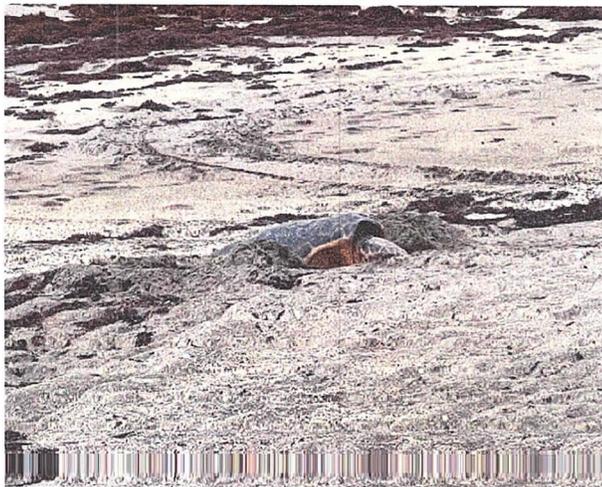
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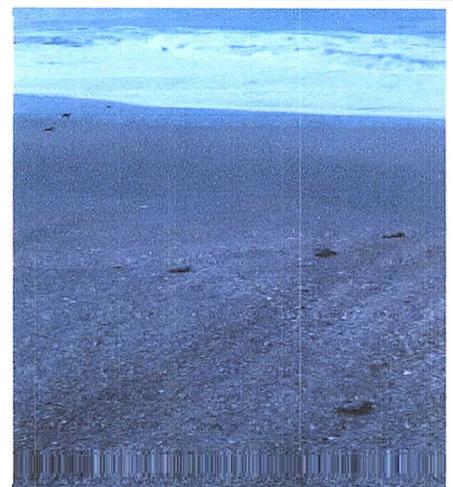
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The new west side...



This year Empress residents got to witness not only daytime egg laying but also daytime egg hatchings!



REMINDER....

The Empress does have a website which you can find at:

www.empresscondo.org

Any forms, meeting dates, meeting minutes and general information can be located there.