



Crescente Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, & Happy Season to All

It is great to have all of our friends back from up North. We will work on trying to

get a little warmer weather for you, however, it is still warmer here than it is north. Here is a quick update on what has been happening at the Cresciente.

-Unfortunately, work on our garage deck and concrete restoration of lanais has been delayed due to the cooler weather, which does not provide the right temperatures for the materials to properly dry. Completion date is set for mid-March.

—The contract for two new elevators in the North building has been signed and work is set to start on Feb. 25, with completion in mid-May, during which time we expect a few hours when we may be without either elevator. As a resident of the North building, I understand that might be very inconvenient, but we're trying the best that we can and we appreciate your patience

—We depend on owner committees to assist the Board and management in many areas that enhance living here and to help us reach our goal of keeping our property the “best on the beach.” Contact a committee chair if you have questions or concerns. They are listed on our website and welcome your interest. You may also volunteer to serve on any committee by calling the Office.

—We are currently experiencing some personnel changes and we will update you when our new staff is finalized.

—I urge you to stay informed. Check our website at www.cresciente.com for the minutes of committee and Board meetings.

Of course, you are always welcomed at Committee meetings and at our regular, posted Board meetings.

Cheryl Thompson, President



The Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20th.

Annual Owners Meeting

Board of Directors

The election of Board members took place at the January owners meeting. A total of 145 out of 171 units participated in the election by casting their votes, although 19 were invalidated due to errors.

Cheryl Thompson and **John Greer** were re-elected to the Board along with newcomer **Rich Preves**.

The Board elected the following Officers: President- Cheryl Thompson, Vice President-Les Remington, Treasurer-Alex Whitenack and Secretary-John Grier. They will serve along with Directors Paul Bazylak, Michael McBride and Rich Preves.

Owners voted overwhelmingly to approve the Rollover of Excess dollars into next year's budget.

On the question of Eliminating the Tennis Court lights, 94 owners supported eliminating them and 26 did not. Condominium Documents require 115 owners to approve any material alteration to the property, so the question failed. The Association will need to replace the lights.



Creciente Book Club meets the second

Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Room

Upcoming books to be discussed:

February 12 – *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, Ilsa will talk about the author

March 12 – *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, Pat will give us information on the author

April 9 – *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, Nancy volunteered to report on the author

Come join us for an interesting and informative discussion

Helpful reminders:



- If you are considering projects that require modifications to your unit, check the Website for the Request to Modify Form & Instructions.
- You will also find Specifications for tile to be used on the lanai as well as for sliding glass doors.
- All owners are required to register their car (s) in the Office and to get a sticker which must be displayed in the front window of the vehicle.
- All visitors are required to get a temporary parking sticker and display it in the front window of the vehicle.
- If you are having a large truck delivery, please remind those making the delivery that no large trucks are allowed past the fountain in either the north or south drives. Damage done to the curbing or other Association property will result, unfortunately, with the condo OWNER being billed.
- It is very important that we have your current contact information on file.

If in doubt, contact the office or check our website to locate the correct form .

FEBRUARY DOOR ENTRY CODES:

Please see the Comcast Community Channel (195) for the continued security of all, or stop in the Office to inquire. Thank you!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Landscape Committee

Your Creciente Landscape Committee held its first meeting of the year on January 18. There are 16 committee members this year with some new faces....we welcome Debi Roskowski, Candace Brousseau, Donna Schneider and Jane Martin to our group.

Some immediate plans include replacing the hedge damaged by Irma in front of the East building, new plantings across from the fountains and our Garden Club will be testing out crushed seashells as a Do It Yourself project to replace the dead ground cover around the pool fence. Of course, there are always plantings to improve on or replace due to the harsh conditions here on the Beach.

For more details please see the Minutes to all our meetings online or better yet, come to a meeting to listen in or give your input!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Luce

Garden Club

The Creciente Garden Club held their first meeting of 2018 at the conclusion of the January 18th Landscaping meeting.

Fifteen volunteers joined the committee this year, with plans for 2018 to include the following:

Clearing debris between the pool fence and sidewalk, possibly replacing with bagged shells.

- Trimming shrubs and plant material where needed
- Weeding flower beds where needed
- Collecting random trash on property
- Planting bright colored annuals in pots on the property
- Field trip for members to Driftwood Nursery
- Touch up painting to aqua pots where necessary

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Hadden

CRECIENTE LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Following is a summary of a letter received from Pelican Lawn and Landscaping, the company that does our landscape work, regarding the recent cold temperatures in the area and what affect it could have on our vegetation:



The tropical Palms and foundation planting used at Creciente are chosen for their ability to withstand high humidity and high temperatures, and are not really able to do well in extreme cold temperatures, like we recently experienced. While some plants will face the cold without too much damage, others like Bougainvillea, Buttonwood and annual flowers are more cold sensitive and might show signs of distress (browning of the leaf) which will usually be seen at the top of the plant where the newest growth has occurred. As a consequence, a defoliation of the damaged areas might occur. As most of these plants are in their dormant state, recovery will start to happen once the warmer temperatures come back.

While leaving the dead or brown foliage on the plant is not a good look and the resulting defoliation makes it look even worse, this is **not** the time to try to fix the problem by pruning or trimming off the damage parts of the plant, which will make the situation even worse. Nature has a way of self-preservation and the company recommends letting nature do what is the best. The damaged material on the plant will actually protect the plants from the next cold front by protecting the core stems of the plant.

It is best not to prune the damaged material until the warmer weather is back again. At that time, selective pruning can be done to remove only the damaged or dead material and leaving stems and branches that are healing. The result will be a faster recovery and a healthier plant.

The company is closely monitoring the situation to make sure that the plants are still receiving enough water. They understand our frustration of seeing flowers, plants and Palms not looking their best, and are asking for our patience. When the temperature gets warmer they will take all the necessary steps to help the plants recover the fastest, including chemical treatments of fungicide, micro nutrient and fertilization.

Another Season of Parties and Activities!

All owners, guests and renters are welcome to all the activities and parties held here at the Creciente. A special thanks to chair Carol Kucharek and her committee for the excellent job they do in arranging a variety of events that provide multiple opportunities for people to meet, relax and socialize. Come join us for the FUN.

See a complete listing of our regular activities on the next page.

This Season's Parties:

FEBRUARY PARTY

2/13/18 Social Room

5:00 p.m.

Bring Appetizer to share

Sign Up Required

DECK PARTY

March 16, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Come dance with DJ Larry

\$10

Sign Up required



Watch for announcements on BEACH parties!

Bring your own chair and finger food to pass.

Creciente Events

If you get tired of sunning and swimming, try some of these great activities, all held in the South Building Social Room, unless otherwise noted.

BINGO

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
November – April
\$2.00 per card
Must be 18 Years Old

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Tuesday Evenings
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
\$2.00

MORNING BRIDGE

Mondays 9:00 a.m.
November - April
\$2.00
Sign up Required
Call Maraby 239-463-3813

CANASTA

Sundays 1:30 - 3:30
January - April
\$1.00

EVENING BRIDGE

Thursdays 7:00 p.m.
November - April
\$2.00
Sign Up Required
Call Maraby 239-463-3813

BOOK CLUB

SECOND MONDAYS ONLY
7:00 p.m.

POOL AEROBICS

Mondays thru Saturdays
11:00 a.m. at the pool

Any owner who has an activity they would like to see start, please call Carol Kucharek at 586-413-9332.