



Creciente Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello to All,

Our garage deck project is finished except for a few minor touch up are-

as that will be addressed soon. The tables and benches, our dolphin and lounge chairs will be placed back on the deck by the middle of March.

Work on the new north elevator has started. Thanks to M.D. Electric, Oracle, General Elevator and Gina we have been able to keep one old elevator running. It runs a little slower and there are no lights. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Our new maintenance/custodial team is busy working on our deferred maintenance. They are making great progress on catching up with things and many projects are planned for the summer. A huge thank you again to all our volunteers during our personnel transition.

We are looking forward to our Spring Fling party on March 16 hosted by our

Social Committee. Our first party on our new deck! We hope everyone signs up! It is always a lot of fun!!!

We also want to remind everyone to check the website for the RULES AND REGULATIONS of Creciente and make sure all your renters, family and visitors are aware of them. You are the owner and you will be held accountable for any infraction or damage to the common areas! We want everyone to have a great time in our own little piece of PARADISE but we are all responsible to follow the rules and maintain our property. They are there for a reason!

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL!

Cheryl Thompson, President

MARCH ACCESS CODES

Please see the Office for Codes

Helpful reminders:

- Remember the garage deck is new and vulnerable to costly penetrations, please refrain from using any sharp objects, or any chairs with unprotected feet.
- Be aware of the safety area in the pool—no chairs or loungers to be placed in front of the safety throw rings and the Shepard's hooks equipment. As mandatory by Public Health Code.
- When recycling— please put items loose in the bin, as plastic shopping bags are NOT recycled. Anything recycled in plastic shopping bags is automatically thrown in trash by the hauler.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Decorating Committee

The Decorating committee has been working with 3 different interior designers for the last 2 years to come up with a plan to replace the furniture in the mailrooms and elevator rooms of all 3 buildings.

Most of the furniture is 30 years old. Some miscellaneous painting, recovering of some chair cushions, etc. have been done over the years but a total redo has not been done. These are the first rooms that prospective buyers and renters see when they visit our complex. We feel an update to these areas would increase our property values. \$16,000 has been put in our replacement fund for this project, however, it still has to be approved by the Board. All 3 designers feel the entire project can be done for this amount.

This month all 3 designers will be presenting their ideas at individual Decorating committee meetings. All owners are welcome to attend. Please check the bulletin board and our website. We feel it is very important to maintain our entire property; this includes the building inside and out and our grounds to the best of our ability.

Thank you,
Cheryl Thompson

Garden Club

The Creciente Garden Club would like to thank the many volunteers who recently shared their time assisting with, watering and fertilizing plants, planting flowers and spreading crushed shells around the pool fence.

Your efforts are visible and enjoyed by many!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Hadden

Building & Grounds Committee

The Building & Grounds Committee welcomed twelve members and held meetings on February 1st and 15th. A Plumbing Sub-committee met on February 7th. Many items affecting the physical conditions at Creciente are being addressed.

Garage Project:

The project is now substantially complete. Additional work for water drainage collection is being pursued along the east wall.

North Building Elevator Project:

Installation of new elevators began at the end of February and is scheduled for completion towards the end of May.

Plumbing:

A proactive solution is desired to reduce the continuous repairs for cracked cast iron pipes that is costing the Association money every month and inconveniencing owners. We've been in continuing discussions with companies that use a process utilizing pipe lining instead of traditional pipe replacement. This method has been used successfully on several buildings on the Beach, and is generally non-invasive, as it is installed at the roof level and runs the full nine stories.

Insurance Claims from Irma:

Damage from Hurricane Irma is being identified, and repairs are being planned and implemented utilizing the money received from our insurance carrier.

Garbage:

An analysis of our current methods of collecting, storing and pick-up has been made, and recommendations for changing the days of service and collection bin types are being discussed with our Manager.

Deferred Maintenance:

A group of Committee volunteers surveyed the exterior grounds and the building interior common areas to identify repairs needed due to deferred maintenance. Our Manager is now working on prioritizing these items for summer and fall projects. A list is available in the office for review.

Xfinity Contract Renewal:

An initial meeting with an Xfinity representative was held to discuss renegotiating our contract, which expires in November, 2019. We have voiced our concerns about reliability of service and the condition of our internal building wiring. We will keep you informed of future negotiation meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Preves

Landscaping

A few updates from your Creciente Landscape Committee ;

****The Garden Club had over 20 Volunteers to spread the crushed sea shells around the pool. We hope to decrease our annual mulch cost and by doing it ourselves we saved over \$500 in labor.**

Thank you to everyone who helped, it really builds our community spirit!

****The Courtyard will have several miscellaneous shrubs replaced soon due to Hurricane Irma.**

****This month our property is scheduled for mulching just in time for Spring! Your Committee voted unanimously to keep it the current dark brown. Our plantings really “pop” against that color.**

****The sod and shrubs along the East Building Hill will be replaced as soon as the final items on the garage project are addressed.**

****Lastly, please check out the Tower Garden by the North Building's BBQ Grill. You will find parsley, oregano, kale, radishes and some lettuce. It's wonderful to have some fresh herbs and produce growing right here! More will be planted this month.**

Our property is really shaping up and we have received many compliments on the colorful Fountains, Courtyard and Planters. Thank you for your patience as we replace damaged trees and plants. We appreciate your support!

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Luce**

A message from Pelican Lawn & Landscaping;

Good morning,

This is our first Landscape Report! I have reviewed your property this week and although some of the information may be redundant, I want to make certain it is as complete as possible.

For the past six years we have experienced much less rainfall than we have historically. The trees and plants all developed shallow root systems due to the reduced rain and thus we see much less in the area of flowers and blooms from the varieties that are not drought loving. The rain preceding Irma nearly equaled the rain deficit of the past six years and created the opposing stress of too much water in many places. Hurricane Irma arrived and with 80 plus mile per hour winds made many trees simply fall over. Irma's arrival not only brought the winds but rains laden with salt water she collected from the Caribbean as she built her strength. These salt water rains have raised the salinity in the soil that will become diluted over time and with fresh water rains. In the mean time we should expect to see many plants and trees showing signs of stress.

Irrigation is the corner stone of any landscape and without it and regular rain fall landscape will suffer. We monitor your landscape when we are on site for scheduled maintenance as well as when I make visits to assess the property. Currently we see hot spots in many areas despite irrigation being at previously adequate settings. During most seasons hot spots develop from soil conditions and grade from construction. These weaknesses are more pronounced now as aspiration rate is much higher. Aspiration is the process by which plants cool themselves as very similar as the way mammals sweat. The irrigation water applied is evaporating and being aspired faster than many plants can make use of it. The symptoms of a drought. Once the customary rainfall returns we should see a marked improvement in the flowering and overall health of all of our plants.

You may see the brown areas of grass as you look over the turf. These areas are crab and carpet grasses that have become dormant when we had temps below 50 degrees. These grasses will return to green shortly. Ideally, treating them with herbicide and replacing the sod with new is optimal.

Specifics:

Areas of irrigation deficiency are noted and will be monitored as we work to overcome the drought areas with irrigation modifications. We will continue to monitor but please do not hesitate to relay any concerns or observations.

Plants material in the planters that have died will be replaced in the coming week.

Overall the property is in very good condition.

New sod will be installed at the pool area next week

Staking material will be removed from trees as soon as we are confident they have rooted and are stable. I anticipate that to be at the end of summer.

Approved estimates are being scheduled this week and I will be sending the scheduled installation dates to you shortly.

Thank you,

Chris Ramsey

Account Manager

Spring Projects at Creciente

North Bldg. Elevator Crane



Pool Safety Zone



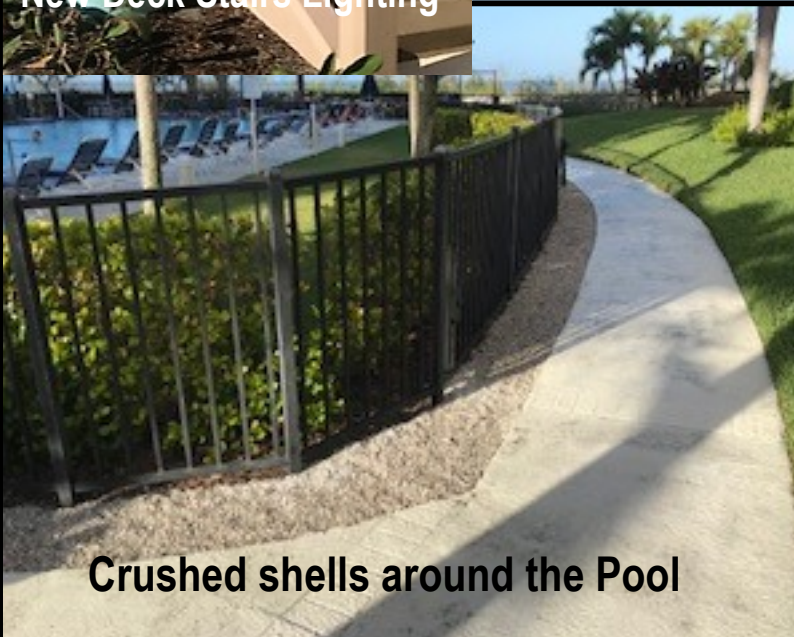
New Deck Stairs Lighting



Resurfacing of the Garage Deck



Crushed shells around the Pool



New Flower Box Plantings—East Bldg.



March Parties and Activities!

All owners, guests and renters are welcome to all the activities and parties held here at the Creciente.



Creciente Book Club

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

Upcoming books to be discussed:

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.

SPRING FLING PARTY ON THE DECK

March 16, 2018 from 5pm-8pm

Featuring music by D.J. Larry

\$10.00 cash per person, advance sign up required

Envelopes & further information located in the mailrooms

Bring your own chair and finger food to pass.



Creciente Events

Sunday

Canasta 1:30pm -3:30pm
January—April
\$1.00

Monday

Morning Bridge 9am
November-April
\$2.00
Sign up required—please call Maraby 236-463-3813

Book Club 7pm
Second Mondays Only

Tuesday

Euchre 7pm-9pm
\$2.00

Wednesday

Bingo 7pm
November –April
\$2.00 per card / Must be 18 years old

Thursday

Evening Bridge 7pm
November –April
\$2.00
Sign up required—please call Maraby 236-463-3813

Daily

Pool Aerobics 11am at the Pool
Monday thru Saturday

All activities are held in the South Building Social Room unless otherwise noted.



March Sunset Beach Party!

We've had great attendance at our previous two monthly Beach Parties and look forward to seeing many more of you!

Bring your own chair, drink, and finger food to share.

As long as Mother Nature cooperates, our next sunset Beach Party will be

Monday, March 26

January and February Sunset Beach Parties:



Meet the Staff

Gina Krause—Manager/CAM



**Lauren Robison—
Administrative Assistant**



**Wilmer Fajardo -
Maintenance/Custodial**

**Mirna Anderson—
Maintenance/Custodial**

