



Creciente Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

To all my Friends and Neighbors at Creciente,

There has been expressed concern regarding properly insuring your condominium. The condominium declarations and by-laws, along with certain Florida Statutes, set forth the responsibilities and risks assumed by the individual unit owners. Because there is no standardization of condominium documents, it is critical that unit owners consult with their insurance agent to properly insure their condominium unit. If you visit our website at www.Creciente.com you will find an Insurance Guide for Florida Condominium Unit Owners under Owner Forms. You can also pick up a brochure in the office. I hope you find this information helpful.



Les Remington



FRIENDLY REMINDER

On Wednesday, **May 18** beginning at **7:30am** Semmer Electric will be replacing the panel in the North Building where the electrical meters are located. The building will experience a power outage for about 1 hour at **9:00am** and again for 1 hour before finishing the job. The following units will be without power for approximately 24 hours. **Unit #'s: 216, 316**

110, 210, 310, 410, 510, 610, 710, 810, 910

111, 211, 311, 411, 511, 711, 811, 911

213, 313, 413, 513, 613, 713, 813, 913

Semmer Electric plans on working around the clock until the job is completed.

Important Information

Please be advised the **Town of Fort Myers Beach** is requiring **NEW**
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS RE-ENTRY PASSES

for your convenience we have posted the instructions and the
Hurricane Re-Entry Pass Application on our Website at
www.CRECIENTE.com

You will find this information under **Owner Forms** or you may
stop by the office and pick up an Application.

Regarding your **Comcast/Xfinity** account. If you wish to suspend
your services for the summer season or have any other questions
regarding your, cable, phone or internet connections please call
there new **customer service number at 1-855-510-1609.**

East Building Owners

Your new elevator comes with a new feature!

Do you have a large delivery such as furniture or an appliance that requires use of the elevator? You now may sign out a key from the office and use the elevator in contractor mode. This mode will allow you to control the elevator, such as holding the door open for as long as you need and having the elevator stop directly at your floor.

UNIT CLOSE UP PROCEDURES

Below are recommended close up procedures for when returning North or for other periods of absence

- Bring items in from the balcony/lanai during the tropical/hurricane storm season.
- Remove fan blades from exterior ceiling fans not enclosed by glass or shutters during Florida's tropical/hurricane storm season.
- Close and lock all windows, sliding doors and hurricane shutters.
- Close all window coverings.
- Turn off the circuit breaker for or unplug the hot water heater.
- Turn off the water supply to the unit.
- Stove and oven should be clean and all burners OFF.
- Clean out refrigerator of all items that would not keep for an extended period. Place baking soda in refrigerator.
- Turn OFF the ice maker by lifting the ice maker arm. Empty ice bin.
- Remove all perishables from everywhere in the unit to avoid pests.
- Wash and dry dirty dishes.
- Set air conditioning and humidistat according to your manufacturer or HVAC service provider's recommendations.
- Discard old newspapers & periodicals and place in recycling bins.
- Empty all trash containers (kitchen & bathroom, etc.) in plastic bags and discard in dumpster.
- Wash and dry dirty clothes.
- Unplug electric cord from washer and dryer. Turn off water supply.
- Leave all vanity seats in the "up" position. Add Clorox and cover with plastic if desired.
- Review storerooms & closets. Remove combustibles.

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Unit Close Up Procedures Continued

- Stop or make arrangements regarding mail and newspapers.
- Unplug computer, TV, stereo equipment, lamps, etc.
- Vacuum or sweep all floors to pick up any food particles to avoid pests.
- Consider leaving one ceiling fan on low for air circulation and opening your closet doors to prevent mold.
- Notify Association Office 463-9604 before leaving.
- Leave email address to receive bulletins.
- Verify with Association Office who has permission to enter your unit in your absence.
- Confirm Office has a set of your keys in lock box.
- Telephone the Association Office a few days before returning.

CAUTION!

Please be aware of potential nails and debris in the hallways where the carpet has been removed.

MAY'S DOOR ENTRY CODES

Owners Code: 324 Vendors Code: 139

Please visit Creciente's new updated Website at:

www.CRECIENTE.com

Creciente Activities Updates

WATER AEROBICS



Join us

Monday thru Saturday

11:00am

Creciente Pool

BOOK CLUB

Here is a list of Books and Meeting Dates for next season:

November 14, 2016 - ***Garden of Martyr*** by Michael C. White

December 12, 2016 - ***The Nightingale*** by Kristin Hannah

January 9, 2017 - ***Loving Frank*** by Nancy Horan

February 13, 2017 - ***Paris Wife*** by Paula McLain and
anything by Ernest Hemingway

March 13, 2017 - ***Dead Wake*** by Eric Larson

April 10, 2017 - ***Song of Hartgrove Hall***
by Natasha Solomons



Creciente Committee Updates

SOCIAL COMMITTEE 2016 - 2017 CALENDER

Thanksgiving Dinner November 24, 2016

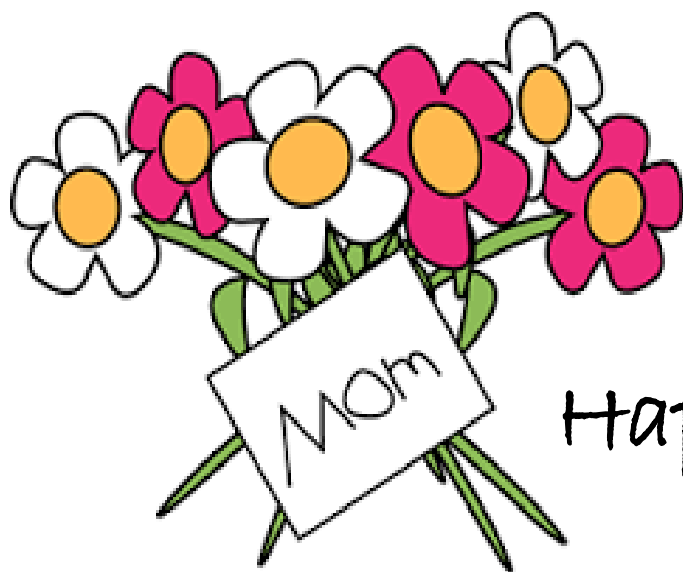
Christmas Brunch December 24, 2016

Welcome Back Party January 6, 2017

Valentine's Party February 10, 2017

St. Patrick's Party March 17, 2017

Carol Kucharek would like to thank all Social Committee members for a **Great Job** they did on this seasons parties and events!



Wishing all our
Creciente Moms a
Wonderful and
Happy Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8th

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The Landscape Committee would like to keep our Owners informed on a few matters old and new! We battle the elements of wind, salt, pests and water/temperature fluctuations here on the Beach. The plants and trees require CONSTANT attention, care, adjustment and replacement. The Landscape Committee (which is open to all– we currently have 13 members) monitors our expansive 6 acre property and meets to discuss and vote on property projects. All meetings are posted and all Owners have been encouraged to attend and participate. Please check us out on our Creciente website for minutes to all our meetings which include our budget, discussion, priorities and votes on all matters pertaining to our Landscape.

Kyburz Landscape has been outstanding to work with. Ben and his crew are very professional... our recent projects included the Courtyard and Fountains. Owners, guests, renters and several prospective buyers have all commented on our newly beautified grounds. We also worked closely with Dick Werner (Chairperson) of The Building & Grounds Committee and the other members of B&G on the Pergola. The happy result of our collaboration was the complete overhaul of an area that 1/2 the Owners overlook and all walk through when going to the beach or pool. It was a close vote but since the brick pavers did not pass, the newly installed Zoysia grass has been used this season to prevent deck overcrowding and the resulting safety issues. One of the nicest things, other than how wonderfully soft it feels compared to the crab grass that no one was allowed to pull chairs on, is that it is used for both shade and sun lovers! Though we had a few problems with fungus, organic applications have it under control. Most everyone was considerate in lifting chairs on/off to prevent damage to grass/sprinkler heads. The Fountains are the very first impression we all have when driving up and entering the North and South Buildings and after much adjustment, they look wonderful. However, the fountain spouts can never be as large or as high as we would like due to the winds we get here on the Beach and the overspray that results. Lastly, the (new color) cocoa brown mulch ties it all together. The last few years we had to “spot mulch” and that left bare patches and poor nourishment and protection of the plants. The overwhelming majority of comments have been positive and supportive of the money spent on these improvements after several years of trying to leave it “as is” or do the minimum necessary.

Upcoming projects include trimming of the Palm Trees and removal of the 5 Norfolk Pines. We know most will be sad to see them go for many reasons, especially the one that had the Osprey nest. We did need to get a Florida State Permit for them and were approved because the roots are growing into our Lift Station. Others are in the way of the road improvement project. This has been a known problem that was put off for several years and can no longer be ignored. We will be replacing them with something else in a better location at some point, as Fort Myers Beach statute requires it. Also, we are looking into the proper lighting for the fountains. It must be compliant to Turtle Nesting here on the Beach. Our thanks to the current Board who have given their time in rejuvenating the Creciente property and for their support and respect for the work that goes into our Committee. A special thank you to Tom Blackstone and Family for their thoughtful and generous donation of the two Courtyard benches in memory of Dianna Blackstone. They are a beautiful addition and have been well used!

Kathy Luce

Landscape Secretary

DECORATING COMMITTEE

DECORATING COMMITTEE PROJECTS FOR 2016

1. Chair Selection of Community Room
2. Console Table for Community Room

Both have arrived and are in place.

Artwork is under discussion for both the Community Room and the Hallways for all 3 buildings.

Last fall the Building and Grounds Committee requested the Decorating Committee re-search carpeting for all hallways. There were 4 different vendors involved in this project. The Boards decision was to go with BAER'S and Milliken Carpet Co.

The tear out of the old carpet is almost complete in all three buildings. The baseboards will be painted. The carpet installation is scheduled for early May.

Window film has been installed on the South Building hallway windows to avoid carpet fading.

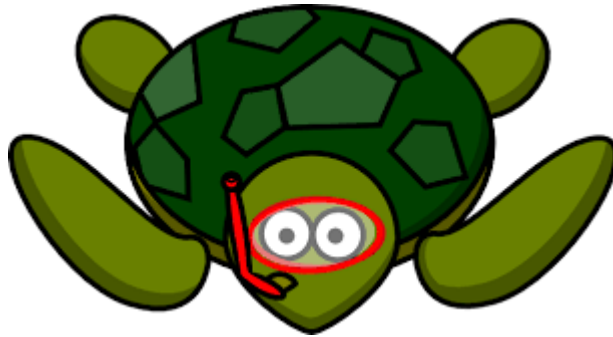
New carpet walk-off mats will be selected for all building lobby areas. Owner door mats will no longer be permitted in their hall entries as they will abrade the new sheer cut carpeting.

Please help us keep our new carpeting looking good! Vacuuming will be done on a weekly basis. If you see any spots or spills on the hallway carpet please contact the office immediately at 463-9604 or fill out a request form available outside the office door.

The new carpeting will be a classic design with all hallways having a second pattern of deep blue for borders. Also, to visually shorten the long hallways, there will be break points for added interest using the deep blue carpet. The North and South Mailrooms will also have new carpeting installed. The Milliken patterns are classic designs and the colors tie in with our building décor. The full color carpet presentation may be viewed on our website at www.CRECIENTE.com under the Decorating Committee.

Dee Platt

SEA TURTLE



NESTING SEASON

May 1st thru Oct. 31st - 9:00pm to 7:00am

Each summer , threatened and endangered sea turtles nest on Florida beaches. Two months later, tiny turtle hatchlings emerge from their sandy nest and quickly race to the gulf, using the seaward horizon as their guiding light. Tragically, any artificial light visible from the beach will lure the hatchlings inland, away from the water. Thousands of hatchlings die each year because lights along beaches were not turned off or shield properly.

Here are some turtle-friendly rules to follow in your condominium:

- Turn off or shield all lights visible from the beach from 9pm to 7am.
- Close blinds or curtains after dark, eliminating light from spilling out onto the beach. Use amber colored LED lights.
- Remove all beach furniture and equipment from the beach each night from 9:00pm to 8:00am.

PLEASE HELP SEA TURTLES GET SAFELY TO THE WATER.