



Creciente Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello, & Happy Fall to All.



The garage project is moving forward as the planters and their drains were leak checked and filled with their plantings. The new replacement WABO joint on the garage deck is being built to fill & repair the expansion joint and all the deck drains passed their water tests as well. While the vendors are here, they were commissioned to do concrete restoration and it is nearly complete on affected lanais. Almost all of the garage interior is back for parking use now, we are happy to report. Thank you for your patience with their delays.



*Mike
McBride*

As we are poised to send out much important year-end paperwork to you via the mail & much has close time-lines to respond by— do we have your correct address? Do you have any auto-forwards between homes you'd like to cancel with USPS so all mail reached where you need it to go expeditiously?

NOVEMBER DOOR ENTRY

Please see office for the codes

For your security the Vendor door code will change periodically please check with office.

Pool Heaters are back on!

Have Large Trash Items?

Consider Donating to any local charity.

Items have to go in trash? Book with Advanced Disposal for Special Service Pick-up at: 239-334-1224.

Please *Don't* dump on lawns.





Creciente Reads Line-up, Creciente Book Club

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

November 13 – *A Land Remembered* by Patrick D. Smith, Becky will give background on the author

December 11 – *Ordinary Grace* by William Krueger, Mary Ellen will report on the author

January 8 - Read a biography on any Supreme Court Justice, past or present

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

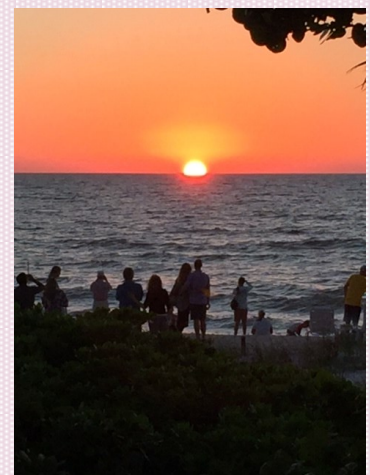
April 9 – *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, Nancy volunteered to report on the author



A hope for safe boating



Local Views



The next scheduled Board of Directors
meeting will be held on

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 9:30 am
in the South building's Social Room.





Do we have your current, correct contact information?

Please see the link below for Creciente's official form to make changes:

[https://nebula.wsimg.com/72c13b5fbd3dbbf76167c0ed91cc81aa?
AccessKeyId=D9EEEE3E27B8B3F31573&disposition=0&alloworigin=1](https://nebula.wsimg.com/72c13b5fbd3dbbf76167c0ed91cc81aa?AccessKeyId=D9EEEE3E27B8B3F31573&disposition=0&alloworigin=1)

Helpful seasonal reminders:

Having vendors in? For a smooth operation, please note:

- We have new carpets in the Common hallways, please require all of your vendors to
 - pad the elevators and
 - put the carpet runners down
- to help protect the common areas. If we each do our part the lobbies and hallways will look sharp.
- You may wish to strongly consider to have someone supervise the work so you can be certain things are proceeding in the manner you expect.
 - Do you need them to have roof access? Consider to check out the key for them that morning if easier. **Maintenance must check roof when they are done**
 - If your projects require modifications to your unit, see the Creciente Website for the Request to Modify Form & Instructions.
 - Your vendors work for you, please make them accountable, just as you would be in your Creciente Home.



Welcome Back!

Another Season of Parties and Activities!

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

Bingo and Bridge have started, and of course, Water Aerobics is ongoing throughout the year.

Bridge is Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. & Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

The Book Club started in October and is on the 2nd Monday of every month.

Canasta will start in January and is on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and Euchre will also start in January; the day and time to be determined.

Yoga is in the Social Room; the day and time to be determined.

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

This Season's Parties:

Our Annual "WELCOME BACK PARTY": January 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Party in the Social Room; theme to be determined: February 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Annual Deck Party "Music on the Deck": March 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Morning Breakfast: December 24, 2017 in our Social Room.

CRECIENTE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 2017

Your Creciente Landscape Committee would like to give everyone a brief update since Hurricane Irma struck. First off, we were very fortunate to have been spared what was predicted for our area. However, we did have extensive damage to trees and shrubs. Some blew down which caused car and fence damage and some had to be trimmed back and/or cut down. Our Landscape Chair, Cheryl Thompson, was on premises during the Hurricane and was instrumental in insisting to the Board that a contract be signed with Kyburz Landscaping to have our 6 1/2 acre property extra clean-up scheduled promptly after the damage. She determined that we could not safely or effectively do this in-house in a timely fashion during the heat wave and power outage that followed Irma. The debris would have had to be trimmed, hauled and then stacked by us at the curb. Keep in mind that without volunteers, "us" is our 2 staff members....Gina and Fred who had their hands full with so many other things at that time. We would have to wait for the overwhelmed Town of FMB to pick it up. There are still piles of debris waiting for the Town to pick up all along Estero Boulevard, nearly 2 months later. The cost to our HOA was \$30 per unit for our professional landscaping crew using their own equipment to do the job. Gina, Daryl Beard, Fred and Mike were able to handle removing debris from our owners cars. Many, many thanks to all of them for their service!

We lost 11 Palms, 1 Bird of Paradise Tree and numerous shrubbery. Our 6 Mahogany Trees must be severely trimmed back in hopes to save them.

Numerous plantings look a little wind blown (!) and brown though these should come back. However, it isn't just the hurricanes we have that damage or destroy the plants but the sun, heat, wind and salt air all year long.

On a happy note, we are pleased to inform you that the 4 Garage Deck planters have just been completed. Next up will be the final 4 thin coats to resurface the decking. The large concrete planters have been repurposed to other areas for accent. After 8 months of empty planters it is great to see colorful foliage there just in time for Owners to come back for Season! We also have plans to add Panama Roses to the fountains. This is in line with following our mission to replace annuals with hardy year round flowering shrubs. Please keep in mind, even these types of shrubs will only last 5-7 years in this climate.

The Landscape Committee will continue to strongly advocate to the Board to beautify and maintain the highest standard for our tropical landscape and property values. We are mindful that one half of our Owners' Lanais overlook the Courtyard and Pool. All of our Owners must walk through to go to the Beach and our other buildings. Our Courtyard is what sets The Creciente apart from any other Beachfront Condo Community. Let us know your thoughts....Please come to a meeting or join the Landscape Committee to see how we come up with our plans and budget. It is a constant work in progress to keep our beautiful property, well, beautiful!

Kathy Luce, Creciente Landscape Committee Secretary

2017 Landscape Committee Members

Cheryl Thompson, Landscape Chair, Kathy Luce, Secretary, Carol Kucharek, Dee Platt, Gail Crane, Donna Wardanian, Sally Hadden, Frank Tomasino, Rosalie Macri, Wes Nails, Bonnie Roberts, Gail Carpenter.

