

Tower Talk

A Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Plaza Del Prado Condominium

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

AKAM, the new management company, has started on January 1, 2021. The AKAM Transitions Team took over the responsibility for the property from FSR starting at 3 pm on Thursday, December 31, 2020. AKAM appointed Bud Guyer as the new Property Manager and he will be in the office from 8am-4 pm, Monday through Friday. The Assistant Property Manager, Yenny Rodriguez, will be in the office from 9am-5 pm and Cindy Salazar, the Operations Supervisor, will be in the Office from 10am-6 pm. This way the Association Office will be open from 8am-6 pm. The Front Desk responsibility in the office will be fulfilled by Lissette Hernandez from 8 am-4 pm. All of the Maintenance and Housekeeping personnel has been hired.

AKAM had already sent an introductory message to all unit owners on December 21, 2020. All the payments for maintenance and special assessments beginning January 1, 2021, must be made to:

Plaza Del Prado Condominium c/o AKAM P.O. Box 30015 Tampa, FL 33630-3015

AKAM has assigned new account numbers to owners starting with their unit number and followed by the Tower Code (North Building N1, N2, N3, N4; South Building S1, S2, S3, S4). For example, the account number for unit 201 in South Building Tower 1 would 201S1.

For any on-line assessment payments via E-check, Credit Card or reoccurring ACH withdrawals, owners are recommended to visit AKAM web site at <u>www.akam.com</u> and select Florida to be routed to Del Prado Association. ClickPay would be available starting on January 1, 2021. For those already enrolled in ClickPay through the FSR, it would not be necessary to reregister. For those requiring assistance in setting up ClickPay account, they are recommended to email: <u>support@clickpay.com</u>, or login to <u>www.clickpay.com/help</u>, or dial 1-800-533-7901.

The 2021 Budget was finalized and approved. The reserves were waived by 188 owners and the maintenance fee will be the same as in 2020. The total budget

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for 2021 is \$5,579,509 and multiperil Insurance cost is the largest item in the budget. In addition, the Association had earlier deferred in 2019 the conversion date of the line of credit to a loan. The Line of Credit that was arranged for renovation and restoration expenses in 2017 with Popular Bank will convert to a 96 months term loan with 4.5% annual interest rate starting on March 14, 2021. Approximately \$8.4 million was available as of November 2020 to be converted to the loan. The officers of the newly elected Board would have to make arrangements with the Popular Bank in early February 2021 for conversion.

Meet the candidates meeting for the Board of Directors were held on January 7, 2021 with a Zoom meeting and all thirteen candidates participated. AKAM successfully managed the meeting and every candidate had sufficient time to introduce themselves and to answer a set of questions



addressed to each candidate. The meeting lasted about two hours.

Probably by the time you read this, 2021 Election would have been taken place. The election would be held on January 21, 2021. Mr. Daniel Lavin, Esq., of the Lavin Law Group and the new condominium attorney, would monitor the election.

Accelerated Remediation (AR) is continuing with hallways renovations. As of this writing, AR was working in Tower 3N. They are expected to complete three floors in one week. It is suggested that, if you have not already done so, please stop by Tower 4N or 3N and see the work.



Our Architect, Patrick Valent, has been working with the Fire Department and the Permitting Office to make necessary arrangements to open the South pool. It has been agreed to install a set of metal stairs by the South pool deck going down and to build a walk-ramp next to the drive-up ramp to the upper deck parking area, in order to be able to open the South pool. The engineering firm selected has done the structural work and has provided the results to the architect for further evaluation to prepare the work to apply for the permit. The results will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. The drawings will be posted for all to see. All residents will be informed as the work progresses.

It is important that all those parking at the Aventura Mall, park their cars by the parking area in front of Office Depot. The Aventura Mall property manager was nice enough to allow us to use their parking area and we do not want to jeopardize this arrangement. Please note that the cars parked within the proximity of the Olive Garden restaurant will be towed away, as had been done earlier. The Aventura Mall parking

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area will be continuously monitored by our security and those cars carrying Del Prado permit stickers and not complying with these instructions will be towed away. Please note that there will be no exceptions.

We plead again with all of the residents to help us improve living conditions at Del Prado. If you notice any unusual activity, please report to the Security or the Management Office. We all share the cost of any damage done to common areas. Once again, we would like to remind all the residents not to throw oversized items down the trash chutes. Please bag all of your trash items and please do not leave recyclable bags next to recycle bins. It is expected that all dogs will be taken to designated areas and please pick up your dog poops. Lets all try to keep Del Prado clean so we all can enjoy it.

Recently we had sewer back-up problem in the garage and it has been cleaned up by the maintenance. It has been known that disposal of sanitary napkins could cause blockage of sewer lines. These napkins do not dissolve in water and if there are substantial number of them, they can cause blockage of the line. For any resident using these napkins, please do not throw them in toilets, just dispose them in the trash.

We wish everyone a Healthy and a Happy New Year.



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