

# BILTMORE II CONDOMINIUM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## BILTMORE II CONDO

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Coral Gables, Florida 33134

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**Monday-Friday**..... 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Board Members, General Manager, and Residents,

Since our last meeting, this has been a time of constant daily change and challenge. Every day, the Management and I have experienced new developments on adaptations to be made for the protection of our residents. A big thanks goes to the members of the Board for their constructive cooperation. I want to compliment and thank the Biltmore II residents for their collaboration, adjustment, and adherence to the protocols that we have put into place almost on a daily basis. We made sure that all residents were informed by emails and postings in the elevators and mail room.

I do want to address a situation which I find disturbing and worrisome. Unfortunately, there are some residents who have chosen not to adhere to these protocols. They are attempting to circumvent the rules that we put in place for everyone's safety. These few are bringing their housekeepers, friends, and workers into our building through the garage by picking them up from an outside meeting place, driving into the garage, and coming into the building with these people via the elevators to their respective units, totally bypassing the sign-in at the Lobby front door. This type of action is absolutely not

acceptable. We know about this practice and if you are caught, you will be fined. You are not only endangering yourself, but you are endangering the lives of your neighbors and friends. Please STOP DOING THIS!

The Governor has now ordered a Stay at Home policy in all of Florida, with the exception of essential workers. So far, we are extremely lucky to still have our Manager, Administrative Assistant, all Concierges, and most of our Maintenance crew with us, keeping our Building operating smoothly. We are also lucky that, so far, we have no reported COVID-19 in the Building. Some residents who have recently travelled are self-quarantined to minimize any exposure to our residents. I applaud their honesty and discipline.

With respect to our Committees, I want to ask our Committee Chairs to please arrange and hold your monthly meetings via virtual meetings. There are many projects pending and we have a lot of work to do. We need to continue our operations in a positive and constructive manner. We have great teams and have the potential for a successful year in spite of the current difficulties.

Erin Anding

## MANAGER'S CORNER

### COVID-19 TIPS & REMINDERS

#### Wash your hands:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not readily available use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

#### Social Distancing:

- Distance yourself within a 6 foot distance
- Stay indoors if you are not deemed an essential member of the work force

#### Elevator Courtesy:

In an effort to continue to comply with social distancing, and reducing the risk of spreading the virus, we encourage residents to consider the following:

- No more than one (1) person should be riding in the elevator at a time, unless they are a family, and in any case, no more than three (3) people. If the elevator arrives and there are 2-3 people inside, wait

for the next one.

- Residents should wear masks & gloves if you are experiencing any coughing or sneezing.
- If you are in the elevator or common areas and need to sneeze or cough, please do so into your elbow and wash or disinfect your hands immediately after.

More information can be found on the matter using the below site:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MIAMI-DADE WATER & SEWER DEPT



The Water and Sewer Department needs your cooperation to protect our wastewater system at all times, particularly now during this State of

Emergency as a result of COVID-19. People are cleaning and disinfecting more frequently with bleach wipes and potentially substituting other items for toilet paper -such as baby wipes and paper towels due to store shortages. We are asking residents to throw these items away in the trash and not flush them down the toilet. These items do not break down in the sewer lines and can cause significant clogs that could lead to sewage spills, pump system failures and treatment plant issues.

It's important to only dispose of toilet paper in the toilet. Otherwise, costly clogs in the building's plumbing system can occur. Items that **SHOULD NOT** be flushed down the toilet:

- Grease/Oils (also should not be disposed through your kitchen sink)
- Wet Wipes
- Sanitary Items
- Paper Towels/Tissues
- Rags
- Cotton swabs/ Cotton Balls
- Diapers
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## SAFER VEHICLE GARAGE EXITING



Several residents mentioned that the plants in our Cardena St. planter at the west end of the property were so tall that they partially blocked exiting car driver’s visibility of pedestrians and vehicles. In response, the Association had the landscaper remove all plants in the south and north planter end sections to improve driver safety (see photo below). This entire planter is scheduled for landscape redesign later this year. These now bare end sections will be planted with Green Island Ficus that has done so well elsewhere on our property and throughout the City of Coral Gables. Once installed, the plants will be kept at a low height so as not to inhibit driver visibility.

By Robert Petzinger

## Newsletter Will Temporarily Not Be In Printed Form

Coastal Group Publications, our newsletter supplier, has informed us that effective with this April issue, they will be providing newsletters in digital format only. Due to the “stay at home” order they feel that providing digital copies prevents their staff, their printer’s staff and our own staff at Biltmore II, from unnecessary contact with others.

Our office will continue to distribute the newsletter via email blast, as we have done in the past, and post it on our website.

## SOCIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

No activities are planned for the near future. The Social Club hopes all our Residents stay safe and healthy.

**WELCOME!**

**New Residents**  
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**PICK UP PACKAGES PROMPTLY!**

During the COVID-19 virus emergency, residents are relying more and more on packaged delivery of goods. The volume of packages arriving at Biltmore II has increased to almost holiday season levels. The Concierge area has limited storage room. Please help by picking up your packages as soon as possible!

Robert Petzinger

(Copied from Gables Insider)

### Is Coral Gables working on providing testing for Gables residents?

Residents are wondering if Coral Gables will provide in-home testing services like other municipalities in Miami-Dade County or at least a drive-through location.

Coral Gables is home to the University of Miami, Baptist Health of South Florida, Doctor’s Hospital and Coral Gables Hospital. We reached out to several commissioners who indicated they are in favor of putting together testing for residents. Gables Insider has not received a response from the City Manager’s office on this issue.

**CAN YOU WALK ON THE GRANADA OR BILTMORE GOLF COURSES?** NO. All golf courses around town are closed, however in Coral Gables, the Granada Golf Course has become the city’s own Central Park over the last few weeks. While you can walk on the sidewalks on North or South Greenway Drive, you cannot be on the golf course says the city Chief of Police Ed Hudak. At the March 31st virtual commission meeting, it was made clear that even walking on the golf course is prohibited. Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli also mentioned the city has changed the timing of the sprinklers from the early morning to the afternoon to discourage activities taking place.

### COVID19 INFORMATION

Watch for our Update Bulletins for news on how Biltmore II Board of Directors and Management are handling the current Coronavirus situation. Bulletins will reach you via email blasts and will also be posted in elevators and bulletin boards throughout the building and on our website.

Your privacy is paramount. In the Association’s continued efforts to protect the health and well-being of our residents, we ask that you immediately notify the Manager via phone and email, if you test positive for the coronavirus (COVID19), Also notify Management if you become aware of another resident or guest who has tested positive. Providing this information will help the Association’s efforts to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents.

All visitors, contractors, movers, home healthcare personnel and housekeepers are required to fill out a form at the main door, every time they come into the building. (If they come 3 or 4 times in one week, they are still required to fill out the form every time they arrive).

We recommend one person/one family unit use the elevators at a time. If you call the elevator and it arrives with someone inside, let them continue their ride and take the next elevator.

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