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Condominium Association, Inc.  
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### OFFICE HOURS

**Mon. – Fri.** ..... 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

### MAINTENANCE HOURS:

**Mon. – Thurs:** ... 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
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### CONCIERGE HOURS:

**Mon. – Fri:** ..... 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
**Sat. – Sun:**..... 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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## Update from the Association

*By Lorraine Jessell*

It's during this special time of year that we think of others and appreciate all that we have. The Association wanted to mention that Norly and Ramiro did a wonderful job decorating the trees around our building with soft white lights. When you drive in, you get a sense of peace. If you see them, please take a moment to thank them for keeping us in the holiday spirit!

Once again, Ramiro and Martha Marich picked out a spectacular tree for our lobby! In today's busy world, there is a push to just order a tree and have it delivered and hope for the best. We are so grateful to have Martha donate her time and carefully select a beauty to grace our lobby! Norly and Ramiro did not waste any time getting our tree decorated and a beautiful job they did!

### Suggestions

Have Someone in Charge of Package Room on Holidays... Packages are to be picked up when the concierge is on duty. However, if you had medicine delivered and it is being stored in the package room and it's a holiday, please contact the guard directly. The guard will then request access to the package room through our Manager, Roxana. All other non-emergency packages must be picked up during concierge hours.

### Updates

Ramiro Aguiar, our Maintenance Supervisor, is retiring and his last day is December 31, 2019. Ramiro has been with Brickell Bay Tower for 22 years. Ramiro has watched a lot of people come and go here at BBT and he will be missed. We all wish Ramiro a healthy, happy and peaceful retirement. Good luck Ramiro!

Effective January 1, 2020...**New Package Delivery Times!!!** Please make note of these hours as package delivery will be allowed when the Concierge is on duty. When ordering packages, note the hours in "special instructions" or wherever you can on your order as delivery trucks will not be permitted to enter the property if the Concierge is not on duty to receive the packages.

Monday – Friday	8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am – 5:30 pm

# Snowball Cookies

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate mini morsels
- 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts
- Powdered sugar

## DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375° F. Beat butter, sugar, vanilla extract and salt in large mixer bowl until creamy. Gradually beat in flour; stir in morsels and nuts. Shape level tablespoons of dough into 1 1/4-inch balls. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies are set and lightly browned. Remove from oven. Sift powdered sugar over hot cookies on baking sheets. Cool on baking sheets for 10 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Sprinkle with additional powdered sugar, if desired. Store in airtight containers.





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# Recipe for Latkes

- 4 medium potatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup matzah meal (flour or bread crumbs can be substituted)
- salt and black pepper to taste
- vegetable oil



Shred the potatoes, onion and bell pepper into a large bowl. Press out all excess liquid. Add eggs and parsley and mix well. Add matzah meal gradually while mixing until the batter is doughy, not too dry. (you may not need the whole amount, depending on how well you drained the veggies). Add a few dashes of salt and black pepper. Heat about ½ inch of oil to a medium heat. Form the batter into thin patties about the size of your palm. Fry batter in oil. Be patient: this takes time, and too much flipping will burn the outside without cooking the inside. Flip when the bottom is golden brown. Place finished latkes on paper towels to drain. Eat hot with sour cream or applesauce.

If you'd like to try something a little different, add some bell peppers, carrots, celery, or other vegetables to the batter to make veggie latkes!

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## Tips for a Healthy & Safe Live Christmas Tree:

- Leave the tree outside or in the garage for a few days before bringing inside to decorate.
- Make a fresh cut across the bottom, about 1" above base, so your tree can drink easily.
- Make a preservative: mix a quart of water with 1/2-cup of corn syrup and a tsp. of bleach.
- After a few days in the preservative, bring the tree inside and place it in a location away from direct sunlight and other heat sources (such as heating ducts, wood stoves and fireplaces.)
- Remember to add water to the reservoir daily.



## Did You Know?: Kwanzaa Trivia

- Kwanzaa is celebrated for seven days from December 26 to January 1.
- Kwanzaa (Swahili for "fresh fruits") is based on an African harvest festival.
- Kwanzaa was created by Maulana Karenga, a professor of black studies at California State University at Long Beach, in 1966.
- The colors of Kwanzaa are black, red and green.
- The seven principles of Kwanzaa are unity (umoya), self-determination (kujichagulia), collective responsibility (ujima), cooperative economics (ujamaa), purpose (nia), creativity (kuumba), and faith (imani).
- The karamu, or feast, held on Dec. 31, is one of the high points of the seven days of Kwanzaa. Food, music, and dance are part of the karamu.
- Kwanzaa is now celebrated all over the world, especially in the U.S., Africa, and the Caribbean.
- Kwanzaa is a nonreligious holiday.

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