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News from the Association

By Ramiro Curiel

As one exits our building towards Brickell Bay Drive, the front of Brickell Bay Tower provides two main pedestrian gates. One is next to the guard house for the use of guests/visitors and one on the far right, for residents. The guest/visitor gate requires security guard intervention to allow for non-residents to exit or enter with proper identification and permission from residents.

Please note, the security guard is **NOT** a resident’s concierge; that is, they will not open the doors for residents. Residents should be exiting and entering via the resident’s gate. The security guard’s primary role and responsibility is looking after and protecting the building from non-authorized entry. The security guards are not allowed to provide concierge services to residents.

Residents should understand that taking time and attention from the security guard by asking the guard to open the guest/visitor’s gate, distracts the guards and jeopardizes their primary function, which is to keep watch for non-authorized entry.

Personnel

Elaine Velazquez joined the Brickell Bay Tower Team on Monday, February 10! She has hit the floor running with new ideas and we welcomed her with a “meet and greet” on the day of her arrival. Elaine is passionate about our property and prides herself on delivering the highest levels of professional standards. Please welcome Elaine to our building and make her feel at home here.

Building

The center stairwell has been painted where necessary for the mold remediation.

Message from the New Manager

My name is Elaine Velazquez, and I am very excited to have recently taken over as Property Manager at Brickell Bay Tower. I was thrilled to have met some of you at the Meet and Greet that was held on Monday the 10th by the Board of Directors for the Community. I look forward to meeting the rest of you as we all work together towards Brickell Bay’s success. Should you have any questions or concerns, I’d be happy to answer them over email or sit down for a face to face. My email is Manager@brickellbaytower.com.

Sincerely,
Elaine Velazquez, LCAM Property Manager

Did You Know?

Girl Scout Cookie Trivia

- The first Girl Scout cookies sold in 1917 were baked by girls at home, with assistance from their mothers.
- The first commercially baked cookies were sold in 1934 by the Girl Scouts of Greater Philadelphia Council. In 1936, the national organization began working with a commercial baker. By 1948, a total of 29 bakers throughout the country were licensed to bake Girl Scout cookies.
- During World War II, cookie sales were suspended due a shortage of ingredient supplies. The Girl Scouts sold calendars instead of cookies during those years.
- During the first quarter of each year, Girl Scout cookies are the number one cookie brand in the United States.
- The top selling cookies are Thin Mints. Almost two million Thin Mints are produced each day in an oven as long as a football field.
- Peanut Butter Sandwich cookies are made at a rate of 3,208 per minute.
- Each year, 200 million boxes of Girl Scout cookies are sold.
- Low fat and sugar-free cookies were added to the product line in the early 1990s.
- All Girl Scout cookies are certified kosher.
- When approached, over 80 percent of people will buy Girl Scout cookies.

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White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake

- 1 cup chocolate cookie crumbs
- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 (10 oz) package frozen raspberries
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 cups white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup half-and-half cream
- 3 (8 oz) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a medium bowl, mix together cookie crumbs, 3 tablespoons sugar, and melted butter. Press mixture into the bottom of a 9 inch springform pan.

In a saucepan, combine raspberries, 2 tablespoons sugar, cornstarch, and water. Bring to boil, and continue boiling 5 minutes, or until sauce is thick. Strain sauce through a mesh strainer to remove seeds. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. In a metal bowl over a pan of simmering water, melt white chocolate chips with half-and-half, stirring occasionally until smooth. In a large bowl, mix together cream cheese and 1/2 cup sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs one at a time. Blend in vanilla and melted white chocolate. Pour half of batter over crust. Spoon 3 tablespoons raspberry sauce over batter. Pour remaining cheesecake batter into pan, and again spoon 3 tablespoons raspberry sauce



over the top. Swirl batter with the tip of a knife to create a marbled effect. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, or until filling is set. Cool, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 8 hours before removing from pan. Serve with remaining raspberry sauce.

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National Pistachio Day

Date: February 26

National Pistachio Day is a nutty day. You can celebrate National Pistachio Day by eating them, and learning more about them. We're going to help with the learning part...read on.



Nutty Pistachio Facts:

- Pistachios grow on trees & are native to the Middle East.
- A pistachio tree takes 7-10 years to mature.
- California is the major producer in the U.S.
- Pistachios are harvested in September by machines that shake the trees. It less than a minute.
- The red dye is added to the nuts is only due to consumer demand for the color.
- The nut is ripe when the hull splits open.
- People in the Middle East call it the "smiling nut" and in China it's called the "happy nut".
- Pistachios are nutritious, so eat them up!

Celebrate today by eating Pistachios. They are great plain as a snack, in ice cream, and in a wide range of desserts.

Leap Year February 29

What Is a Leap Year? Simply put, a leap year is a year with an extra day—February 29—which is added nearly every four years to the calendar year.

Why Are Leap Years Necessary? Adding an extra day every four years keeps our calendar aligned correctly with the astronomical seasons, since a year according to the Gregorian calendar (365 days) and a year according to Earth's orbit around the Sun (approximately 365.25 days) are not the exact same length of time. Without this extra day, our calendar and the seasons would gradually get out of sync. Because of this extra day, a leap year has 366 days instead of 365. Additionally, a leap year does not end and begin on the same day of the week, as a non-leap year does.

How Do You Know If It's a Leap Year? Generally, a leap year happens every four years, which, thankfully, is a fairly simple pattern to remember.

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Apt #	Bed	Bath	Sq Ft	Sold Price
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