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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow residents,

We are living in unprecedented times. Due to the Corona virus pandemic, we and our home have undergone major changes in our lives and daily rituals. At this point, we have been practicing social distancing for close to a month, and our building has been basically in lockdown during that period of time.



In order to follow regulations imposed by both the City of Sunny Isles and Dade County, we have restricted access to all common areas (gym, spa, pool, cafe, game room, etc.), as well as encouraged you to limit your presence at the private beach, tiki huts, walk ways, reception areas and elevators so as to follow the rules for social distancing.

Building services have also been limited. The Board approved the recommendation that the staff work on rotational shifts to reduce staff interactions and the possibility of all staff becoming ill concurrently. The Management Office continues to be open but residents are asked to send their requests via email or telephone, rather than visiting the office. Packages are available for pickup at the front desk. Food delivery services are limited for pickup at the front door, and guests, other than family members, are discouraged. Our staff are viewed as essential personnel and, therefore, continue to come to work. They are following all the guidelines and recommendations to maintain themselves healthy and the building safe.

While all seems to have come to a standstill, some important meetings and decisions did take place last month.

With our present insurance policy for the building due to expire shortly, and due to COVID-19 concerns, the Board held a closed meeting on March 18, 2014 to address this issue. The Board and Management met with our insurance agent who reviewed renewal options and available policies as well presented

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recommendations. The Board then voted to accept her renewal proposal effective April 1.

On March 18, the Association approved a contract and entered a formal agreement with Hotwire Communications to provide cable, internet, security monitoring, and telephone (optional) services. The existing contract with Atlantic Broadband (our current provider) expires July 1st, thus the transition process was very tight. It required full rewiring of the building's common areas with new, fiber optic cable as well connections within each unit. The plan called to begin dropping wires from floor to floor through the air conditioning closets of each unit. When announced by the Management Office on March 30, the response from many of you was immediate and vocal, citing the importance of adhering to virus self-quarantine measures. Despite the fact that personnel would be adhering to all the recommended safety protections and would not be entering any units at this time, the Board decided to respect the wishes of the Association and postponed the project.

At this point, we do not know the implication of this decision. The best case scenario will be if Atlantic Broadband agrees to give us a 3-4 month extension to our current contract at current rates. Alternatively, the worst case scenario would be to renew that contract for one year, thus delaying the entire project accordingly. Presently, we are negotiating with the various parties to arrive at the best solution.

The Waterproofing and Painting Project continues its course, as long as there are no governmental restrictions. Our completion goal, if there are no interruptions, is June. Most of the building has been painted. The only outstanding areas are the facades between the two towers and the lower eye level areas that do not require scaffolding.

Because we do not have a date when quarantine measures will end, I ask for your cooperation to help us navigate these uncertain times. Your adherence to the stringent and uncomfortable measures for self-distancing imposed by the City is

highly appreciated. While most of you are staying at home, please be mindful of social distancing when in the elevators (wait for the next one if necessary), walking in the paths, or laying on the private beach. Remember that our beach is a public beach and, as per Dade County ordinance, is closed. It means that, despite gorgeous weather, you cannot go into the ocean. If you do so, the beach patrol will usher you out immediately

Before I close, on behalf of the Board and the Association, I would like to thank our staff and management for their dedication to us and to the daily operation of our home. A big thank you to Monique, our Manager, for her guidance, fortitude and clear thinking—she orchestrates it all while keeping us sane and safe.

Wishing you continued health and well-being,
Tamara Benson

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ROSA HERNANDEZ **Housekeeping Supervisor**

By Hellen Soriano

Rosa Hernandez, our Housekeeping Supervisor, started working at Ocean One on October 1, 2019. Prior to working here, she had the same job at Jade Signature, just down the street and last year she was transferred here. She worked at Jade Signature from the building's very beginning when it was a brand-new building. She was there during its inauguration in 2018.



As Housekeeping Supervisor, her responsibilities are plenty and varied. It's her responsibility that everyone in the housekeeping department does their job the way it's supposed to be done. She also has to put in the orders for cleaning materials, answers emails, and talks to vendors.

Her team includes Ursula, Carlos, Juan, Luis and Lucio. Each one of them has a fixed position and schedule. She must make sure that nothing is left undone. As she explains to me, she must see what the members of her team don't. She also needs to make sure that all projects get carried out. Some times she must give them a hand cleaning to make sure our building maintains the high standards that we have become accustomed to.

When I asked her about her personal life, she shares with me that she was born in La Ceiba, in Honduras. She came to the United States with her sister when she was just 11 years old. The rest of her family had already settled here. She graduated from high school from the Booker T. Washington school.

After graduation, her first job was as a waitress and cashier. After that, she moved over to hotel work. She worked at the Betsy Ross Hotel for more than 4 years. There she started as a housekeeper and was later promoted to housekeeping coordinator and finally to housekeeping supervisor.

She is married and has a 10-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son. Her husband is originally from Nicaragua. She loves spending time with her family, taking the kids to the park, to the pool or to Chuck N Cheese.

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Spinach & Potato Frittata

Frittatas are excellent for Easter brunch and any Passover meal, because they're not reliant on grains in any way and can be totally flexible to accommodate leftovers. This recipe is Easter-appropriate, Passover-approved, and an excellent ways to celebrate spring.

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 small red potatoes, sliced
- 1 cup torn fresh spinach
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onions
- 1 teaspoon crushed garlic
- salt and pepper to taste
- 6 eggs
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese



Heat olive oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Place potatoes in the skillet, cover, and cook about 10 minutes, until tender but firm. Mix in spinach, green onions, and garlic. Season with salt and pepper. Continue cooking 1 to 2 minutes, until spinach is wilted. In a medium bowl, beat together eggs and milk. Pour into the skillet over the vegetables. Sprinkle with Cheddar cheese. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook 5 to 7 minutes, or until eggs are firm. Serves 6.

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