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MANAGER'S CORNER ...

RECYCLING MATTERS

Many residents are requesting information on “How to” recycle and what to recycle. We requested information from our Waste Management provider for Recycling Rules.

Please see the flyer in this newsletter. As a reminder, and although it's not included, glass is recyclable.

To learn more please visit RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com

2019 LANDSCAPE UPDATE

As previously reported, the 2019 Landscape Improvement Plan involves projects totaling over \$25,000 of budgeted funds for this current year. During 1Q/2019, 4 of the 10 projects were completed. First, the storm- damaged and withering Viburnum hedge on the pool side of the privacy wall along Valencia Ave. was removed. The hedge had lost some plants in various storms and was no longer providing desired dense foliage. Several of the remaining hedge plants suffered from lack of sunlight due to the Bismarck palm and Oak tree canopy that was not present when the hedge was planted. This species of Viburnum, called “Chindo”, requires sun. Also, it has aggressive roots and it is not recommended for placement alongside structures with waterproof seals and expansion joints as they will likely be impacted by the roots. The original building's privacy wall was built extra tall (6 feet) in order to provide privacy from vehicle and pedestrians passing by on Valencia Ave. The Task Group evaluated the privacy provided by the wall and considered it to be enough.

Another large effort, comprising 3-projects, focuses on the northeast section of the landscape that includes the upper level lawn and Royal palms facing the Segovia and Biltmore Way circle. This section includes the hedges separating the lawn from the east parking area and several planters located in the east parking lot. The old, leaking drip-line irrigation system was replaced with PVC pipes and modern pop up irrigation heads. The large Ginger hedge that was preventing light from reaching the important privacy hedge, located directly behind it, was removed. Gingers are

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not suitable for totally sunny locations and produce a wild, non-manicured look, contrary to the aesthetic that the Task Group believes works best with a classic mid-century modern building. At the time this article was being written, the privacy hedge had just been significantly pruned and it now looks thin and sad. Please don't worry! A substantial pruning is what it takes to foster new growth from the bottom to the top. By the end of the summer wet season, this hedge will be FABULOUS! East parking lot planters that are part of this irrigation zone were replanted by removing the Ixora plants that do not flower when constantly pruned. Green Island Ficus groundcover replaced the Ixora. This is the model groundcover for our parking lot planters as it thrives in sun or shade, grows into a dense mass, is easily pruned, and needs little irrigation.

If you have any comments or suggestions, the Landscape Task Group would like to hear from you. You can contact us at rpetzin1@bellsouth.net, or the Manager at manager@biltmore2.com. If you want to walk the landscape to learn more about the plants or the improvement plans, I would be delighted to give you a tour. Just email me at the above address or call/text 305-763-8401.

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It's Time to Rethink Recycling

69% of plastic bottles don't get recycled.* 45% of aluminum cans end up in the garbage.* Liquids often spoil a whole load of otherwise recyclable paper. That's why it's time to get back to the basics of good recycling.

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Waste Management's "single stream" recycling is simple – all clean recyclables can go into one container. Just call our Coral Gables Customer Service department at (305) 634-1180 and we will be happy to assist in setting up a new recycling program or improving an existing one.

* Source US Environmental Protection Agency

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AROUND TOWN

The sky will rise again - After a three-month run, the Sunlit Sky installation over Giralda Plaza has come down. While it did not attract as much foot traffic as Umbrella Sky, Sunlit Sky nevertheless drew thousands of visitors.

Next up: Sun Stories, a montage of thousands of plexiglass letters that will cast words upon the plaza, by local artist Jesse Nite. This installation will be up by summertime.

Egg Hunts in our area – Ready, Set, Hunt! Find special eggs and win prizes to celebrate Easter at various parks on Sunday, April 20th. Starting at 10:00 am, families can visit Jaycee Park, Phillips Park, Salvadore Park, Sunrise Harbor Park or the War Memorial Youth Center for simultaneous egg hunts for all ages. For more information, visit www.coralgables.com/eggstreme-egg-hunt

Easter at Fairchild – Spend your Sunday morning at Fairchild and eggsplore the garden! Hunt through the Palmetum for thousands of eggs filled with goodies? Egg Hunt (registration required) runs from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. This event is weather permitting, and while supplies last. The egg hunt will start promptly at the designated time you reserve.

PETS IN THE LOBBY

We have noticed that the new lobby carpet already has been soiled by pet urination. There was another incident of dog vomit on the lobby tiles. The owner of the pet (s) involved simply walked away without cleaning up or advising our staff. This is a lack of respect to other owners and to the building. We would like to remind you that we have cameras and concierges in common areas, and we will fine anybody found breaking our rules in this respect. As a reminder, and from our current Rules and Regulations:

- Mobile pets must be on a leash or carried firmly in hand or in a cage, when outside the Resident’s unit or while passing through Common Areas. Pets are not allowed in Common Areas inside the building or in the pool area, except in the lobby when passing to elevators, when entering and exiting the atrium or when entering and exiting through the basement garage.
- Residents are responsible for complete disposal of their pet’s droppings in areas of condominium property and for the thorough cleaning of the soiled area.

In other words, pets are NOT allowed onto the lobby carpet, the mailroom, the office or any of the social rooms on the lobby level. Pets should pass through the lobby on the way to and from the resident’s unit, and not linger or “visit” in the lobby. We thank all our pet owners for their cooperation!



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Wednesday
April 17th
Movie night
7:00 p.m.**

“Mary Poppins”
(1964) When Jane
(Karen Dotrice) and
Michael (Matthew



Garber), the children of the wealthy and uptight Banks family, are faced with the prospect of a new nanny, they are pleasantly surprised by the arrival of the magical Mary Poppins (Julie Andrews). Embarking on a series of fantastical adventures with Mary and her Cockney performer friend, Bert (Dick Van Dyke), the siblings try to pass on some of their nanny’s sunny attitude to their preoccupied parents (David Tomlinson, Glynis Johns).



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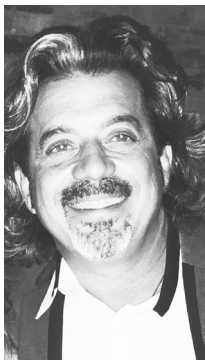
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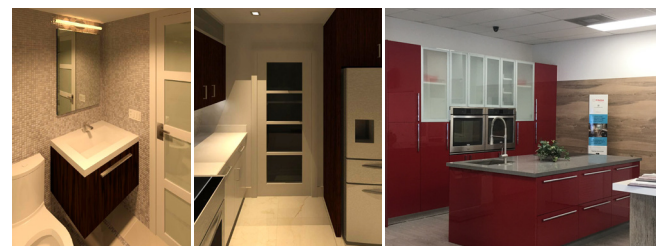
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