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MANAGER'S CORNER

HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1ST

Colorado State University said in its annual Atlantic forecast that there may be at least 13 storm systems which should reach tropical strength and get a name in 2019, with five becoming hurricanes and two spawning winds of 111 miles per hour (179 kilometers) or more.

Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. Your friends and family may not be together when disaster strikes. You may have to evacuate or be confined to your home. What you should do in case of a storm is put together a basic disaster supplies kit:

- One gallon of water per person per day for a least 3 days. For drinking and sanitation
- A 3-day supply per person of non-perishable food
- Battery powered radio
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Garbage bags with plastic ties
- Manual can opener for food
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery fully charged
- 1 month's supply of prescription medication on hand
- Pet supplies/food

All furniture and loose objects must be removed from your balcony. Items left on the balcony could be swept away by wind possibly causing injury and property damage. Note: If you are unable to bring in your balcony objects and/or furniture you may notify the management office in advance and they will bring in the items for you at a charge of \$50.00.

Please keep in mind that if a storm hits and we lose power, the Association's generator will only power one elevator for a certain amount of time. Your residence will not have electricity. It is important for the Association Office to know if you have a special needs family member residing in your unit. If your family member requires oxygen, check with a supplier about emergency plans. If your family member's physician has determined that your loved one needs to be cared for in a skilled nursing facility, make arrangement ahead of time.

The Management office will make available a Hurricane preparedness packet which will include important things you should know, as well as important phone numbers and resources for Hurricane Season.

Vivian Medina, Property Manager

LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Front Plots Redesigned & Completed

As reported in a previous Newsletter issue, the major 2019 landscape improvement project is the re-design of the 2-plots between the Biltmore Way public sidewalk and the front portico entrance to Biltmore II. These plots are bordered by the curb of the main entrance driveway. In April 2019, all Gingers and Ferns were removed. They were arranged haphazardly, creating a wild and unkempt look that detracted from the lush, manicured, and clean appearance found in almost all other elements of Biltmore II's landscape. Gingers and Ferns do not fare well in hot sun, which this plot experiences for more than half the year. The objective is to make this area look more like the plots adjacent to them – a clean, simple, manicured landscape befitting a classic mid-century modern building. By the time you read this article, this project will be complete.

A dark green hedge of Green Island Ficus, suitable for shade and sun, was planted just inside the curb bordering the driveway. It will be allowed to grow to a height not to exceed 3-feet enabling vehicle drivers to make eye contact with pedestrians, who frequently use the driveway to enter and exit the property. The Viburnum hedge that was just removed was 5-feet high and created a safety hazard as it blocked driver vision of cars and pedestrians in the driveway – especially at the driveway bends. The existing hedge had lost most of its lower leaves. Consideration was given to pruning it back 50% to see if it could regenerate dense foliage from the bottom to the top, but this plant species is not suitable for a site that is in shade for nearly half the year. The new Green Island Ficus hedge plant grows well in full sun and shade. It will produce a dense hedge of shiny dark green leaves. A White Variegated Pittosporum hedge was placed in front of this perimeter hedge and will be kept at a lower height to add size and color contrast. The existing lawn was extended around the Royal Palms, ending at the background hedges mentioned above. In several places, clus-

ters of tall-growing Queen Emma Crinum Lilies were placed to provide height and red color contrast. The final element is the planting of annual Penta flowers for the hot late spring and summer.

Be patient! These new plantings will take 18-months to reach their desired size. If we had requested double the budget to get larger plants, it would shorten the time for the hedges to reach their desired height, but with a 12-month growing season in south Florida, why not spend less and let nature work its magic? The project was timed to benefit from the full rainy season that normally starts in May.



Please look at the front landscape at night. Not only has the landscape been upgraded in the front and upper northeast sections, but also the lighting has been replaced – the up-lights illuminating the 17-Royal palms and the 6-pathway accent lights at the driveway and center walkway entrance/exit from the Biltmore Way sidewalk. This was done by our maintenance staff for modest cost with LED fixtures of modern design and bronze color. They look wonderful at night as they produce the same light color and intensity and have a uniform design style that blends with our mid-century modern building.

If you have any comments or suggestions, the Landscape Task Group would like to hear from you. You can contact the Landscape Task Group (Bob Petzinger) at rpetzin1@bellsouth.net, or the Manager (Vivian Medina) at manager@biltmore2.com.

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A Mother's Love

Quotations for Mother's Day

- Youth fades; love droops, the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all. - Oliver Wendell Holmes
- As a mother, even at the risk of her own life, loves and protects her child, so let a man cultivate love without measure toward the whole world. - Buddha
- My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her. - George Washington
- Whenever I'm with my mother, I feel as though I have to spend the whole time avoiding land mines. - Amy Tan
- The best way to keep children home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant - and let the air out of the tires. - Dorothy Parker
- No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement. - Florida Scott-Maxwell
- A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie. -Tenneva Jordan
- Mothers are the most instinctive philosophers. - Harriet Beecher Stowe
- A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest. - Irish proverb
- God couldn't be everywhere, so he created mothers - Jewish Proverb
- A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother. - Unknown
- The lullaby is the spell whereby the mother attempts to transform herself back from an ogre to a saint. - James Fenton
- My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it. - Mark Twain
- My mother was the making of me. - Thomas Alva Edison
- You're not famous until my mother has heard of you. - Jay Leno



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SOCIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, May 15th – Movie night at 7:00 p.m.

“Saving Mr. Banks” (2013) Spurred on by a promise he made to his daughters, Walt Disney (Tom Hanks)

embarks on what would become a 20-year quest to obtain the movie rights to “Mary Poppins.” The author, P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson), proves to be an uncompromising curmudgeon who has no intention of letting her beloved characters become mangled in the Hollywood machine. However, when the books stop selling and she finds herself in need of money, Travers reluctantly agrees to consider Disney’s proposition.



AROUND TOWN

Grillin ‘n Chillin BBQ Festival - May 18-19 at the Peacock Park in Coconut Grove. Indulge with your four-legged best friends at Miami’s favorite BBQ festival; held with a variety of distinctive styles from Memphis, Texas or Kansas City barbecue to the well-known Brazilian Churrasco and Argentine Parrillada. Kids will have a blast in the family fun zone with a rock-climbing wall, bounce house, petting zoo, dunk tank and more. Parents – sip on a cold beer, enjoy scenic views and relax with live music. 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. RSVP for a free drink at grillininthegrove.com

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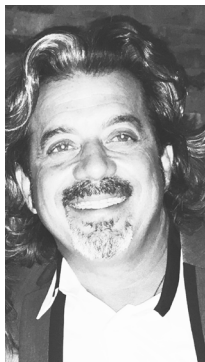
We have received several complaints about people speeding on the property. As a reminder, and from our current Rules and Regulations:

A speed limit of five (5) miles per hour applies to all vehicle pathways, including the front driveway and all parking facilities on condominium property.

Please be mindful of your neighbors and do not drive over the speed limit, you may be at risk for getting fined. We thank all our residents for their cooperation!

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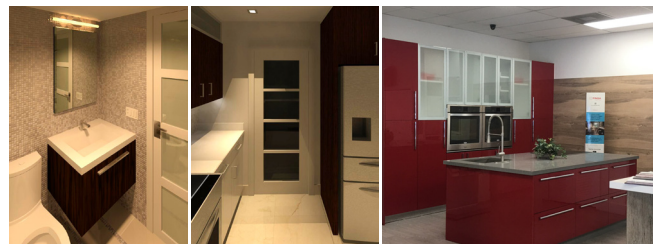


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