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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow residents.

Sadly, after being with us for over seven years, our Manager Monique, will be leaving us at the end of this month. Her last day will be Friday, March 26th. I am sure that all our residents would like the opportunity to say "goodbye" and wish her well as she embarks on the next chapter of her life. Because of Covid regulations, we cannot have a formal gathering to accommodate what could be over 100 people at one time. Therefore, we have scheduled Wednesday, March 23, between 1 and 3 pm for an informal open house goodbye party at the Spa. During that time you can come for a few minutes to wish Monique well, enjoy some light refreshments, and also have the opportunity to meet our new Manager. Please join the Board in showing our appreciation to Monique for her many years of service, dedication and a job well done.

On a happier note, I am delighted that Daylight Savings time begins again on March 15th. The additional daylight lengthens our time outdoors, including the use of our pool and beach. Therefore, pool and beach service will be increased an extra hour and be available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6 p.m.

With the good weather we have been having, the forthcoming Easter vacation with expected additional guests, and Covid regulations still in effect (which means reduced seating), it is a challenge to operate these areas. I would like to remind you of some of the rules and regulations in effect and ask for your cooperation:

- The swimming pool may be used daily from dawn until dusk. There is no lifeguard service, so you and your guests swim at your own risk.
- Children under 14 are not permitted in the pool unless accompanied by an adult. For reasons of health and safety, use of the Jacuzzi whirlpool is only permitted for children over 14 years of age.
- Pool Staff and Security Guards have the right to ask for identification from any users at any time.
- No eating of foods or snacks is allowed at the pool. No beverages, other than

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water in plastic containers, are allowed.

- Florida law requires that you shower and remove any perspiration and/ or suntan oils before entering the pool.
   This should also be done out of consideration for your neighbors
- Out of consideration for all, lounges and chairs may not be reserved when the resident is not in the pool or beach area. The staff is instructed to strictly enforce towel policies which allows for one regular towel and one lounge chair cover per resident or guest and a maximum eight regular towels and eight lounge chair covers per unit, or a maximum of six during the busy season. All persons using Association towels must leave them on their lounge chairs once they are done using them or return them to a pool attendant.

**Please note:** All guests must have a guest pass or Unit I.D. to obtain a towel or lounge chair. You are prohibited from lending your personal I.D. card to anyone. Also if you are a new owner please make sure you fill out the owner registration form available at the management office or front desk. This is to ensure the staff knows who you are and otherwise you may be denied services.

- No diapers are allowed in the pool. Swim diapers are allowed with the use of a rubber pull-up over the diaper. This is to ensure sanitary swimming conditions for all. Should you need a rubber pull up, you can purchase one from the pool attendant at a charge of \$4.00 each. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Children under the age of 2 years are required to wear rubber pull ups over the swim diapers.
- Ball throwing and/or Frisbee tossing in the pool area are strictly prohibited along with large floatation toys.

In addition to these rules and procedures, all posted rules apply.

Our Security staff reserves the right to write up a violation report on any resident or resident guests who do not comply with these or any other rules. The report will be presented to the Grievance Committee and subject to a fine.

Although not stated in our rules and regulations, it is highly recommended that you provide a gratuity to our pool staff when service is given.

As we enter our busy summer season, we request your full cooperation to ensure these amenities are enjoyed by all.

Respectfully, Tamara Benson

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## **MEET YOUR STAFF**

## Cesar Garcia - New Property Manager

By Hellen Soriano

Cesar Garcia, Ocean One's new property manager as of March 26, was born in Cuba but grew up in Spain and Boston. At the time he left Cuba, he and his family found freedom in Spain where they lived 9 years before heading to Boston to join his grandmother for a family reunification. He believes that these trips were the beginning of his eternal love for travel and his love and fascination with other cultures.

After several years in Boston the Garcia family decided they had had enough of the cold winter weather and decided to move south to Florida, making Miami their new home since 2003. The cold had become intolerable and his parents were ready to start enjoying their retirement in warmer climates.

Cesar got his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Miami-Dade College. He remembers it fondly, with good professors and plenty of people to support him in his studies. He was committed to getting the best education possible.



He got married in 2016 and they love getting together with friends and enjoying the wide variety of food that is offered in Miami's restaurants. He considers himself a foodie.

Professionally, he comes to Ocean One after being property manager for over eight years at the Courts at Brickell Key, a community much like ours with 319 apartments. He is very thankful of his time there and is sure he was able to learn a great deal from the members of his Board, most of whom were CPAs and from whom he was able to acquire a great deal of financial knowledge.

His long and successful career in property management took off in 2006 when he started as administrative assistant and worked his way up. In 2009 he was made Assistant Property Manager. He wanted to make sure he was ready for every step in his career by taking slow but steady moves upward.

His initial opinion about Ocean One is that we have a very cohesive team, able to tackle any project that comes their way. He imagines them as a team on a boat with every member rowing in the same direction. He hopes to be able to continue both the mechanical and aesthetic improvements of our property.

He is very grateful for this opportunity and his wish is to be able to follow on Monique's footsteps. He understands that she did a great job and also wants everyone to feel special and treated with the same warmth that has always characterized Monique. He hopes he will be able to establish solid and strong relationships with each and every one of the residents at Ocean One.





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## Easy Irish Soda Bread

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 cup buttermilk



Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease a large baking sheet. In a large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt and margarine. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round and place on prepared baking sheet. In a small bowl, combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk; brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an 'X' into the top of the loaf. Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Check for doneness after 30 minutes. You may continue to brush the loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes.

## **GET READY FOR TAX TIME**

The first step to preparing your taxes is organization of your records. Use this list of commonly needed documents to help you with this year's tax return.

- W-2s
- 1099s
- Statements you've received from your employer or the government, both state and federal
- Interest earned statements
- Interest paid statements
- Notice of distribution from partnerships, estates, or trusts
- Records of unemployment insurance
- Records of Social Security benefits
- Social Security numbers for you, your spouse, and any dependents
- Receipts for deductible expenses, including business, moving, childcare, medical, and home office expenses
- Records of charitable contributions
- Your tax return booklet with label

Although this list is not comprehensive, it is a good start on your way to preparing for your tax preparation.





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## Don't Forget... Spring Forward...Fall Back...

**Beginning in 2007**, Daylight Saving Time was extended one month and begins for most of the United States at 2 a.m. on the **Second Sunday in March** and lasts until 2 a.m. on the **First Sunday of November. BE SURE TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR AT 2 A.M. ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>.** 



This is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Many fire departments encourage people to change their batteries in these detectors when they change their clocks, because it can be so easy to forget otherwise. "A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire," says William McNabb of the Troy Fire Department in Michigan. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have worn-out or missing batteries.



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