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Carla Oxios

EDITOR'S NOTE

Late last month, one of our long-time residents, Dewey Baldwin, passed away. He would have turned 86 on el Cinco de Mayo (May 5th). We remember Dewey as a man of small stature, but with a heart bigger than life. He was always there to assist his friends and neighbors and could be counted upon for a kind word or a smile. No matter what struggles he was going through himself, Dewey was grateful and appreciative of what he had and of those with whom he came in contact. I invite all who knew Dewey Baldwin, to take a moment, and think of him with a smile and a prayer. He will be missed.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

A complete set of our rules and regs, which has been approved by our attorney and voted upon by our elected Board of Directors, can be found on our Vertilink website at <https://websites.vertilinc.com/Dome/>. If you are an owner and do not yet have login credentials for Vertilink, please call the office (305-893-2107) the office will assist you.

COVID-19

Help protect yourself and others – Prevention:

- Practice social distancing
- Keep 6 ft distance
- Wear face mask
- 2 person per elevator



PHYSICAL PLANT

If anyone has attended our last few board meetings, you know that we are planning a necessary renovation of both of our buildings in anticipation of our 50 Year Inspection coming up in 2022. The most important item on this renovation agenda is ensuring that our buildings are watertight. Considering the age of Bayview Towers, and the several severe storms that have passed over us in these last dozens or more years, you can imagine that there are many areas that have suffered water damage and leakage. The good news is that our Board of Directors has hired a well-respected, first class engineering team to work on the restoration of our buildings to bring them back to the physical integrity we all want and need, not only for our personal safety, but for the maintenance and improvement of our property values. This work will begin as soon as possible, hopefully within the next month or two. You are encouraged to attend our Board meetings in order to get more detailed information concerning the proposed building renovations, and in order to get the correct answers to your questions.

WORTH KNOWING

We invite you to think about innovation and the connection between invention and the mind. It's National Inventors Month and Mental Health Awareness Month. Renowned brain coach, Jim Kwik has said "Our most precious gift is our brain" and we are highlighting an organization that applauds some brilliant minds for invention and innovation and another that is leading the way to help heal mental afflictions.

The Lemelson Foundation was founded in 1992 with a mission of cultivating future generations of inventors to create a better world. They support inventions focused on problems worth solving. Thus far, they have given more than \$290 million in support of that mission.

We've all heard the quote attributed to Plato "Necessity is the mother of invention", and the Foundation believes that invention is key to solving some of the world's greatest challenges. At its purest form, inventions come to life when someone sees a problem and creates a solution -- inventors can be anyone, from any stage of life, anywhere in the world.

Through their partner network, the Lemelson Foundation has made and continues to make an impact in the areas of medicine, STEM, food systems, accessibility, global health challenges, and beyond. You can learn more by reading their "Invention Notebook" and most recently - in celebration of World IP (Internet Protocol) day - they announced the winners of the 2021 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize that awarded a total of \$90,000 to four graduate students and three undergraduate teams from across the country. Their inventions range from an innovative approach to plastic pollution in Uganda, to self-driving wheelchair technology. Most of the winners have filed for patents, while others have been awarded full or provisional patents.

Fun fact: In 2020, a total number of 399,055 patents were granted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Invention and innovation in the scientific and medical fields is vital to helping cure illness, lessen suffering, and ultimately allowing people to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. Let's be honest, the last year has taken a toll for many of us. From increased stress trying to navigate working from home while teaching teenagers (*or toddlers!*) to uncertainty and economic downturn causing heightened anxiety levels, the mental health of many has been under strain. Even without a pandemic, statistics have shown that 1 in 5 adults suffer from some sort of mental illness, be it addiction, depression, schizophrenia, or something else.

Finding solutions to help relieve some of the difficulties those with mental illnesses face is the work the **Brain and Behavior Research Foundation** is dedicated to. Their mission is to alleviate the suffering of mental illnesses through awarding grants that will lead to advances and breakthroughs in scientific research. It's worth noting that 100% of their donations to research goes directly to research as their operations are generously funded by two family foundations. Since inception in 1987, BBRF has awarded more than \$418 million to fund more than 6,000 grants to more than 5,000 leading scientists around the world and they remain one of the top private funders of mental health research grants.

Important note: If you or someone you know is suffering and is in need of assistance, you can visit [mentalhealth.gov](https://www.mentalhealth.gov) to get help with resources from insurance to programs for veterans. There is no need to suffer in silence.

PEST CONTROL

Our pest control company usually attends to our buildings during the 3rd week of each month (May 20/21 and Jun 17/18). The 2100 building is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday and the 2150 building is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. Please look for notices posted at the elevator lobbies for any possible schedule changes.

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HAVE A SAFE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!

Memorial Day marks the beginning of the summer recreation season. It is also a time for accidents. Make sure that you and your family are safe this Memorial Day weekend by remembering these simple safety tips.

Drive Safely

More people will be on the road on Memorial Day weekend, making for congested roads and highways. Don't forget to always wear your seatbelt, and observe all posted traffic signs and speed limits. It is especially important for children to be in proper child safety seats in your car. And never drink and drive!

Play Safely

If you are going to be spending time near or on the water, don't forget to be safe. If you will be on a boat, wear a life jacket, follow all boating rules, and don't operate a boat while drinking. If you will be swimming, remember to swim with a buddy, swim only in safe water, and never dive into shallow water. All children should be supervised at all times around any type of water. If you will be spending any time in the sun, don't forget to use sunscreen and wear a hat.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are fortunate to live in the USA, with remarkable privileges and freedoms. This is possible because we are a country of laws.... laws which apply to everyone, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, country of origin, economic status, education, etc. We are all equal under the law.

Dome Condominium also has rules and regulations that we are all expected to follow for us to live in peace and harmony in our little community.



Our Board of Directors can impose fines and suspensions against any member, tenant, guest, or invitee who breaks our rules. Depending on the nature of the violation, the Association shall put the violator on notice that there has been a violation of the Association's governing documents. If such notice is sent, and the violator has not corrected the violation, the Board of Directors may determine that the violation warrants a fine or suspension. The alleged violator has an opportunity for a hearing before a Grievance Committee of at least three members appointed by the Board. This committee shall not include any officers, directors, employees of the Association, or their spouses or family members. It shall be composed of volunteer residents-at-large who shall serve as the Grievance Committee. A fine fitting the violation is proposed by the Board. If approved by the Grievance Committee, a fine is then levied by the Board. If the committee does not agree, the fine may not be imposed.

Fining and suspending use rights can be a useful tool to curb bad behavior. The Association's actions with respect to fining or suspension of use will become known to the residency as a whole, resulting in a reduction of violations.

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NEED ASSISTANCE?

Just Dial 211. **211 Miami**, a program of Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc. is a confidential helpline that connects people in need to community resources available in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. **211 Miami** has an extensive database of over 4,000 programs and resources for social service assistance addressing food insecurity, legal help, homeless shelters, and financial assistance programs. **211 Miami** also provides emotional support and crisis counseling to clients in emotional distress, available 24/7 in English, Spanish, and Creole. **211 Miami** is an integral part of the crisis centers network that assist with calls for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and is the number one crisis center in the nation answering Spanish Lifeline calls.

History of 211:

Switchboard of Miami started in 1968 to assist community leaders and the general public during the tumultuous times of the Vietnam War. Founded by attorney Steve Greenberg, the Reverend Donald Olson, and Dr. Milt Grossman who recognized the need to provide immediate access during crisis situations, as well as providing community resources. The Temporary Housing Hotline was formed and initially staffed by volunteers. The organization was formally incorporated in 1971 and the 3 founders became the first Board of Directors for Switchboard of Miami. Their insight led to the development of the helpline where people were able to receive help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

In December of 2016, Switchboard of Miami faced closure and the loss of essential community programs. As a result, Jewish Community Services of South Florida assumed operations of the Switchboard of Miami Programs, including the Contact Center and 211 Helpline. As a result, all services remained intact and transitioned seamlessly to JCS, eventually paving the way for the rebranding of the 211 Call Center. **211 Miami** continues to offer extensive community resource information and is the only tri-lingual (English, Spanish, Creole) helpline in the country.

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Hurricane preparedness is a natural part of living in Miami-Dade County. Below are some key tips to include in your personal hurricane plan. Make sure everyone in your household knows what they are supposed to do.



HAVE DISASTER SUPPLIES ON HAND.

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual
- Emergency food and water
- Non-electric can opener
- Essential medicines
- Cash and credit cards
- Sturdy shoes

Check your insurance coverage and be sure it includes replacement coverage, especially for renters.

EVACUATION PLANS:

- **Rehearse your evacuation plan** with your household and leave extra time for traffic.
- If you live in an evacuation zone, make plans to move inland to a friend or family member's home.
- If you are electrically dependent you should evacuate for any category of tropical storm or hurricane.
- Residents who may need assistance evacuating from disaster should register for the Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program by calling the Office of Emergency Management at (305) 513-7700 to receive an application. Applications are available in Creole, English and Spanish and can be downloaded from the OEM website: <http://www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/oem>.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Assign** someone in your home the job of a checking the weather everyday during Hurricane Season.
- **Develop an emergency communication plan.** In case family members are separated from one another during a disaster (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), have a plan for getting back together.
- **Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the**

"family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance.

WATER IS LIFE:

- The most important part of your hurricane kit is water. Have 1 gallon per person per day.
- Your water heater can store several gallons of fresh water to use if there is no water pressure, especially in high-rise buildings.

Protect your windows. Permanent shutters are the best protection. A lower-cost approach is to put up plywood panels. Use 1/2-inch plywood--marine plywood is best--cut to fit each window. Remember to mark which board fits which window. Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws. Do this long before the storm.

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