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OWNER'S UPDATE

Life Safety equipment

SLS just submitted an Engineered Life Safety system validation report and plans for review with the Association. Once approved, these documents will be submitted to the city of Miami Beach.

Fire hoses

The hired company is waiting for the hoses to be delivered. The installation will be done as soon as the delivery is completed.

Common areas door installation

The plans were submitted to the city. The contractor is ready to start the installation as soon as the permit will be granted.

Geothermal discharge well

We are still in the process of approval of the permit by the City of Miami Beach. We don't have a clear timeline for approval.

Emergency generator

The Board hired an engineering firm for this project. We are now pending the initial documents from the engineer to submit them to the City of Miami Beach.

Laundry equipment

The washers were replaced with brand new machines. Dryers were also supposed to be replaced on the same date, but it turned out the laundry company didn't bring stackable dryers. They had to leave the old dryers and switch the card readers on them with new ones. They will install the new dryers as

soon as they receive them.

Exit Gate

Due to its age, the exit gate failed, and we had to turn off the motors to prevent further damage. An estimate for the replacement has been approved and the door will be replaced as soon as it is available. In the meantime, cars must enter and exit the property using the main entrance gate. Please use caution when you exit since there is no visibility. Also keep in mind the door opens inside the property, you need to leave a sufficient space in front of your car when exiting.

Catwalk floors

The Board is currently looking into solutions for the catwalk floors. Previous steps were taken in 2018-2019 and a company provided an estimate to repair and stain the Chattahoochee floors. It is an inexpensive solution that could solve the issue. The same company came back to the building and will provide an updated estimate so the Board can further investigate this solution.

Owner's Portal

Each owner has access to the owner's portal. The Association publishes documents that are available to you, such as meeting minutes, financial statements, building recertification information, insurance, Governing documents...

The website link is as follows: <https://sites.vertilinc.com/octagontowers/>

PUMPKIN PANCAKES

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 egg
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil

Directions

1. Combine flour, brown sugar, white sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a large mixing bowl, and whisk together for two minutes to aerate.
2. In a separate bowl, combine pumpkin puree, cinnamon, ginger, allspice, egg, milk, 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil, lemon juice, and lemon zest. Mix in the flour mixture, and stir just until moistened. (Do not overmix.)
3. Coat skillet with 1 teaspoon vegetable oil over medium heat.
4. Pour batter into skillet 1/4 cup at a time, and cook the pancakes until golden brown, about 3 minutes on each side.



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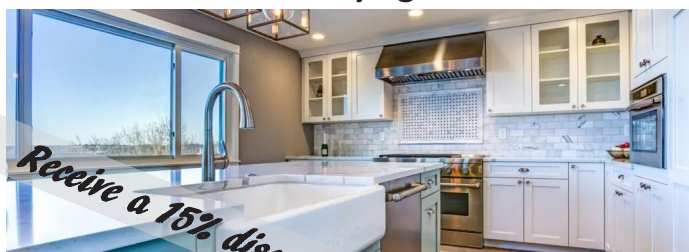
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September

Helen Hunt Jackson

The goldenrod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.

The gentian's bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
It's hidden silk has spun.

The sedges flaunt their harvest
In every meadow nook;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook.

From dewy lanes at morning
The grapes' sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.

By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
and autumn's best of cheer.



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