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OCTAGON TOWERS CONDOMINIUM

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OWNER'S UPDATE OCTAGON TOWERS CONDOMINIUM

Annual Meeting

Board of Directors Election The 2021 annual meeting was scheduled for December 6th, 2021, at 6pm. The membership meeting was adjourned December 6th, 2021, at 6:15pm due to a lack of quorum, 33 1/3% members were required in person or by proxy.

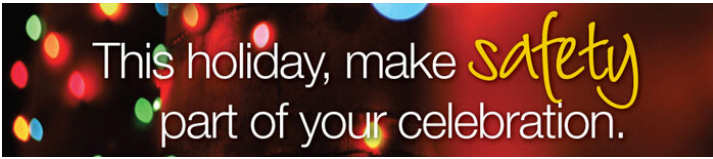
Following was the election meeting, only 18 votes were received, short of the 24 needed to conduct an election. As a result, the current Board of Directors rolls over in 2022.



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/>

SAFETY TIPS FOR HOLIDAY DECORATING



The holiday season can bring lots of joy into our homes, but it's also a time for potential safety hazards. The following tips from the National Safety Council will help your family have a safe holiday.

Exterior Decorations

- Do not overload circuits with too many lights. Only use lights that are rated for outdoor use.
- Make sure that any extension cords running power to exterior lights are shielded from moisture and protected from the weather.
- Secure all exterior decorations to prevent accidents caused by wind or heavy snow.

Interior Decorations

- Do not buy a dry Christmas tree. Remember to water your tree every day.
- When buying an artificial tree, choose one that has been labeled fire-resistant.
- Keep the tree away from your fireplace, radiators, and other heat sources that can cause a fire.
- Check lights for broken sockets, frayed or bare wires, as well as any loose connections.
- Use no more than three light sets on any one extension cord.
- Be sure to use indoor lights only indoors, and outdoor lights outdoors.
- Turn off all lights on your tree and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Use only tinsel made of material that is nonleaded and nonflammable.
- Place the menorah and other candles out of the reach of children.
- Never leave burning candles unattended, and always supervise children when they're near candles.

Many Christmas plants, including mistletoe, holly berries, and amaryllis, can cause severe stomach problems if eaten. Keep them out of children's reach.



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Creamy Chocolate Fudge

- 1 (7 oz) jar marshmallow creme
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Line an 8x8 inch pan with aluminum foil. Set aside. In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine marshmallow cream, sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt. Bring to a full boil, and cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and pour in semisweet chocolate chips and milk chocolate chips. Stir until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Stir in nuts and vanilla. Pour into prepared pan. Chill in refrigerator for 2 hours, or until firm.



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SNOW RIDGE ICE WINE

Real icewine can only be made reliably every year in Canada and most years in Germany because it requires a very specific climate. The grapes have to stay on the vine until the winter, usually until Jan or Feb, where they freeze solid at -9 degrees Celsius (15 Fahrenheit). Until the grapes are harvested, they freeze and thaw repeatedly, and all of the flavors get concentrated, with a lot of the water lost. They are then pressed in a hydraulic press when they are still frozen solid. The water remains behind in the press as solid ice. What comes out is the essence, a thick syrup of the grape with tremendously concentrated flavors and sugars. When it's fermented, it makes this beautiful sweet dessert wine. When you smell and taste it, you're right away struck with its tremendously powerful aroma and flavor.



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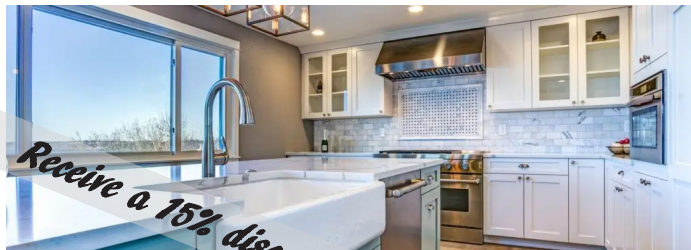
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