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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Community,

I apologize for writing this Tower Talk a few days late, but it has taken me some time to materialize what I want to say. Unlike previous months, I feel as your President, that I have an obligation to lead honestly whether the truth is pretty or not, and will always choose to do so.

As I stated many times before, I as well as every other person who lives here, have experienced the anxiety, frustration, and constant subliminal anger about the situation we are in, being that the condominium was in an overwhelming state of disrepair when our Board of Directors started in February of last year. I believe that anyone who was here at that time cannot with a true heart say that they have not seen numerous issues and projects resolved or in the process of being completed in the year and a half we have been on the Board of Directors. We cannot work any faster despite any desire to believe so.

We are, in many cases, at the city's timeframe mercy, and it has proven lengthy even for the simplest of issues. We must continue to be patient. We have no choice, but be certain that it will get completed.

It is very common for our community members to feel that these construction projects and repairs are the main and only reason for Del Prado's sharp decline and low standard of living.

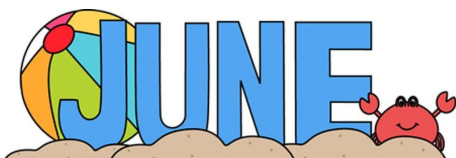
I will tell you as your President, and one who has been privy to almost every operations incident since last February, the greatest obstacle in Del Prado's success is the community itself at this point. To complete the necessary construction projects is a time issue and eventually they will be finished. But how a community coexists and thrives is something more intrinsic and without a timeframe.

In the last year, the rate of incidents resulting from community members has steadily risen.

Despite placing trash cans throughout the property, community members are still not picking up and or discarding of their dogs' waste. In some cases, little feces bags are found by the maintenance staff behind bushes or in the flowerbeds. Pets have accidentally urinated or defecated in elevators and the owners simply walk away with no shame or care in the world.

Community members insist on throwing their litter, used soda bottles, coffee cups, consumed food bags literally on the floor. Walk the grounds any time of day and

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President (cont. from page 1)

see the litter everywhere. There have been several incidents of community members throwing their used charcoal from BBQs into the marina water as well as directly on the grass.

Our hallways are not even finished and we already have hallways scratched through the paper from moving or we believe perhaps on purpose.

Our management staff, security staff and maintenance staff are regularly cursed at and threatened with bodily harm from various community members. The police are here on a regular basis at this point, and we have already lost many staff members due to this issue. Graffiti is showing up in the community.

Water sprinklers are being repaired or readjusted regularly for someone keeps literally cutting the electrical wires for the property. Many of our trees and plants are dying, as a result.

We are beginning to see physical violence within our community. Disrespect and threats are slowly overtaking respect and civility.

Is this how we want to live, with or without construction? Is this how we want to define ourselves to the neighboring communities and Aventura itself? These are the most important questions at the moment for you to answer for Del Prado's success as a community of people.

All the construction projects and repairs will be finished.

But that said:

It is the quality of people, the quality of lifestyle shared with family, neighbors and friends that ultimately define a community as rich, thriving, and highly sought after to live in.

The majority of residents I have had the pleasure to get to know care very much for our community and their standard of living. We must all be vigilant and speak out when we see those who do not contribute to the maintenance and betterment of Del Prado and let them know that it will not be tolerated. The Board alone cannot do it. It takes a village to ensure our success. Thank you in advance for joining us in working to creating the community we all deserve.

Roberto Sanchez, President

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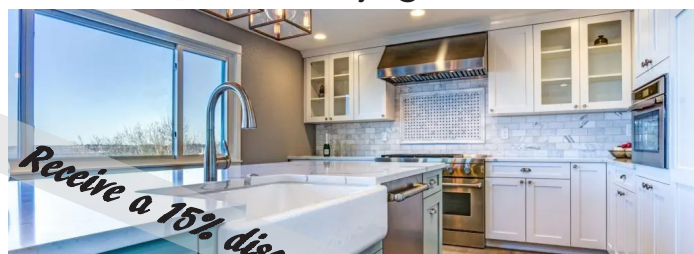
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MENSAJE DEL PRESIDENTE

Estimada comunidad,

Pido disculpas por escribir este Tower Talk con unos días de retraso, pero me ha llevado algo de tiempo materializar lo que quiero decir. A diferencia de los meses anteriores, siento como su presidente que tengo la obligación de liderar honestamente ya sea que la verdad sea bonita o no, y siempre elegiré hacerlo.

Como dije muchas veces antes, yo, al igual que todas las demás personas que viven aquí, hemos sentido la ansiedad, la frustración y la ira subliminal constante por la situación en la que nos encontramos, ya que el condominio estaba en un estado abrumador de deterioro cuando nuestra Junta Directiva comenzó en febrero del año pasado. Creo que cualquiera que estuvo aquí en ese momento no puede decir con sinceridad que no ha visto numerosos asuntos y proyectos resueltos o en proceso de culminación en el año y medio que llevamos en la Junta Directiva. No podemos trabajar más rápido a pesar de nuestro deseo de crearlo.

Estamos, en muchos casos, a merced del plazo de la ciudad, y ha resultado largo incluso para los problemas más simples. Debemos seguir siendo pacientes. No tenemos otra opción, pero estar seguros de que se completará.

Es muy común que los miembros de nuestra comunidad sientan que estos proyectos de construcción y reparaciones son la principal y única razón del fuerte declive y el bajo nivel de vida de Del Prado.

Como su presidente, y como alguien que ha estado al tanto de casi todos los incidentes operativos desde que comenzamos, les diré que el mayor obstáculo para el éxito de Del Prado es la comunidad misma en este momento. Completar los proyectos de construcción necesarios es una cuestión de tiempo y eventualmente se terminarán. Pero cómo una comunidad coexiste y prospera es algo más intrínseco y sin marco de tiempo.

En el último año, la tasa de incidentes causados por miembros de la comunidad ha aumentado constantemente.

A pesar de colocar botes de basura en toda la propiedad, los miembros de la comunidad aún no recogen ni desechan los desechos de sus perros. En algunos casos, el personal de mantenimiento encuentra pequeñas bolsas de heces detrás de los arbustos o en los macizos de flores. Las mascotas han orinado o defecado accidentalmente en los ascensores y los propietarios simplemente se van sin vergüenza ni preocupación en el mundo.

Los miembros de la comunidad insisten en tirar su basura, botellas de refrescos usadas, tazas de café, bolsas de comida

consumida literalmente en el suelo. Camine por los terrenos a cualquier hora del día y vea la basura en todas partes. Ha habido varios incidentes de miembros de la comunidad que tiran el carbón usado de las barbacoas al agua del puerto deportivo y directamente sobre el césped.

Nuestros pasillos ni siquiera están terminados y ya tenemos pasillos rayados en el papel por mudanzas o creemos que quizás a propósito.

Nuestro personal de administración, el personal de seguridad y el personal de mantenimiento son insultados y amenazados regularmente con daño físico por parte de varios miembros de la comunidad. La policía está aquí regularmente en este momento y ya hemos perdido a muchos miembros del personal debido a este problema. El graffiti está apareciendo en la comunidad.

Los rociadores de agua están siendo reparados o reajustados regularmente porque alguien corta literalmente los cables eléctricos de la propiedad. Como resultado, muchos de nuestros árboles y plantas se están muriendo.

Estamos comenzando a ver violencia física dentro de nuestra comunidad. Las faltas de respeto y las amenazas están superando lentamente al respeto y el civismo.

¿Es así como queremos vivir, con o sin construcción? ¿Es así como queremos definirnos ante las comunidades vecinas y Aventura misma? Estas son las preguntas más importantes que debe responder en este momento para el éxito de Del Prado como comunidad de personas.

Todos los proyectos de construcción y reparaciones estarán terminados.

Pero eso dicho:

Es la calidad de las personas, la calidad del estilo de vida compartido con familiares, vecinos y amigos lo que finalmente define a una comunidad como rica, próspera y muy codiciada para vivir.

La mayoría de los residentes que he tenido el placer de conocer se preocupan mucho por nuestra comunidad y su nivel de vida. Todos debemos estar atentos y alzar la voz cuando veamos a quienes no contribuyen al mantenimiento y mejoramiento de Del Prado y hacerles saber que no será tolerado. La Junta por sí sola no puede hacerlo. Se necesita un pueblo para asegurar nuestro éxito. Gracias de antemano por unirse a nosotros en el trabajo para crear la comunidad que todos merecemos.

Roberto Sanchez, Presidente

DAD IS GREAT! *Quotations for Father's Day*

- It is a wise father that knows his own child. - William Shakespeare
- When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years. - Mark Twain
- Fathers, like mothers, are not born. Men grow into fathers...and fathering is a very important stage in their development. - David M. Gottesman
- A man's children and his garden both reflect the amount of weeding done during the growing season. - Author Unknown
- It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was. - Anne Sexton
- For rarely are sons similar to their fathers: most are worse, and a few are better than their fathers. - Homer
- It's only when you grow up, and step back from him, or leave him for your own career and your own home...it's only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it. Pride reinforces love. - Margaret Truman
- You don't have to deserve your mother's love. You have to deserve your father's. - Robert Frost
- Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father! - Lydia Maria Child
- The father who does not teach his son his duties is equally guilty with the son who neglects them. - Confucius
- You know, fathers just have a way of putting everything together. - Erika Cosby
- Be kind to thy father, for when thou were young, who loved thee so fondly as he? He caught the first accents that fell from thy tongue, and joined in thy innocent glee. - Margaret Courtney
- He who is taught to live upon little owes more to his father's wisdom than he who has a great deal left him does to his father's care. - William Penn
- One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters. - Herbert
- A father is a man who expects his son to be as good a man as he meant to be. - Frank A. Clark
- My father was frightened of his father, I was frightened of my father and I am damned well going to see to it that my children are frightened of me. - King George V



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- ½ cup olive oil
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- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 2 (15 ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 ½ cups frozen corn kernels
- 1 avocado - diced
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 6 green onions, thinly sliced
- ½ cup chopped fresh cilantro

Directions

Place olive oil, lime juice, garlic, salt, and cayenne pepper in a small jar. Close the lid tightly and shake the jar until the dressing is well combined. Combine in a salad bowl beans, corn, avocado, bell pepper, tomatoes, green onions, and cilantro. Shake dressing again, pour over salad, and toss to coat.







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