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OWNER'S UPDATE

- The Annual meeting was scheduled on December 6th, 2022. As previously communicated, no election was needed. An organizational meeting took place to elect the Officers of the Board.

The Officers are as follows:

- o Heather McCabe, President/Treasurer
- o Joshua Stedman, Vice President
- o Wayne Boles, Secretary

The Directors are as follows:

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- As previously communicated, a professional Project Manager has been hired by the Association. He will oversee the multiple projects that will take place next year. As a reminder, the Association is currently working on the following: -full modernization of both elevators, -addition of Life Safety equipment, -addition of a generator, -revamping of the catwalk floors, -re-roof, -well for the A/C Geothermal system, -parking lot drainage, -security improvement with access control and cameras, -pool resurfacing.
- The pool resurfacing has been completed. The pool company is now fired up the water to properly balance the chemicals before the pool can reopen. We will advise the residents when this is completed.
- The life safety equipment project is still in the bidding phase. The deadline for contractors to bid out on this project has been pushed. The proposals should be received by the end of November.
- The Geothermal well project is still in the permitting process. It appears the requirements/code have changed delaying the issuance of this permit.
- **We remind you that bulk trash is not allowed in the building's trash room. Please arrange for a pickup or dispose of your bulk trash with the city of Miami Beach, the information can be find here; <https://www.mi-amibeachfl.gov/city-hall/public-works/sanitation-division/bulk-disposal/>**

Owner's Portal: <https://sites.vertilinc.com/octagontowers/>

Wrap It Up!

Have you noticed that wrapping a gift can cost more than the gift itself? There are some ways to cut the cost of gift-wrapping. Try these tips this holiday season!

- Brown paper bags can be decorated with stamps, markers, or paint. Tie the top with yarn or raffia. Use white trash bags to wrap large or oddly shaped presents. Check your local newspaper office to see if they sell “ends” from the newsprint paper. You can decorate the paper in many different ways.
- Make the wrapping part of the present itself. Wrap a gift of clothing in a pretty scarf and tie it with a hair ribbon. A purse or small bag could hold another smaller gift. Use a tablecloth or towel to wrap up a gift. Check thrift shops for old tins, hatboxes, or fabric remnants that would make great gift containers. Baskets make great gift holders.
- Use curling ribbon instead of other bows or ribbon. It is cheaper and can give a wrapped gift a very festive look. Make tags by cutting up holiday cards from the year before. Simply cut around an image from the front and write on the back. Punch a hole in one corner and thread curling ribbon through it. Tie it on your package for a nice touch.



Finally, buy your wrapping paper for next year at the after Christmas sales this year. You can save up to 75% off. Place it in a plastic bag to keep it clean and dry.

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Recipe for Latkes

- 4 medium potatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup matzah meal
- salt and black pepper to taste
- vegetable oil

Shred potatoes, onion and bell pepper into a large bowl. Press out all excess liquid. Add eggs and parsley and mix well. Add matzah meal gradually while mixing until the batter is doughy, not too dry. Add a few dashes of salt and black pepper.

Heat about 1/2 inch of oil to a medium heat. Form the batter into thin patties about the size of your palm. Fry batter in oil. Flip when the bottom is golden brown.

Place finished latkes on paper towels to drain. Eat hot with sour cream or applesauce. They reheat OK in a microwave, but not in an oven unless you cook them just right. If you'd like to try something a little different, add some bell peppers, parsley, carrots, celery, or other vegetables to the batter to make veggie latkes!





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