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## OCTAGON TOWERS CONDOMINIUM

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## OWNER'S UPDATE

- The pool has been reopened after the fire up process.
- RMQ Builders, project management company hired is meeting with contractors and the engineer involved in the life safety project. Several contractors will be interviewed and proposal will be reviewed by the Board of Directors as soon as possible. RMQ will help with most of the other projects below that are on the list of tasks: -full modernization of both elevators, -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,
- The building insurance has been renewed at the end of the year. You can already submit a request for your unit by using the instructions uploaded on the owner's portal (link below). We are waiting to receive a Master Certificate from the insurance agent. It will be added to the portal as well.
- The landscape company started fertilizing the Ficus hedges to help them grow back. They were affected by whiteflies. It will take time to get them full of leaves, but the landscape company is confident about future growth when the growing season will start.
- Following the electricity shut down, the domestic water system was verified by the plumbing company taking care of the building. It appears the extended shut down created air pockets in the system which led to the hot water issues. This is now completely taken care of. In addition, the domestic water pump #2 will be rebuilt this month to make sure proper water pressure is reached in the pipes.
- **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.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/public-works/sanitation-division/bulk-disposal/>**

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# French Onion Soup

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cups sliced onions
- 5 cups beef broth
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 pinch salt and pepper to taste
- 4 slices French bread
- 4 slices provolone cheese
- 2 slices Swiss cheese, diced
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Melt butter with olive oil in an 8-quart stock pot over medium heat. Add onions and continually stir until translucent. Do not brown. Add beef broth, sherry, and thyme. Season with salt and pepper. Let simmer for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat the oven's broiler. Ladle soup into oven-safe serving bowls and place one slice of bread on top of each (bread may be broken into pieces if you prefer). Layer each slice of bread with a slice of provolone, 1/2 slice diced Swiss and 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese. Place bowls on a cookie sheet and broil in the preheated oven until cheese bubbles and browns slightly, 2 to 3 minutes.





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# T'WAS THE MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS

T'was the month after Christmas, and all through the house,  
nothing would fit me, not even a blouse;  
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I had to taste,  
at the holiday parties had gone to my waist;

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber),  
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared,  
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared;

The wine and the rum balls; the bread and the cheese,  
and the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,  
and prepared once again to do battle with dirt,  
I said to myself, as only I can,  
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So, away with the last of the sour cream dip.  
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.  
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished,  
'til all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.  
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore,  
But isn't that what January is for?  
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.  
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

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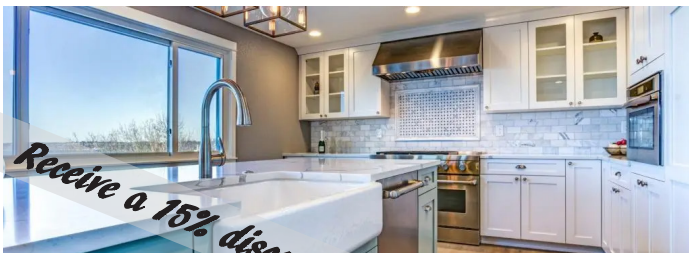
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