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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my privilege to serve as the new Board of Directors President for Plaza Del Prado. I would like to thank you for placing your confidence and trust in me to serve as your President. I accept this important role of President of the Board of Directors for this calendar year. This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly, and I will endeavor to protect the residents' best interest.



I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the previous Board and to everyone whom I have been working with and who helped me get to where I am today. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing President, Roberto Sánchez. Thank you Roberto for your leadership and for your contributions.

With the strong support of the new Board of Directors (Vice President Gabriela Blanco, Treasurer Lisa Kidron, Secretary Dan Spevack, and Board Directors Jasmine Miranda, Miguel A. Montañez, and Ted Snider) we will strive to MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Our main goal as a unified Board of Directors is to streamline all the processes while closely managing all aspects of the ongoing projects. Another goal is to encourage the community at large to make a difference. I want to inspire our residents to be more involved and to take on leadership roles. Or for those of you who are already leaders, to reach out and encourage and mentor those who have a passion to move forward.

Everyone has the power to do something that improves our community. You already make a difference every day for the people you love and the people you work for... so let's see what kind of difference we can make in our community.

I hope you are as enthusiastic as I am to see what kind of changes all of us can make together in 2023 and forward. Onward!!!

Bettina Allende  
President, Del Prado Condominium

## MENSAJE DEL PRESIDENTE

*Es un privilegio para mí servir como el nuevo presidente de la junta directiva de Plaza Del Prado. Me gustaría agradecerles por depositar su confianza en mí para servir como su Presidente. Acepto este importante papel de Presidente de la Junta Directiva para este año calendario. Esta es una responsabilidad que no tomo a la ligera y me esforzaré por proteger los mejores intereses de los residentes.*

*Me gustaría expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a la Junta anterior y a todas las personas con las que he estado trabajando y que me ayudaron a llegar a donde estoy hoy. También me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer a nuestro presidente saliente, Roberto Sánchez. Gracias Roberto por tu liderazgo y por tus aportes.*

*Con el fuerte apoyo de la nueva Junta Directiva (Vicepresidenta Gabriela Blanco, Tesorera Lisa Kidron, Secretario Dan Spevack y los Directores de la Junta Jasmine Miranda, Miguel A. Montañez y Ted Snider) nos esforzaremos por MARCAR LA DIFERENCIA. Nuestro objetivo principal como una Junta Directiva unificada es optimizar todos los procesos mientras administramos de cerca todos los aspectos de los proyectos en curso. Otro objetivo es alentar a la comunidad en general a marcar la diferencia. Quiero inspirar a nuestros residentes para que se involucren más y asuman roles de liderazgo. O para aquellos de ustedes que ya son líderes, para acercarse, alentar y guiar a aquellos que tienen pasión por seguir adelante.*

*Todos tenemos el poder de hacer algo que mejore nuestra comunidad. Ya haces una diferencia todos los días para las personas que amas y para las personas para las que trabajas... así que veamos qué tipo de diferencia podemos hacer en nuestra comunidad.*

*Espero que esté tan entusiasmado como yo por ver qué tipo de cambios podemos hacer todos juntos en 2023 y en el futuro. Adelante!!!*

*Bettina Allende*

## Get an Insurance Checkup

Just as your body needs a checkup once a year, you should consider giving your insurance the once over occasionally as well. People's lives can change very rapidly. But one thing many of us forget is to adjust our insurance coverage along with these changes. If it has been several years since you've sat down and reviewed your insurance coverage, now is the perfect time.



Start with your life insurance. If the number of dependents you have has increased due to a new birth or a marriage, you will need to consider both the amount of life insurance you have, and who is named as beneficiary. If your children have grown, you may find that you no longer need the same type of insurance that you had before. If you are approaching retirement or are already retired, consider sitting down with an insurance professional to determine whether you have the right coverage for you—you may find that the type of insurance you have is no longer necessary.

Next, take a look at your auto insurance. You probably obtained collision insurance when you bought your new car. It makes sense to carry this type of insurance on newer models of cars. But as your car ages, this type of insurance may no longer be necessary. The value of a car decreases as time goes by. To gauge whether this type of insurance makes sense, compare the value of the car, and the cost of repairing it, to the cost of the collision insurance premiums. The most cost effective solution may be to assume the risk of repairing your car yourself.

While evaluating your renter's or homeowner's insurance, be sure to consider whether you have added any items of monetary significance to your home in the past few years. If you have purchased expensive jewelry, furs, or other big-ticket items, you may need to add some insurance coverage for these items.

Make it a habit to review your insurance coverage whenever a policy comes up for renewal. You will save yourself from being underinsured in certain situations and will save money by eliminating unnecessary coverage in others.

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# Crème Brûlée French Toast

## Ingredients

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup
- 6 (1-inch thick) slices French bread
- 5 large eggs
- 1 ½ cups half-and-half cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon brandy-based orange liqueur (such as Grand Marnier®)
- ¼ teaspoon salt

## Directions

Melt butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add brown sugar and corn syrup; stir until sugar is dissolved. Pour into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Remove crusts from bread and arrange in the baking dish in a single layer. Whisk eggs, half and half, vanilla, brandy, and salt together in a bowl. Pour over the bread. Cover and chill at least 8 hours, or overnight. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Meanwhile, remove the dish from the refrigerator and bring to room temperature. Bake, uncovered, in the preheated oven until puffed and lightly browned, 35 to 40 minutes.







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Daylight Saving Time begins for most of the United States at 2 a.m. on the **Second Sunday in March** and lasts until 2 a.m. on the **First Sunday of November**.

**Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**



This is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Many fire departments encourage people to change their batteries in these detectors when they change their clocks, because it can be so easy to forget otherwise. “A working smoke detector more than doubles a person’s chances of surviving a home fire,” says William McNabb of the Troy Fire Department in Michigan. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have worn-out or missing batteries.

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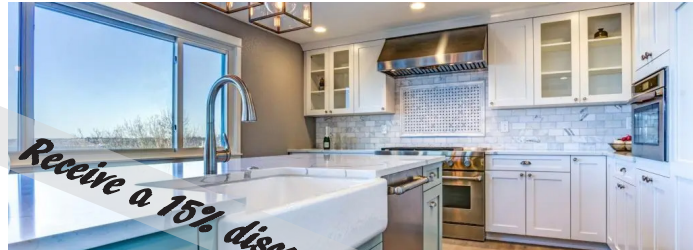
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