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OWNER'S UPDATE

- Patriot Fire Inc, company in charge of the fire sprinkler installation, is continuing the unit inspections. 12th, 11th, 10th, 9th, 8th and 7th floors were already completed.
- The concrete work under the supervision of a structural engineer, is still ongoing by the 19th St pedestrian exit door and Geothermal room. It should be completed soon, and walls painted. We are pending an engineer report to finish the job and repaint the areas.



- The Board approved the installation of a new access control system and replacement of cameras in the building. The work will start as soon as possible for this first phase of security improvement. The security committee is still working on getting proposal for addition of fencing on the weak areas around the property.
- The generator project is still pending as we are now waiting for specifications of the Fire Pump that might be replaced, it will determine if the previously sized generator is still appropriate. The engineer is still working on this task.
- The Board of Directors approved Suncoast Elevator's proposal for the modernization of both elevators. The project will start once the agreement is finalized/reviewed by the association's attorney. First phase will be the project design by the contractor and permit submission.
- RMQ is still working on the lining of the piping system of the parking lot. A company will be on the property this week to clean the system and get camera footage to assess the condition of the pipes. Once done, we will be able to understand which area can be lined directly and which area should be repaired by opening the asphalt if any.
- Reminder: The trash chute is to be used only for trash previously bagged. No other item should be placed in the chute since it will clog it. Cardboard boxes need to be flattened and placed in the recycling container in the trash room.
- **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/>**

Owner's Portal

<https://sites.vertilinc.com/octagontowers/>

Asian Lettuce Wraps

- 16 Boston Bibb or butter lettuce leaves
- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 TB cooking oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- ¼ cup hoisin sauce
- 2 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- 1 TB soy sauce
- 1 TB rice wine vinegar
- 2 TSP minced pickled ginger
- 1 dash chili pepper sauce, or to taste
- 1 (8 oz) can water chestnuts, drained and finely chopped
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 2 TSPS Asian (dark) sesame oil

Rinse lettuce leaves and pat dry, being careful not to tear them. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add beef; cook and stir until browned and crumbly. Drain

grease and transfer to a bowl. Add onion to the skillet; cook and stir until just tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in hoisin sauce, garlic, soy sauce, vinegar, ginger, and chili pepper sauce until well combined. Add water chestnuts, green onions, sesame oil, and cooked beef; cook and stir until the onions just begin to wilt, about 2 minutes. Arrange lettuce leaves around the outer edge of a large serving platter; spoon beef mixture in the center.



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Along with summer’s warm days come thunderstorms. Lightning is one of nature’s most powerful and unpredictable killers. Golfing, swimming, boating, biking riding, mowing the lawn – almost any outdoor activity – can be dangerous if there’s lightning around. So when you hear that rumble in the sky, heed these tips from the National Weather Service:

- If you can hear thunder, you’re close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.
- Listen to weather reports before you go outside for extended periods. Cancel picnics and such if thunderstorms are likely or move the picnic indoors.
- If you’re caught unexpectedly, move to a sturdy building or car (keep the windows up). Avoid small sheds, isolated trees, or convertible automobiles.
- If there’s no shelter nearby, find a low spot away from trees, fences, and poles. In the woods, stay by the shorter trees.
- If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand up, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Put your hands on your knees and your head between them. Do not lie flat on the ground. Make yourself the smallest target possible.
- Move to higher ground if a flash flood or any flood seems likely. Abandon cars once a flood begins. Do not attempt to drive to safety. Most flashflood deaths happen in cars.



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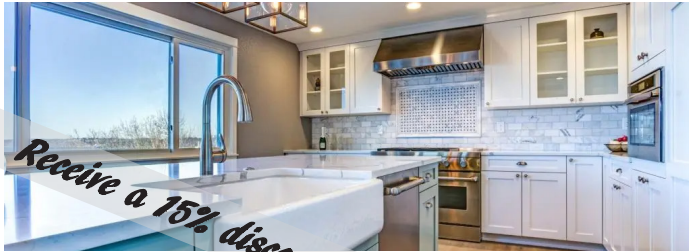
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