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ANDRES FERERO - Our Literary Valet

Andres Ferero came to work at The Grandview as a valet in October, 2022. He works the week end shift Friday through Sunday 7 AM-11:00 PM. Prior to joining The Grandview team he worked in a family owned printing and graphic arts business located in Colombia. He earned a B.A in Business Administration and handled vendor financial accounts as well as working on various mechanical machines used in the printing process.

When asked about his valet duties, he explained that his first task upon his shift arrival is to determine which parking spaces are available for expected visitor and contractors. His first duty is to bring the cars of those residents who regularly use valet services to the front door and to re-park them upon their return. He also has to keep track of residents who are absent for long periods of time so that those spaces can be temporarily used since The Grandview lacks parking spaces for all units.

What does he regard as best about working here? “Serving the residents is one good feeling and working with Grandview co-workers is enjoyable.” In responding to questions about the challenges of his valet duties, Andres said the difficulties of finding spaces when residents have activities or celebrations on the same day. Queried about any changes he would like to see in his valet work, his response was, “In order to do a better job we always would like to have feedback from residents so that I would know if there is something to do better to satisfy the needs of residents.”

Andres, born in Colombia, came to the US two years ago and expressed gratitude for working in this building. Inquiring about any hobbies or special interest, he said he likes to play the drums which he did as a student and even took classes in order to understand the drumming process. He does not play in a group or in a band.

One of his passions is reading. He likes to read thrillers and novels. Some of the authors he particularly enjoys are: John Grisham, Michael Connelly, Leonardo Paduro, Roberto Anpuero, Fyodor Dostoevsky and a few others. Andres explained that some people say “some books find you and in my journey of reading that is my case.”

Residents and Management are fortunate that some books have found Andres, those books may have also found and inspired Andres to provide a passionate and dedicated service to us all at The Grandview.

ANDRES, YOU ARE A VALUED MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY.

MARIJUANA USE AT 5900

Dear Residents:

We have received multiple reports of marijuana use in the common areas of our community. This behavior is not only a nuisance to our neighbors but also violates Florida law and our association’s rules.

While Amendment 2 legalized medical marijuana in Florida, it’s important to note that smoking marijuana, whether for medical or recreational purposes, remains prohibited in public areas. This includes our common areas.

Please refer to Section B.5.(b) of our Condominium Rules and Regulations, which states: “No nuisance of any type or kind shall be maintained on the Condominium property or in a Unit. A ‘nuisance’ means the use of the Condominium

property or a Unit or engaging in a course of conduct that interferes with the legal rights of others by causing damage, annoyance, or inconvenience.”

We ask that all residents, including their families and guests, strictly adhere to these rules. Any resident or guest found in possession of illegal substances on our property will be immediately reported to the authorities.

Our association is committed to maintaining a safe and peaceful living environment for all residents. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

5900 Collins Avenue Condominium Assoc.
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Consumo de Marihuana en 5900

Estimados Residentes:

Se han recibido múltiples reportes sobre el consumo de marihuana en las áreas comunes de nuestra comunidad, lo cual está causando molestias a nuestros vecinos.

Deseamos recordarles a todos los residentes que, aunque la Enmienda 2 permite el uso medicinal de la marihuana en Florida, fumarla, ya sea con fines médicos o recreativos, sigue siendo prohibido en áreas comunes.

Les solicitamos revisar la Sección B.5.(b) de nuestras Reglas y Regulaciones, la cual establece: "No se tolerarán molestias de ningún tipo en la propiedad del condominio o en las unidades. Se considera molestia el uso de la propiedad del condominio o de una unidad de manera que interfiera con los derechos de otros residentes, causando daños, molestias o inconvenientes.

Cualquier residente o invitado encontrado en posesión de sustancias ilegales en nuestra propiedad será reportado inmediatamente a las autoridades. Nuestra asociación está comprometida en mantener un ambiente seguro y tranquilo para todos los residentes. Agradecemos su cooperación para lograr este objetivo.

Atentamente,
Asociación de condominios de 5900,
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IMPORTANT REMINDER: HURRICANE PROCEDURES

Dear 5900 Collins Avenue Resident(s):

Hurricane Season will last through November 30th, 2024.

According to a communication sent by the City of Miami Beach: "NOAA's outlook for the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season, which spans from June 1 to November 30, predicts an 85% chance of an above-normal season, a 10% chance of a near-normal season and a 5% chance of a below-normal season. NOAA is forecasting a range of 17 to 25 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 8 to 13 are forecast to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 4 to 7 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). Forecasters have a 70% confidence in these ranges."

This means that the coast of South Florida can be threatened at any time during this season. We want to inform you of 5900 Collins Avenue Condominium Association policy in the event of a hurricane. These policies and procedures combine the hurricane procedures recommended for your building by FirstService Residential with your Board's decisions. Please take a moment to read this important information. In addition, we have attached a hurricane guide and supply checklist that will aid you with your personal preparations.

FirstService Residential has a responsibility and a protocol to safeguard the residents, the employees and the mechanical equipment during a storm based on our knowledge and experience.

The protocol for safe-guarding the building and the mechanical equipment is set into motion at the time when a hurricane warning is issued to our geographical area and starts with the least necessary equipment leaving the most indispensable equipment for last.

At the time of a **Hurricane Watch** -a hurricane may threaten the area within 48 hours we begin securing the building.

When a **Hurricane Warning** -hurricane force winds are expected to make landfall within 36 hours -has been issued and after all preparations have been completed, non-essential personnel, under the direction of the manager, will leave at the end of their shifts. Typically, a mandatory evacuation order is also announced at this time in all coastal areas. This mandatory evacuation creates a critical time frame in which the staff must execute the final mechanical protocols before the storm actually reaches your building.

The essential personnel -manager, engineer, and front desk staff -will remain at your property maintaining building services and assisting residents as they follow the mandatory evacuation order. When sustained winds reach 45 mph and the hurricane continues to be an imminent threat, the essential personnel, in agreement with the Board of directors, will begin to shut down the pool equipment. This helps to assure that your systems will not be damaged as a result of operating during the storm and will be operational after conditions return to normal and power has been restored. After the shutdown has been completed, our essential personnel will follow the mandatory evacuation order issued by the appropriate governmental agency and leave the property.

FirstService Residential will not require or encourage any employee to remain on the property in violation of an evacuation order.

Any employee remaining at the property, at the request of the Board, after this shut down, is required to accept the terms of and sign a waiver form provided by FirstService Residential. Board signature is also required on the waiver.

Essential employees will return to your property as soon as physically possible *after sustained winds have dropped below 45 mph and an all clear has been issued.*

All other employees are required to report back to your property at daybreak and when sustained winds have dropped below 35 mph.

The three main mechanical building components that affect the entire building are the elevators, HVAC equipment, and the pool equipment:

ELEVATORS:

The Board may elect to shut down the elevator system in the event mandatory evacuation has been issued by the City of Miami Beach due to safety purposes and building equipment protection.

HVAC EQUIPMENT:

The Board has elected to keep the HVAC system operational throughout a hurricane.

POOL EQUIPMENT:

Staff will turn off power to the pool equipment and lower the water level in the pool.

Hurricane Procedures (cont. from page 4)

WHY:

Loss of electrical power will cause pumps to lose pressure. If not enough water reaches the pumps, they may burn out. The chemical feeders will also shut down, causing chemical imbalances in the pool. Debris will be driven into the pool, clogging filters.

NOTE: We do NOT ever shut off electricity to the building.

First Service Residential and your Association would like to ensure that all unit owners receive as much information as possible to aid in the preparation for an upcoming storm. During these months, special precautions need to be taken by everyone in the community.

The following links will aid you in those preparations.

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/emergency/hurricane/home.page>

Miami Beach Emergency Preparedness webpage

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.fema.gov/>

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/>

South Florida television station websites also include hurricane preparedness links. The Miami Herald, Sun Sentinel, Winn Dixie, Publix Supermarkets and the City of Mimi Beach website publish excellent guidelines and supply information to help you prepare.

COUNTY EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS RUMOR CONTROL LINES

Miami-Dade County 311 Answer Center: 311 or 305-468-5900

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Miami-Dade County Emergency Management: 305-468-5400

EVACUATION ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Residents who may require specialized transportation, whose medical needs prevent them from evacuating on their own or who may require evacuation assistance must pre-register with the Miami-Dade County Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program immediately. If you have family members or people close to you who are in need of this assistance, please make sure they register through this voluntary program either online or via phone at:

By logging in to the following link: [Miami-Dade Emergency](#)

& Evacuation Assistance

Miami-Dade County: 305-513-7700

PETS

The centers that accept pets are located at:

- Fuchs Pavilion - Miami-Dade County Fair and Expo Center - 10901 SW 24 Street
- Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School - 1410 NE 215 Street

You must bring proof of updated vaccination and medical history, and other information about your pet to the pet-friendly centers, should you choose to shelter there. You may also contact:

- Humane Society of Greater Miami: 305-696-0800
- Miami- Dade Answer Center: 305-468-5900

PLAN AHEAD

Implement as many precautions as practical in advance, such as removing all furniture from the balconies and patios, removing and securing all outside items that might become missiles during the storm, secure all windows and sliding glass doors and place towels on window sills and on the bottom of all sliding glass doors.

Remember that pets are not allowed in all evacuation centers.

Leaving town for any length of time during hurricane season?

BEFORE YOU GO: Remove all balcony patio furniture, plants, loose objects and assign a nearby relative or friend to be your Emergency Contact for the Unit with Management. In the event of a storm, do not rely on the association's staff to make preparations for your individual home; their time will be dedicated to securing the community's common areas.

It is also a recommendation that unit owners purchase liability insurance and windstorm insurance for unit contents. The building and its common areas are insured, but the individual unit contents and interior of units will not be covered by the building insurance.

If you have any questions while preparing for 2018 Hurricane Season, please contact the Management Office Monday-Friday 9am-5pm at 305-866-8608.

Sincerely,

5900 Collins Avenue Condominium Association
Management on Behalf of the Board of Directors

GRANDVIEW CARDBOARD RECYCLING

PROTOCOL

Due to the expansion of resident online shopping and coupled with large cardboard moving containers, Management has reported a cardboard recycling problem at The Grandview. On one shift, the receptionist received 40 boxes from Amazon alone; coupled with the deliveries from other companies, cardboard boxes have caused some serious issues for recycling.

Desiree Gomez, Property Manager, has found the following deficiencies: some residents are not collapsing cardboard containers. They are placing boxes in trash chute hallways or are depositing un-flattened boxes near the P1 and P2 recycling bins at each elevator bank. Because so many boxes are not collapsed, Waste Management is refusing to take these items for recycling or are billing the Condo Association additional fees.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR CARBOARD RECYCLING:

1. Remove plastic, polystyrene or packing materials.
2. Cut and flatten cardboard to a size to fit into bin space.
3. Large or bulky cartons, un-flattened, may not be placed in the bin.
4. Do not place boxes in the garbage chute or on the floor in that area.
5. For boxes too large to handle, call the front desk; ask for removal assistance.
6. No greasy, wet or contaminated cardboard should be placed in the bin.
7. A box cutter would be a useful tool to help collapse cardboard boxes.
8. Pizza and food container boxes should be placed in the trash.



The City of Miami Beach mandates recycling. Management and the Condo service staff appreciate the cooperation of residents in making cardboard recycling more efficient at The Grandview.

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