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OWNER'S UPDATE OCTAGON TOWERS CONDOMINIUM

- The modernization of the Elevator is still in process. The crew is working on replacing the elevator doors. They will do 1 elevator at a time. A crane was scheduled to come remove the old equipment in the elevator room but has been delayed due to Hurricane Milton. We are waiting for a new date. We expect the full project to be completed by the end of this year or beginning of next year.
- The drywall company is now working on the 7th floor.
- The fire sprinkler company is continuing the work. They are now working on the 6th floor. They will move to the 5th Floor within the next 2 weeks.
- Rezonate will be installing the new access control system and cameras soon as the permit has been approved by city officials. We do not have a scheduled date yet.
- The Ficus hedges were treated again against White Flies since the leaves started to drop on the Washington Ave side by the entrance of the property and by the pool. The infection should be stopped at this point. We will continue to monitor closely and treat as needed.
- The pool ladder that was broken has been replaced by the pool company along with the chlorine feeder that was deficient.
- The city of Miami Beach cleaned out the drain at the corner of Washington Ave and 18th St. We arranged to have the drain storm cleaned out on the property after we received this confirmation from the city. It seems to have removed all the blockages in the pipes of the parking lot. Both sides needed to be cleaned at the same time explaining the delays to get this completed.
- The entrance gate has been replaced with aluminum, but we are still missing the side of the pedestrian gate to be replaced. This part is currently being fabricate and will be replaced as soon as available.
- The engineer selected to work on the roof replacement provided a report to the project manager. We have now entered the bidding phase. The board will



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review bids as soon as they are received by the project manager.

- Please visit your owner’s portal if you need a certificate of insurance for your lender. A form to fill out and send directly to the insurance is available there. It can be used each year to request a Certificate of Insurance. <https://sites.vertilinc.com/octagontowers/>
- Please find below a reminder regarding trash disposal:
 - o Refuse/bagged garbage shall be deposited only in the trash chute, or in the containers provided in the trash room. In this regard, all refuse must be in sealed bags.
 - o Cardboard boxes or any size, wire hangers, newspapers, and any item that might clog the chute must be brought to the ground floor trash room, which is accessible from the atrium.
 - o No construction debris, paint cans or other volatile or inflammable objects shall be placed in the trash chute, recycling bins or trash room. These items must be properly disposed of in accordance with the environmental protection guidelines.

BULK TRASH IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING'S TRASH ROOM.

- o **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/cityhall/publicworks/sanitationdivision/bulkdisposal/>
- o Recycle all glass, plastic containers and newspapers in order to keep our sanitation costs down. Recycling bins are in the trash room.
- o All household garbage must be placed in sealed plastic bags that can fit easily into the trash chute openings.

RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

- We also remind you that the owner’s portal provides information accessible to you, certificate of insurance requests for lenders, approved meeting minutes, governing documents, ... Please use the link below:
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- 6 slices rye bread, cubed
- 1 (16 ounce) can sauerkraut, drained and rinsed
- 1 pound deli sliced corned beef, cut into strips
- ¾ cup Russian-style salad dressing
- cooking spray
- 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Spray one sheet of aluminum foil with cooking spray.
2. Spread bread cubes in the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Layer bread cubes with sauerkraut and beef strips, then pour dressing over top. Cover with the aluminum foil, sprayed-side down.
3. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Remove and discard foil; sprinkle Swiss cheese over casserole. Continue baking until cheese is melted and bubbly, about 10 more 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 back one hour at 2 AM on Sunday, November 3, 2024.

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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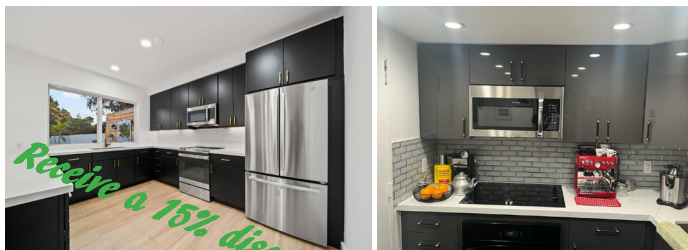
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