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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

OWNER'S UPDATE OCTAGON TOWERS

ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION

The modernization of the passenger elevator is still in process. We are expecting a completion by the end of February or earlier. The crew is in the final stage of preparing the passenger elevator for final inspection and installation of the 1st floor cladding.

FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM Only the Fire Pump replacement hasn't been completed for this project. We are facing unexpected delays for the electrical part of the job. We are at the final stage before hiring an electrician for this job.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

An engineering firm has been selected to complete investigations required to make sure the material chosen is 100% compatible with the concrete slab of the walkable roof deck.

GENERATOR INSTALLATION

We are pending the submission of new drawings and full scope of work for this project. A new timeline should be provided soon since the planned location of the generator has changed. It was initially planned to install it on the roof of the pool house. For several feasibility reasons it was finally decided to install it on a platform in the center area of the parking lot. It is more economical and will reduce delays.

A/C GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM

The company in charge of the maintenance of the geothermal wells is currently working on an updated proposal. It has not been provided as of now for the Board to discuss and review.

FIRE ALARM UPGRADES The association is still at a stop on these upgrades since the Fire Alarm company still has not completed the re-submittal of their permit for the upgrades of the fire alarm system.

PARKING LOT DRAINAGE

A new company should be hired soon to complete a full assessment of the parking lot drainage system. The scope of work is to clean all the pipes and cut all the

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Owner's Update (cont. from page 1)

roots to clear the lines for a full camera inspection. Once a report is provided to the association, a company will be selected to line/sleeve the pipes internally.

60 YEARS RECERTIFICATION

The Board is currently reviewing several proposals for this project.

- 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.

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- 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 this link: <https://sites.vertilinc.com/octagontowers/>



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Sweaters from seaweed?

A new effort to find a planet-friendly clothing material took a deep dive into fibers and landed on kelp.

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The developer, Keel Labs, calls the kelp fiber kelsun and it has already partnered with Stella McCartney and Outerknown to release the clothes made of the fiber.





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All about AEDs

You've probably seen them mounted on walls in offices, schools, and public buildings, but do you really know what they're for? They're called automated external defibrillators, or AEDs -- sophisticated medical devices that just about anyone can use to provide lifesaving assistance to people in cardiac arrest.



According to the American Red Cross, sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the United States, with more than 350,000 cases each year. Defibrillation is the only way to restore regular heart rhythm, and readily accessible AED devices allow laypersons to intervene and buy time until first responders arrive. And during cardiac arrest, that extra time matters -- each minute without defibrillation reduces the odds of survival by about 10 percent.

How AEDs work

According to AED manufacturer Avive, AEDs consist of adhesive electrode pads that read the patient's heart rhythm and deliver controlled electric shocks if necessary, a processor to analyze heart rhythm data and determine if and when electric shocks are appropriate. There are

several FDA-approved models on the market, and all of them provide voice and visual instructions to guide users through the process. While CPR/AED certification can be very helpful and make you feel more confident during an emergency, they are not required to use an AED.

How to get an AED

All fifty states require AEDs in certain public gathering places, though the specific regulations vary by jurisdiction. But even in spaces where AEDs are not required -- which often includes churches, private clubs, businesses, and residential areas -- they can still be installed and used to provide lifesaving assistance.

FDA-approved AEDs can be purchased through a number of manufacturers and organizations, and generally have a base cost between \$1,000 and \$3,000, plus extra for any accessories. Individuals can generally purchase devices with pre-tax HSA dollars, and businesses can write off the cost as a business expense. Individuals, churches, nonprofit organizations and schools may also be able to fully or partially fund the purchase of AEDs with grants through a variety of charitable organizations and government programs.

If you purchase an AED individually or for an organization, make sure to account for maintenance costs. Prices and support can vary by vendor.

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