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OWNER'S UPDATE OCTAGON TOWERS

ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION

The modernization of the passenger elevator is currently in progress. An inspection by the City of Miami Beach Elevator Department identified deficiencies that must be corrected. Once these corrections are completed, a new inspection will be scheduled with the appropriate authorities. Additionally, a permit application for the service elevator has been submitted. Once approved, the passenger elevator we be running.

FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Updated electrical proposals are currently pending. The new 208V fire pump controller has been built; however, it is missing the soft start component. For memory we initially received a 480V that we cannot use. The manufacturer is expected to provide an update on the missing part and a revised shipping date soon.

ROOFING

The project bidders were contacted and requested to propose a more cost-effective alternative comparable in performance to Tremco Vulkem 350/351 for the roof, with the exception of the walkable deck, which will remain specified with PUMA EWS.

GENERATOR INSTALLATION

Preliminary structural plans for the generator platform are still pending and expected soon, along with recommendations from specialized contractors. The association is also working on the installation of a temporary generator, which will be implemented soon, as the permanent generator project is expected to take several months to complete.

A/C GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM

The geothermal wells maintenance contractor is currently addressing concerns identified in their proposal. A revised proposal is pending.

FIRE ALARM UPGRADES

The fire alarm company addressed the City of Miami Beach comments and will re-submit their updated drawings as soon as signed and seal by their engineer.

PARKING LOT DRAINAGE

The assessment has been completed, revealing that some pipes have been compromised by root and soil intrusion. It was determined that the best approach

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is to break the asphalt and excavate to replace the damaged sections. Proposals are currently being obtained from multiple vendors for this work.

60 YEARS RECERTIFICATION

The engineering firm M2E has completed inspections of the selected units and common exterior areas. Pending items include a nighttime inspection to measure illumination levels at parking areas and elevator landings, as well as electrical inspections. The City of Miami Beach has opened a permit for the recertification and requested a safe occupancy letter. M2E has been notified and will prepare the letter.

Please find below a reminder regarding trash disposal:

- 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.
- 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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- Please arrange for a pickup or dispose of your bulk trash with the City of Miami Beach, the information can be found here: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/public-works/sanitation-division/bulk-disposal>
- Recycle all glass, plastic containers and newspapers in order to keep our sanitation costs down. Recycling bins are in the trash room.
- All household garbage must be placed in sealed plastic bags that can fit easily into the trash chute openings. **RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
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EARTH DAY 2026: The forest is fighting back

If you’ve ever doubted whether big environmental goals can actually be achieved, Pakistan has a story for you.

In 2014, the Pakistani province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa launched an audacious goal: plant one billion trees. Skeptics were plentiful. But by 2018, a WWF audit confirmed the province had not only hit its target but surpassed it — planting 872 million seedlings with an average survival rate of nearly 89 percent, ahead of schedule, expanding the region’s forests by 350,000 hectares. The International Union for Conservation of Nature called it “a true conservation success story,” and the province became the first entity in the world to complete the Bonn Challenge, a global pledge to restore degraded land.



Energized by that success, Pakistan launched the Ten Billion Tree Tsunami in 2019 — a nationwide, government-backed effort to keep going. More than 500,000 green jobs were created in the process, many of them going to daily workers in rural communities who needed them most. Forest cover has measurably increased around every major planting site.

No project this large is without bumps. Independent researchers note that survival rates at some sites run lower than official estimates, and that species selection and long-term care matter as much as raw planting numbers. But even the skeptics agree: this is one of the most ambitious reforestation efforts ever attempted, and it is working.

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