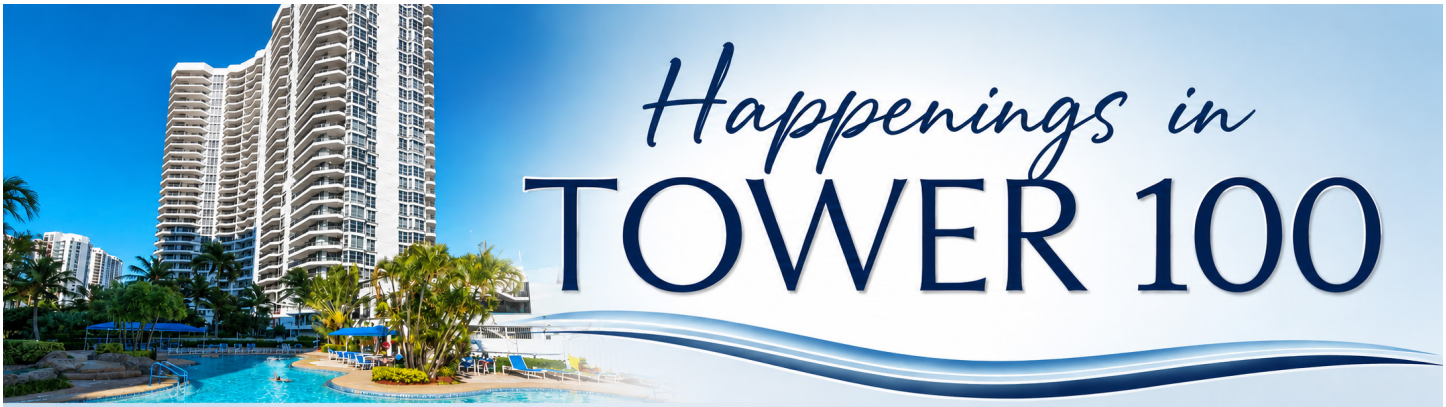


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SEPTEMBER FUN FACT

Fall officially arrives on September 22! The autumnal equinox marks the beginning of fall in the Northern Hemisphere, when day and night are nearly equal in length. While we may not see the leaves changing here in Miami, September still brings a seasonal change and the perfect opportunity to enjoy cooler evenings, fresh beginnings, and time with neighbors and friends. **Happy first day of fall from Mystic Pointe Tower 100!**



Don't be Polite When it Comes to Security

One World Trade Center in New York City, has a security system that cost $20 million to purchase and install in 2008. Nonetheless, in 2016 a New Jersey teenager managed to get in and roam about for two hours. Everyone knows the security dangers in that scenario. Maintaining secure areas is a problem because people are so nice. They let their colleagues into the building, even when they are not sure they know the person. The most common causes of unauthorized entry into a building are piggybacking or tailgating.

Tailgating and piggybacking Tailgating occurs when one person properly enters a secure door but another follows, unbeknownst to the first person. Piggybacking is different because the piggybacker gets permission. The piggybacker actually asks for access (Hey! Hold the door!). Sometimes, people just hold the door for the person coming behind them.

The habit of courtesy.
Holding the door for someone is a deeply ingrained habit. If that person is carrying something large, like computer equipment, it is virtually seen as a requirement to hold the door. But that is a typical ruse. "If you ever used your access card to get into a building, then held the door open so someone who looked like he might work there can enter, you have participated in a security breach," says Mark Borto, CEO of Boon Edam, the leading manufacturer of security entrance solutions in North America.

Quoted in Bloomberg Businessweek, Borto also says, "The best access control systems in the world can be defeated by exploiting the fact that people are nice and will allow others to follow them through doors." Simple courtesy seems benign but it puts everyone at risk.

TRASH ROOM, CHUTE & DISPOSAL RULES

Keeping our trash rooms and common areas clean helps maintain a safe, pleasant, and well-maintained community. Please review the following important reminders regarding trash and waste disposal

Cardboard Boxes: Please do not place cardboard boxes down the trash chute. All cardboard boxes must be flattened and brought downstairs to the blue dumpsters located by the main entrance of the garage on the 1st floor.

Bulky Items: Bulky items such as furniture, appliances, large boxes, mattresses, and other oversized items must be removed from the property. Please do not leave bulky items in the trash room, hallways, or next to the trash chute.

Contractors & Renovations: If you have contractors working in your unit, please make sure they are aware of the building's disposal requirements.

All construction materials, renovation debris, boxes, and other materials must be removed from the property by the contractor. Please make sure that nothing related to construction or renovation work is placed down the trash chute or left in the trash room.

Please Keep These Items Out of the Trash Chute

The trash chute should only be used for appropriate, regular household trash. Do not place:

- Cardboard boxes
- Construction or renovation materials
- Large or bulky items
- Furniture or appliances
- Oversized bags or items that could cause a blockage



Improper disposal can damage the trash chute, create blockages, and result in additional maintenance costs.
We kindly ask all residents to follow these guidelines and to remind their contractors of the proper disposal procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our condominium clean, safe, and well-maintained!



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Preparedness Includes Your Wallet

Emergency planning usually brings to mind flashlights and bottled water, but disasters are also financial events -- and a few quiet steps now can speed a recovery later.

Start with cash. According to Ready.gov, when the power fails, ATMs and card readers fail with it, so keep a modest amount in small bills somewhere safe.

Check your insurance before you need it. Federal officials point to a fact that surprises many homeowners: standard homeowner policies typically do not cover flood damage, which requires a separate policy through the National Flood Insurance Program -- and that coverage usually takes 30 days to take effect.











WHAT AN AIR CLEANER CAN – AND CANNOT – DO



An air cleaner can be a big help for people with allergies, but there are some things it won't do. It will not lower the radon in your basement, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. It will not fix a mold problem, and it will not do much about the fumes from fresh paint or a new carpet. No air cleaner removes everything. What a good one will do is pull particles out of the air: pollen, dust, pet dander, mold spores, wildfire smoke.

The number to look for is the CADR, or clean air delivery rate, verified by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. It tells you how much clean air the machine delivers per minute, with separate scores for smoke, dust and pollen. AHAM's rule of thumb: the CADR should be at least two-thirds of the room's square footage. A 300-square-foot bedroom wants a CADR of 200 or better. Buy a true HEPA filter, which traps 99.97 percent of particles down to 0.3 microns. Be wary of "HEPA-type" and "HEPA-like," which mean almost nothing. Add an activated carbon layer if odors are the problem. Skip ozone generators -- the EPA warns that ozone irritates the lungs and does a poor job on pollutants anyway. Look for CARB certification, California's ozone safety standard.

Cigarette smoke is the hard case. The visible haze is particles a HEPA filter can catch, but the smell is a gas that slips straight through -- only activated carbon adsorbs it. No purifier can pull the smell out of walls, curtains and upholstery. Then check these two costs: replacement filters, which can run $50 to $100 a year, and noise. A loud one is a nuisance.

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