



RENAISSANCE TIMES

First Quarter 2015

Manager's Corner

Board of Directors – The next meeting of the Board of Directors is February 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the media room. All unit owners are invited to attend.

Cigarette and Cigar Waste – Please dispose of your cigarette and cigar waste properly. Keep a deep receptacle on your balcony to put the butts in so that they don't blow off of the balcony. Recently, a lit cigarette lodged in a palm tree on the pool deck and the tree caught fire, requiring a response from the fire department. We're fortunate that no serious damage was done. Cigarette butts are frequently found near the pool, as if they were dropped from a balcony. Please don't throw butts from the balcony.



Insurance - Please remember that Florida State Statute 718 for condominiums requires all owners to carry liability and hazard insurance on their unit. **Owners who rent their unit are now required to have an HO-6 policy with a "Unit Owners Rented to Others" endorsement submitted with the rental application.** It is strongly recommended that the unit owners who rent their unit protect themselves by requiring their lessee to carry an HO-4 policy to cover contents and liability.

Remodeling – All remodeling – be it minor or extensive – must be approved by the Association. See Courtney for further information on the approval process. Please be aware that if you hire uninsured contractors, any damage they may do or any harm that may come to them – in your unit or in the common areas – is completely the responsibility of the unit owner.

Home Watch – Residents who leave their units for more than a couple of weeks should arrange for a home watch service. Most insurers won't pay your claim if damage has not been reported within 14 days of the onset of the problem. Keep that in mind as you make arrangements with your home watch person. You can find insured home watch service providers on the internet. Be sure to check references.

Before you leave on a trip or for the season, set your A/C unit to a minimum of 80° F, turn off the main water valves in the A/C closet, bring everything in

from the balcony and arrange for a home watch service. For more helpful information on this topic, see the Renaissance website's "leaving" tab – www.rencondo.com.

New Neighbors – You may have heard that 30 townhouses will be built on the lots directly behind the Renaissance and along both May Lane and Blvd of the Arts. The community will be called Valencia at Rosemary Place. Construction will begin within the next couple of months. The website for this community is still being developed. Check in on it once in a while to see how things are going. www.valenciasarasota.com



Rendering of Valencia at Rosemary Place, Phase I

A rental apartment complex will be built on the property across Coconut Avenue. It is called CitySide and will consist of approximately 450 units with full amenities. Phase I of the project will begin on the south end of the lot – Coconut and Blvd of the Arts – with approximately 250 units. Ground will be broken on this project mid-year.



Rendering of CitySide, Phase I



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Building Maintenance

Hot Water – One hundred, twenty two residents participated in the hot water delivery survey. The information gathered will be extremely helpful to the Association as it works with the facilities maintenance committee to find a solution to slow hot water delivery. Thank you to everyone who took the time to help with the survey.

Fire/Safety Equipment Repairs – The state-mandated, annual inspection of the fire/safety equipment in the building has concluded. Several sprinkler heads need to be replaced. A separate notice with the work schedule was sent to all affected residents.

Nearly 90 painted sprinkler heads were found during the inspection. The cost for replacement of those heads is the responsibility of the unit owner.

Dryer Lint Screens – Please remember to clean your lint screen after each dryer load. A leading cause of household fires is clogged dryer lint screens. Please do this easy thing to protect you, your family and your home.

The Association is seeking bids to have all dryer ducts professionally cleaned. You'll be notified of the timing and the cost once both have been settled.

Committee Reports

Social Committee Report - An increasing number of residents have been enjoying the social events hosted by the Social Committee. So far this season there has been an Oktoberfest celebration, the annual Trim-Our-Tree Party, and a New Year's Day brunch. All in attendance report that each event was a wonderful opportunity to dine and spend some quality time meeting with their Renaissance friends and neighbors.



Part of the New Year's Brunch spread

Upcoming events include: Super Bowl Sunday, February 1st; Sweetheart Chocolate Fondue Night, February 10th;

Mardi Gras Tuesday, February 17th; Italian Pasta Night, February 24th; Spud Night, March 24th, and our end of the season, Cinco de Mayo Fiesta in May.



Hildegard & Kathleen with the brunch mimosas

Two bus trips are planned: Tampa Downs, February 13th and Tarpon Springs, March 31st. Watch for details to be posted outside of the mail room.

Each Tuesday you'll find an informal gathering in the clubroom at 6:30 pm for drinks, appetizers, and conversation. Bring something to share. Additionally, the first Thursday of each month is movie night in the Media Room.

Perhaps the biggest undertaking of the committee this year has been to broaden communication to a greater percentage of Renaissance residents. In addition to the mail room posters, the committee is now emailing notices of social events, group trips, and a "Ren's List", which lists in-house items for sale, trade or rent. If you are not receiving the social committee announcements and would like to, please send your email address to Chris Baer baerc3436@gmail.com.

Interior Design Update – Much progress has been made on the Phase II renovation plans. The design committee has approved furniture and fabric selections for all 8 areas being updated on our lobby level. Some paint colors, cabinet finishes, and countertops remain undecided. The overall interior design theme compliments the Italianate architecture of our building.

The committee is completing its review of all expenses related to this very extensive updating project. The committee plans to make a presentation to the Board at its March meeting.

Landscape Update – The Renaissance landscape committee also serves as part of the Rosemary Place landscape committee. The Rosemary Place Board recently approved funding for 8 landscape renewal projects throughout all properties, which will be installed in late March and early April.



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In addition, the RP committee has suggested LED tree lighting for 6 additional Royal Palms and 3 other selected palms to increase the overall curb appeal of the combined properties. Cost estimates are being researched for this future project.

Bicycles



Register Bikes – All bicycles stored on the property, including in the bike room, must be registered. There are several in the bike room with no registration sticker on them. They have been marked with red tape. **If not registered by February 9th, these bicycles will be removed and donated to charity.**

There are many, many dusty bikes with flat tires in the bike room. If you never use your bike, please consider donating it. Many local charities give bicycles to people needing a way to get back and forth to work. Renaissance staff can help to facilitate the donation.

There have been bike thefts on the property. A ring of bike thieves surfaces at least once a year. The city police have been successful in stopping the thefts...temporarily. The bad guys eventually reorganize and get back to work stealing bikes. Bikes have been stolen from the rack in the secured parking garage here and at the Alinari, as well as other communities around town. Unfortunately, bike locks don't seem to be much of a deterrent, either.

This 'n That

- **The Ticket** is now available in the business center. One of your neighbors arranged for it to be delivered here on Thursdays. Pick one up for free.
- **Smoking** of any kind and the use of vapor smoking devices is not permitted in common areas, including residential hallways. As mentioned in a page one article, if you smoke on your balcony or terrace, please do not dispose of smoking debris such as butts, ashes and cigar wrappings over the railings. Recently, a resident enjoying the pool deck was hit by a lit cigarette butt. None of us would like to experience this – please be considerate of your neighbors.

- There is a **lost and found** at the reception desk. If you find something that seems to be missing its owner, please bring it to the desk. Be sure to check lost and found if you've lost something. It just might be there.
- As you and your guests return to the building from the **pool/spa**, please do so via the door near the fitness room or the door near the kitchen. Please don't use the clubroom door to access the pool. Make sure no one is dripping wet when entering the building. Those little puddles on the floors create a serious slip and fall hazard. Please wear a cover up of some sort and shoes at all times when in the public areas of the building.
- Per fire code, no **grilling** of any kind is permitted on condominium balconies. This includes electric grills.
- Do not sweep or wash your balcony in such a way that debris or water spills off the edge. Please be careful when watering plants, too.
- It is the resident's responsibility to dispose of things you no longer want – i.e. furniture, mattresses, and other miscellaneous household items. Residents must also dispose of moving boxes and boxes in which appliances and furniture have been shipped. The cost to the Association – therefore all of the unit owners - to dispose of these items is high. Please call a junk hauler if you are not able to dispose of these things yourself. Also try www.earth911.com to find local recycling centers for various items you'd like to dispose of. **Never put anything but bagged trash down the trash chute.**

Once a month, a recycling company comes to the Renaissance to pick up appliances, computers and monitors, TVs and any other electronics you'd like to get rid of. Watch for the signs for the next pick up.



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Parking and Vehicles

Visitors Parking – Visitors parking is limited to two hours. If you have a guest who needs to remain in visitors parking overnight, please register the vehicle at the desk. Your guest will be issued a hangtag thus eliminating the possibility of your guest's vehicle being ticketed and/or towed. Residents may not park in visitors parking. Violators will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

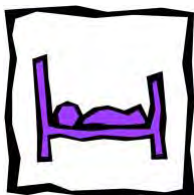


New Car or License Plates – If you've purchased a new vehicle or have a replacement license plate, please send Courtney the information – cdillman@rencondo.com. It's very important that the office have accurate information about your vehicle in the event of an emergency or an unexpected repair in the garage that will necessitate moving your vehicle. If you leave the building for extended periods, it is a good idea to leave a car key in your unit, just in case.

Noise

Condo living can be noisy at times. We hear people in the hallways, each other's TVs and stereos, even that little tiff that may be going on in a neighbor's home. Furniture scraping is another big noise maker. Sound travels through the building in ways that sometimes defy logic. There are ways we can all be less noisy neighbors. Lower the volume on your electronics after 10:00 p.m. until at least 7:00 a.m. Place some sort of sound deadening pads on the feet of furniture that is moved frequently, like dining chairs and counter stools. There are many options available: stick-on felt pads, nail-on vinyl or rubber pads. All of these are available from hardware stores and large retailers. I'm sure we could find a volunteer to help you install them.

Guest Suites



There are two guest suites on the first floor. Residents are encouraged to reserve them for their overflow guests. Each is outfitted like a small hotel room with a queen-sized bed; full bathroom; microwave; small refrigerator, and other necessities common in a

hotel room. Ask about the reasonable fees when you call to make your reservations. The suites are available on a first come, first served basis. The resident must currently be in residence at the Renaissance in order to utilize the suites. These suites are a great amenity. Take advantage of them soon.

Pets and Humans

Please clean up after your dogs or let someone on staff know if they've had an accident that you cannot clean up immediately. There are doggie bags in a dispenser on the wall right next to the service door and a convenient trashcan outside of the door. Please grab a bag on your way out. Also, prevent your dog from relieving itself on the columns, walls, walkways and plantings around the ground floor of the building exterior. Your neighbors will greatly appreciate this consideration.

All pets must be registered. Please visit the front desk and bring a photo of your pet.

Only unit owners may have pets in the Renaissance. There is a 30-pound weight limit. No pets may visit or travel by the passenger elevators.

And pets, please clean up after your humans. If they spill or break something in a common area, please report the incident to the desk staff if your human can't clean it up right away.

Safety

If you see someone around the property you feel doesn't belong, call the desk and we'll respond. Program the number into your phone for convenience: 941-957-3957.

Please don't open the garage gate before you have it in sight.



Aluminum Can Recycling

- ✿ A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can, in as little as 60 days. That's closed loop recycling at its finest!
- ✿ Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours -- or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.
- ✿ More aluminum goes into beverage cans than any other product.
- ✿ Because so many of them are recycled, aluminum cans account for less than 1% of the total U.S. waste stream, according to EPA estimates.
- ✿ An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now!
- ✿ We use over 80,000,000,000 aluminum soda cans every year.
- ✿ At one time, aluminum was more valuable than gold!
- ✿ Aluminum is a durable and sustainable metal: two-thirds of the aluminum ever produced is in use today.
- ✿ In 1972, it took about 22 empty aluminum cans to weigh one pound. Due to advanced technology to use less material and increase durability of aluminum cans in 2002, it takes about 34 empty aluminum cans to weigh one pound.



There are recycle bins on the first floor in the service elevator hallway. You can recycle glass jars and bottles, metal cans, plastic with a 1 or a 2 on the bottom and paper. No bagged recycles or styrofoam in the bins, please.