

July 2018 Newsletter

The remainder of 2018 is bringing lots of activity going on in Venice and at the Imperial House. As usual, contractors promise dates that somehow they just can't meet. That's true with the City of Venice as the road, sidewalk and landscaping work that was supposed to be accomplished this year is now going to run all the way through "Season". This has angered many of the businesses on Venice, Tampa and Miami Avenues as they are having their livelihoods interrupted. If you visit, try to patronize them as they need our support. Venice is currently a total wreck, so don't expect to see the charming small town you remember. The city politicians promise spectacular infrastructure and a newly landscaped downtown Venice, so I hope the pain is worth the gain.

As to the Imperial House, it's about the same treatment by contractors. They promise to do work by a certain time, and then it gets pushed back. We would like to be able to tell you exact dates for work here, but we simply don't know as almost all of the contractors have gone past their original start date and little has happened. All we can say at this point is that when we know, you will be informed. Work to be accomplished includes the refurbishing of the elevator, storage room and trash chute room door replacements, new mailboxes, new lights under the portico, and an assortment of roofing, plumbing and infrastructure work. It is frustrating to the Board; however this is how business apparently operates here in Florida.

We have been having a problem with people (owners and guests) eating at the pool. The rules and regs clearly indicate no food is allowed except on special occasions approved by the Board. We have experienced food such as chips and pretzels, hot dogs and buns and pizza being eaten and left at the pool. Guess what that draws. Insects and rats have been poolside. This has been a rule as long as I can remember and is in our condo docs so please comply. Our new pool rule sign talks about food on the wet deck, but we currently consider that anywhere in the pool area. By the way, the sign has upset a few people; however, it has the exact wording required by Florida and Sarasota Boards of Health. We had to comply or face fines. The pool hours are now dawn until dusk. Because we cannot use the pool light during turtle season, we cannot use the pool after sunset from May through October. Everyone on the beach now has this restriction. Also we have had to replace the rope once again as people have been standing or sitting on it and it has frayed and broken. This is not the cost of having fun, but your funds expended for a few rule breakers who are rough on the equipment.

As a reminder, since we now have lined our old cast iron plumbing stacks including some of the vertical and all of the horizontal lines, it is extremely important to make certain that if it is necessary to clear a clog, your plumber knows about the linings and is careful not to remove or damage the lining. If damaged, it will be the unit owner's responsibility for the repair or replacement of the lining, so please use a good licensed knowledgeable plumber.

Wish I had a better report this time, but these are the facts. Your Board of Directors sends their wishes for a pleasant summer and good health. Ken Mathys