



THE IMPERIAL HOUSE OF VENICE September 2018 - Newsletter

More good news! Along with the items completed last month the following are complete or underway: new lights under the port cochere have been installed and the roof above has been patched and coated, the new elevator floor has been installed, and the elevator refurbishment has been scheduled to begin October 1st. There is some stucco repair work around the new doors to be completed in early October with their painting to commence when complete. Trimming of our palm trees is also set for October.

We have been informed by the fire marshal that we are required to have unit numbers on all doors (not on a storm or screen door or the building wall). The BOD discussed this and has recommended that the numbers be 3 to 5 inches in height and be composed of either brushed nickel, stainless steel, pewter or brass (including antiqued) to coordinate with the existing door hardware and to keep a good sense of uniformity to the building. The positioning should be approximately 18 to 21 inches down from the top of the door and centered on the door. Please have this done on your door as soon as possible as the fire marshal has once again threatened fines for non-compliance.

Now for the not so good news; The red tide we have been experiencing was extremely bad during September. Once again we have had massive fish kills and the horrible odor associated with it, difficult breathing with throat irritation and even eye watering and discomfort which have cleared the beaches. I can report that during the month there was a vast majority of days when no one was seen on the beach. There simply are no tourists or even locals due to the severity of the red tide. There may be a glimmer of hope as the past few days have seemed to be better in terms of air quality and the city is making an effort to clean up the dead fish from the beach. Perhaps with cooler weather and reduced rainfall, we will see the red tide dissipate. For more information and updates go to mote.org/beaches.

The construction for the “beautification” project in downtown Venice has continued to creep along and frankly still looks a wreck. We have seen some businesses close down because they have no patrons. Venice Avenue has a very long way to go, and now Miami Avenue is closed leaving Tampa Avenue to handle the traffic. The completion date is still estimated to be after the end of next season however the holiday parade is still scheduled for November 24th. Such a shame for our beautiful small town to have such devastating disruptions that we are experiencing.

Other than that, Florida and Venice is still a great place to be. The BOD sends their best wishes and hopes the change of season will bring health and happiness.

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