

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

The end of summer was expected back in September; however October has brought additional high temperatures and more rain. We have had record heat in Venice over the past couple of months and we have received an excessive amount of rain throughout the year (10 inches above the norm) including the most recent received from Hurricane Michael. The good news is that the red tide has dissipated and the gulf is back to a beautiful blue. The fish and dolphins have returned along with the birds, and people are back on the beach. It's getting busy with snow birds returning already and traffic is much heavier. There is confidence that the red tide is gone, but there is also a concern that it may only be temporary. Let's keep our fingers crossed that it stays away.

Now for an IMPORTANT reminder: neither owners, renters, guests nor contractors can place water heaters or any construction materials (which has happened again), TV's, fixtures or appliances in the dumpster. Someone has done so, but no one admitted to the act. It is a shame that some people just don't care or think that the rules don't apply to them. Due to this the trash will not be picked up until we pull the items out and make arrangements to have them removed. This is blatantly wrong and none of us should have to dumpster dive to remove these items, but we have no choice because the trash is piling up. Once again, these items are the unit owner's responsibility to have removed from the premises and discarded, not put in the dumpster. Also whoever replaced the water heater did so without an approved application or permit, both not acceptable to IH protocols. Let me give a friendly reminder to cease and desist these actions.

Downtown Venice is still in the midst of the "beautification" project, and is still pretty much a wreck. The outlook for this to continue still runs through season to spring of 2019. The businesses there are having difficulties due to lack of customers.

We have had several delays due to weather and material shortages, so some projects have been pushed back. The elevator refurbishment that was to be completed in early October is now looking at late October. Otis has assured us that they will do everything to complete the job as quickly as possible once started, but it will be out of service while being worked on. We have had a few new challenges arise but are confident that all will be addressed and completed by December 1st. Please remember that all unit remodeling or refurbishment cannot not take place between December 1 and May 1, so please complete any work before then.

The budget for 2019 is being worked on and don't forget about the annual meeting on December 1st at 2:00pm in the Hospitality Room. Please return your proxy if you cannot attend so we will attain quorum. If your unit is being rented during season (3 month minimum) please make certain we receive your rental application 30 days prior to occupancy of the tenant.

Best wishes from your Board of Directors.

Ken Mathys