

# IMPERIAL HOUSE OF VENICE

## 2021 Spring Newsletter

The rental season has now ended, summer is fast approaching, and we have some new owners. So the BOD has deemed this as an appropriate time to provide everyone with some information, updates, and reminders.

### New Contract with Frontier

The Imperial House recently entered into a new contract with Frontier to provide high speed internet (500/500 Mbps) to all units. According to the contract, our cable service will end and our new internet service will begin sometime in May. However, unit owners will still have the option of arranging for cable service through Frontier at their own expense.

### Turtle Nesting Season

The turtle nesting season officially began on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will end on October 31<sup>st</sup>. But volunteers started walking the shoreline on April 15<sup>th</sup> searching for signs of early activity. Lights visible from the beach can disorient nesting females and emerging hatchlings. So artificial lights present a major threat, and they are strictly regulated. Beach furniture, umbrellas, trenches, and other temporary man-made structures can also cause significant problems.

Warning. Venice Code Enforcement has already begun its lighting inspections. So it is important to comply with the Mote Marine guidelines. In this respect it is particularly important to close drapes and/or turn-off lights so that they cannot be seen from the beach. The Imperial House will be subject to significant fines for any violations.

### Construction, Remodeling, and Repairs

As courtesy to owners and renters, Imperial House protocols prohibit non-emergency construction during the rental season. Non-essential construction and remodeling should be performed between May 1<sup>st</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>. Specific guidelines are available on the Imperial House of Venice website. Before initiation any construction or remodeling, owners must submit an "Application for Alteration" which is also available on our website.

### Loaning of Units

Most of us love sharing Venice and its beaches with family and friends. This is particularly true in the summer when the water is warm and vacation schedules are flexible. But owners who decide to loan their units should remember to comply with the following:

1. Submit a "Guest Notification" form to Sunstate beforehand.
2. Provided guests with a copy of our Rules and Regulations.
3. Make guests aware of Turtle Nesting restrictions (during turtle season).
4. Refrain from loaning units more than once in any 30-day period.

### **Fire Code Violations: Front Balconies**

Good news. Several months ago the IH passed its annual fire inspection. However, the Fire Marshall cautioned us that stairways and walkways must be kept free of all objects that could interfere with the movement of fire, rescue, and other emergency personnel. Such objects include water toys, beach chairs, and other beach furniture. Unfortunately, the Fire Marshall occasionally does spot-checks. Any infraction will subject our Association to fines of up to \$500.00 per violation.

### **Rental of Units**

For those Owners who wish to rent their units, please remember that our Rules and Regulations provide for the following:

1. No Units may be rented for less than 90 days.
2. Owners must submit a Rental Application at least 30 days prior to the rental period.

### **Easing of Covid Restrictions**

Our Covid Response Committee has done a great job of monitoring Covid-19 developments and providing the Board with input and recommendations regarding safety protocols. And it continues to do so. Fortunately it appears that we are finally turning the Covid-corner. Based upon the Committee's input, the BOD has begun easing restrictions. For example, pool furniture has been returned to the pool deck. The Committee reports that in the past IH occupants have been very compliant with CDC guidelines. Thank you!

### **Imperial House of Venice Website**

Our Imperial House website contains a wealth of information including access to our Declaration of Condominium, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Florida condominium statutes, meeting minutes, old newsletters, forms, Notices, and other useful documents. Here are links to the more commonly used resources:

1. Home Page: <https://www.myimperialhouse.com>.
2. Rules and Regulations:
3. Rental Application:
4. Loaning & Guest Use Notice:
5. Application for Alterations:
6. Mote Marine Turtle Protection Info:

We certainly hope that this summer will bring everyone closer to normalcy. Stay safe!

Sincerely,

Imperial House Board of Directors