



# Playa del Mar Newsletter



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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

It has been a busy and productive winter. We are just about finished fixing all the leaks in the garages. SPS, the construction contractor, is doing work on both north and south decks which are under warranty.

The Annual meeting is fast approaching, scheduled for Tuesday February 23rd. There will be no election held since the current board had no opposition this year. (I hope that means that we are doing a good job.)

I met with our treasurer Barry Snider and our accountant and I am happy to say we are again in the "black".

The staggered terms issue is still subject to be voted on. It really is important for this to pass to ensure continuity.

I urge residents to get involved with the committees. All new committees will be formed after the annual meeting. A list of committees will be posted. I thank all the current committee members for their participation. I hope to see you all at the Valentines party on the 13th..



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE



The most recent function for returning "snowbirds" and residents was held in the Ocean Lounge on January 14th. It was attended by a hundred plus party

goers and from all reports, it was another huge success put on by this hard working social committee. Tony the DJ for the night, played all the great songs from "way back then" and got everyone up dancing the night away. Plenty of great food and beverages. If you haven't signed up for the Valentines Party and want to have a fun night, do it soon. **DON'T MISS OUT**



## BUILDING REPORT



Leaks and plumbing continue to be a major issue and huge expense in our building.

Posted in the north garage is a chart that defines all of our pipes, using a piping color code system. This helps main-

tenance to quickly detect the source of the problem and to act accordingly. Clearly this leaking green pipe, (to the right) indicates a "Drain/Waste pipe with a problem. All leaking pipes are being replaced on an as needed basis. Added to



plumbing issues are the persistent leaks coming from our expansion joints. This includes those running in every direction, not just under the pool. The recent heavy rain has shown that we have a lot of work to do in this area. The work on the pool deck to seal up those expansion joints has been resumed by SPS. The pool deck expansion joints are under warranty.

Maintenance will be addressing the leaks in the garage and ask that you park outside if you know that there is a leak near your space during repairs. Check with the office to see if there are any available spaces inside.



## NEWSLETTER REMINDER

**We have gone green and paperless. The Newsletter can be viewed on the library computer by clicking on the Newsletter icon displayed on the screen, the posted version in the mail room and on the PDM website at [www.playadelmar.net](http://www.playadelmar.net) We also print a handful for those that cannot avail themselves of the above. A copy can be obtained at the front office by signing out for one. If you do not get a copy by email, let the office know so they can put you on the distribution list.**

## MEDIA ROOM UPGRADE



Thanks to the success of past Social Committee functions and Barbara Mancuso's persistence selling 50 50 chances at each of these social functions, the committee was able to help with 50% of the cost for the new 58 inch flat screen HD TV in the media room. They hope to raise more money at the Valentine's day party adding a blue ray DVD player. (This committee also purchased a flat screen TV for the bar in the Ocean Lounge.) The media room is a great place to share



videos, movies and special programs with family and friends.

(Check with the front desk or the office for using or reserving this room for private functions.)

## IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY

An owner shared with us his emergency procedures in the event that something happens to him during the night and cannot reach a phone.. He set up a plan for each of his children, (friend or neighbor) to call at a specific time every morning. If no one answered, they were to call the office/front desk and alert them that there might be a problem. This owner also had on record in the **PDM Emergency Contact Book**, a list of all his family contacts and their telephone numbers. Do you have such a plan? Take the worry out of your life in case of such an emergency, as it may be days before someone will realize that they haven't seen you! Make a plan and protect yourself.

## TELEPHONE CONTACT

A new PDM directory is being edited to reflect current and any changes made since its last publication. Bear in mind that if you list a cell phone number that is not a local exchange, (except in an emergency) the staff cannot make a long distant call to reach you. If you have a guest in the lobby, a delivery, contractor or a perishable product, you may stand the chance of not being contacted. If you are expecting something of an urgent nature such as medication, take the initiative yourself and call receiving.



## GENTLE REMINDERS

Decals for vehicles with assigned parking in the garages are available in the front office. They adhere to your windshield, inside on the lower left side and on the drivers side. These are more subtle than the old red stickers and can be easily seen by security. To get one, you must present a copy of your automobile registration.



Please observe the speed limits on the property, especially in the garages.

Prevent accidents and towel dry yourself before entering the building or the elevators. Slippery floors can cause serious injuries to young and old alike.

Don't force your DOM keys in the doors. Damage to these locks are expensive.

## FIRE ALARMS IN THE GARAGE

Work is being done in the parking garages, installing the flashing lights and audio warnings as required by the Fire Marshall during our last inspection. Other inspection deficiencies are being addressed as well.



## MAINTENANCE STAFF

We are very fortunate to have exceptionally talented maintenance technicians on our staff. They include plumbers, painters, electricians, HVAC technicians they are experienced in all around maintenance. They work for the building and they cannot do work in your unit on a repair that the building is not responsible for, whether it be a leaky faucet or even to change a light bulb. However, a plan has been put in place for owners that want to avail themselves of these talented technicians.



Contracting any work in your unit by any of the staff involves making an appointment with our chief engineer, Chris, who will come to your unit after hours and evaluate the work. A work release form must be signed by the unit owner. If you agree to having it done, Chris will create a work order and assign the job accordingly. The work will be scheduled for after hours on weekdays and Saturdays. You are encouraged to contract major renovation work to outside contractors .





Residents are still separating their newspapers from their other recycle items. Broward County and Fort Lauderdale passed a one stream recycle program beginning October 1, 2009. Our waste removal service provider has recently changed the stickers on the tops of the recycle bins to reflect this change. Newspapers, white paper, plastic bottles, aluminum and steel cans, clean cardboard boxes, and glass all now go into one container.

### Household Hazardous Waste.

Broward County operates a drop off center for HHW. Household hazardous waste refers to everyday chemicals, and items we use around our homes such as pesticides, paints, solvents, used motor oil, pool chemicals, mercury thermometers, thermostats, flares, fluorescent tubes, propane tanks, and tires (4 per resident)

**Recycling of Used Electronics** may also be deposited at the Broward County center. Used electronic products comprise the fastest growing toxic trash problem faced by solid waste managers. Lead, mercury, cadmium, and heavy metals are among the components found in electronics that need to be recycled or disposed of carefully.

**BRING:** computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, copiers, modems, TV's, cell phones, rechargeable batteries.

**DO NOT BRING** microwaves, VCR or DVD players, stereo equipment or appliances.

The closest center to PDM for both Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and Recycling of Used Electronics :

#### North Collection Center

2780 N. Powerline Road, Pompano Beach

Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Call 954-765-4999 for more information or

[www.Broward.org/waste](http://www.Broward.org/waste)

### GREEN YOUR BEACH ROUTINE

PDM residents enjoy a spectacular view of the ocean and beach every day.

We also share with the City of Fort Lauderdale a responsibility to preserve our "Urban Tropical Paradise" by keeping it healthy and clean. Here are some tips to help you **Green Your Beach Routine.**



### 1. Pack an Eco-Friendly Picnic

When you head to the beach, choose reusable bags, cups, silverware and containers, Avoid bringing glass items. Broken glass and bare feet don't mix.

### 2. Remember to Recycle

Recyclables make up more than half of the disposable beach trash. Please take your plastic bottles, cans, drink boxes and newspapers back to your apartment or directly to the recycle bins in the lower garage. The Green Committee plans to place a recycle can at the beach soon.

### 3. Protect Marine Life

Every year hundreds of thousands of birds, sea turtles and marine wildlife are killed because they get entangled in plastics or mistake them for food. If you see litter on the water, on the beach, or along a shoreline and can safely remove it, please do so. At the end of the day you should only leave your footprints behind. Reminder to residents that sometimes your children or grandchildren scatter their beach toys, Please remember to gather them all up!

### 4. Don't Bury the Cigarette Butts

If you are a smoker, take extra precautions to make sure the beach does not become your personal ashtray. Carry a small container to store cigarette butts in while at the beach, then discard cool butts in a litter can when leaving.



**Finally, please remember to return your lounge chairs to the protection of the PDM sea wall and high tides. Here are two reasons why.**



On the left is the tide coming up by the foot faucet and on the right, our ramp buried in sand. High tides can vary based on wind, the moon and other factors so if you pull or use a chaise lounge, please return it to the sea wall.

**THANKYOU**

**Your Newsletter Staff**

**Gabriela Colombo**, who has been with us for six years, has recently been promoted to Supervisor of housekeeping. Gabriela is a soft spoken woman and is very familiar with the needs of the building. She schedules the everyday tasks and can be seen making a list of the outstanding issues and delegating them to her staff. Her most precious possession are her two children, a son, thirteen and a daughter, ten.



**Sharnice (Samantha) Hoy** has recently been added to the housekeeping staff. Samantha loves her job and blends in nicely with the staff. A mother of two boys, ages three and five keep her busy at home. One of her favorite pastimes is dancing and having fun.



Welcome to our two new maintenance technicians, **Carlos Ortega** (right) and **Jose Morejon**. (left) They bring a lot of experience in all around maintenance and work well together. Carlos and Jose both have positive and upbeat attitudes and contribute a lot to our building.



**EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH  
DECEMBER MURAT SAGLEM**



**Murat Saglem**, maintenance technician, was our December Employee of the Month. Murat is a volunteer fireman for the community of Plantation for the past nine years and brings to Playa del Mar a commitment of professionalism and expert work. Always pleasant and with a smile on his face.

**JANUARY JOSE DORTA**

**Jose Dorta**, Chief of Security, was the recipient of the Employee of the Month for January. Jose runs a tight ship here and has high expectations of his staff. He is dedicated to the security here at PDM and shares those standards with his employees. Jose has an exceptional work ethic, is very professional in his job and stays focused on the issues at hand. (Note the new uniforms !)

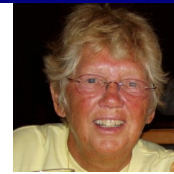


**FEBRUARY ASHLEY KNAPP**

**Ashley Knapp**, secretary, initially came on board as a part timer but her skills (and our needs) quickly showed that having her full time was in the best interests of PDM. Her demeanor, personality, being a team player and all the standards set forth in receiving the award are a natural part of her makeup. Congratulations on being our February Employee of the month.



**Barbara  
2304**



**Phyllis  
2404**



**Linda  
110**

If you see us around, say hi and give us your input.

**WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS  
DECEMBER**

Jean Veilleux Unit #1805  
James Branca Unit #2815

**JANUARY**

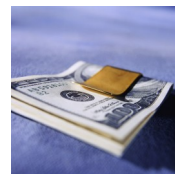
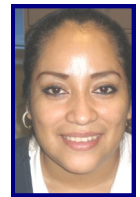
Iris Leibowitz (Lease) Unit #912  
Diane Schermer (Lease) Unit #1508  
Victor Hass (Lease) Unit #1712

**FEBRUARY**

Robert Skinner (Lease) Unit #1515

Those selected to be Employee of the Month are those that show excellent work ethics, provide high standards in customer service, are professional in their responsibilities, team players, good appearance and can multi-task. Positive input from the residents also contribute to this award.

Recognition can come in other ways as well. Recently, employee **Rufina Neri** was cleaning the south gym and found a large sum of money alongside one of the treadmills. Rufina remembered who was using the equipment, located the



owner and returned the money. She even turned down an offer of a reward, truly an honest and exceptional woman. The owner of the returned money commented on seeing her working in the gym and how thoroughly she was cleaning the equipment.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to provide a newsletter that will be up to date and be a consistent source of information to Playa del Mar residents. We communicate regularly with the Board of Directors, share current issues, provide progress reports and stimulate interest in activities at the Playa del Mar