

The WATERGARDEN



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Exterior Painting Project Completed



The WaterGarden wishes to thank all residents for their patience and cooperation during the entire exterior painting project which began on September 27, 2010 and was completed on January 28, 2011. Although CPWR, Inc. worked efficiently and professionally, there were unforeseeable weather delays due to a number of uncommonly cold days.

If you have any questions regarding the painting project feel free to contact the Management Office at 954-525-5535 ext. 223.

That's Amore February Resident Party



Thursday, February 17th

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Lobby Floor Club Room

Plan to join us for lovely night of good food, music and dancing.

You can bring your favorite plate to share.

Wine and hors-d'oeuvre will be served.

Super Bowl XLV






The Super Bowl 2011 Green Bay Packers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers takes place on Sunday, February 6th in the Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington North Texas.

Green Bay Packer & Pittsburgh Steeler Facts:

- Steelers return to the Super Bowl for the 3rd time in 5 years.
- Steelers have 6 Super Bowl wins.
- Green Bay won the very first Super Bowl, under Coach Vince Lombardi (whom the Super Bowl trophy is named after.)
- Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers replaced hall of fame quarterback Brett Farve, and seeks his first Super Bowl title.
- Green Bay has won 3 Super Bowls, but hasn't been to the Super Bowls since their victory in 1997.

Friendly Reminders:

-  Common Area Rooms (i.e. Theater, Sports Lounge, Library etc...) cannot be reserved on Super Bowl Sunday or on holidays and will be on a first come first serve basis.
-  A maximum of 10 guests may be allowed to valet for any gathering. Valet as always is on a first come first serve basis.
-  No pizza or potentially messy foods are allowed in the Sports Lounge, Club Room or Theatre.

*Please refer to the buildings entire **Rules and Regulations** package which may be downloaded by visiting www.watergardencondo.org.*

New WaterGarden Check In Procedures For All Visitors

The WaterGarden and other neighboring hi-end buildings have adopted the practice of photographing guests and vendors when they check in to the front desk in an effort to provide the residents and homeowners of the community with added service and security.

During the January 11th Board of Directors Meeting, a new rule was passed which states all visitors not accompanied by a resident are required to register at the front desk and to be photographed prior to being admitted into the building. Those refusing to be photographed will be denied access to the premises.

What To Do In An Elevator Emergency

By Brian Bagnall



Billions of elevator trips are made each day in the US without any problems. Your chances of being injured in an elevator accident are infinitesimal, much less than the risk, for example, of being struck by lightning in Florida. Many people, however, are somewhat nervous about elevator rides. Claustrophobics may fear being trapped in a small crowded space and others fear that a cable will snap, plunging the cabin to the ground. In reality modern elevators have so many safety mechanisms that injury is virtually impossible. Nonetheless elevator problems do sometimes occur, mostly involving simple entrapment - when the doors will not open. You will not suffocate as plenty of air flow is built into the design and the cabin is held up by multiple cables, each of which can hold the entire weight. Safety devices prevent the cabin from falling and at all times you can talk with a trained elevator emergency operator if something goes wrong.

I was recently involved with an elevator accident in the Watergarden and was surprised that I did not know how to handle the situation. When riding up from the 8th floor to the 16th late at night there was a very loud noise followed by what seemed like a sudden drop with violent shaking and more banging noises. In fact the cabin had quickly reversed downwards and then stopped somewhere near the 13th floor without any ability to open the doors. Naturally I panicked and was scared, even though I knew the safety brakes had stopped any fall. Not knowing what to do I pressed the alarm button on the left side of the bottom row. This does not summon any help - it merely makes a car-alarm type of noise. I could not find any obvious emergency telephone behind the little door below the button ranks. Luckily I had my cell phone in my pocket and had the Watergarden number in my contact list. I spoke with the front desk staff who said they would call for help. After what seemed longer but was only four minutes, the elevator cabin began slowly descending but with more loud noises and shaking. On reaching the first floor there was a delay before the doors slowly opened. I went to the front desk at once and later filled out an accident report. I was not hurt but badly shaken by the experience. The next day elevator repair men showed me that a plastic cable guide roller had snapped off the cabin. Florida state law mandates that an elevator accident report be filed within five days. Cabin video security cameras record continuously in all our elevators but without any sound to indicate an emergency in progress.

Most of us have probably heard that people have been trapped in one of our elevators, sometimes for up to two hours. From my experience I have the following advice about what to do in an emergency:

1. Try to stay calm. You will not be harmed and you will need to know how to summon help.
2. Carry your cell phone with you and make sure the Watergarden number is listed in it.
3. **NEVER** try to force the doors open and **NEVER** attempt to crawl out of partially opened

Duck Fest Derby 2011



Come to the Duck Fest Derby 2011 Preview Party at

Briny Riverfront

Briny Irish Pub • on the Riverwalk

305 South Andrews Avenue on the New River



Wed. Feb. 9th - 6 pm

★ **FREE** Buffet • \$2 House Drinks • Raffle Games • Contests • *Prizes All Night!*

PLUS 5 chances to WIN the GRAND PRIZE
An All-Expenses South African Safari
And More Great Prizes at the
Duck Fest Derby Race *
*(See the Race 3 Days Later on Sat. Feb. 12
1 to 4 pm at Esplanade Park!)*

100% of Proceeds Benefits Kids In Distress

★ Get Briny's delicious **FREE Buffet** and \$2 drinks all night when you **Adopt a \$20 Quack Pack of Five Derby Duckies**. That's a \$5 savings over individual Duckies!

Or choose a "Big Quack" for \$100 & get **25** chances to win the Safari *plus* entry for five at Briny. Ditto for each multiple of \$100! And it's ALL to benefit the Kids. Wow!

Adopt Your Duckies on Line!
www.duckrace.com/kidsindistress

Select: teams • Then click on: Briny Team 2011

Quack Packs Also Available at the Door

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