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Spring is here and that means many of our snowbirds will be heading back north. We had a great winter getting together and enjoying the Florida sunshine. We will miss you. Safe travels!

NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON OUR BUDGET

Your Board of Directors works very hard to get things done to keep Cascades running smoothly and enhancing its beauty, while staying within our budget. Here are some items that can affect our budget.

- Some people continue to leave items in the trash enclosure that will not fit in the bin. Waste Management will not pick them up. You need to call them for a special pickup. If you don't do that, the extra cost of pickup comes out of our budget.
- We have repeatedly asked that when a trash bin is full, please go to another bin to dispose of your trash. Leaving trash bags on the ground attracts vermin that rip open the bags. We then need to have the area cleaned up and often hire a pest service.
- Please follow the rental procedures. When an owner bypasses the rental system to avoid the processing fees, our budget is affected.
- When a vehicle goes well above our posted speed limits, it may cause our pavers to shift and become a hazard. We then need to pay to have them fixed.

AIR CONDITIONER MAINTENANCE

We have mentioned before about the importance of annual service of air conditioners. Still, some folks skip it and sometimes the unit leaks, damaging their condo and often, the unit below them, even though the downstairs owner was not negligent. Please have your air conditioner checked periodically for your peace of mind as well as your neighbor's below.

Also, don't forget to change your smoke detector batteries. Experts recommend this to be done ever six months.

VOLUNTEERS

Cascades Board members, past and present, and our volunteers work together, and the result is a community that works. These folks are not paid. Their reward is a feeling of contributing to and living in an environment where neighbors share pleasant days together and knowing our property values remain solid. We are truly grateful for everything that our volunteers do. Please consider volunteering. If you are interested, please get in touch with a board member.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETINGS

The board gets much of its direction from bylaws and rules, and uses them to assure the right responses when dealing with water features, landscape, buildings and, most importantly, the needs of the owners.

The connection between the Board and the owners is of great importance yet meeting attendance is quite poor. When asked, the most common excuse is "I don't have anything I want to complain about." The next most common is "too busy". Florida statutes are carefully designed to make sure actions reflect the owners' wishes and approval. Meeting agendas are posted and an annual package of budget information is sent to every owner. We also send out Snippets, our newsletter, to keep you informed. The meetings are an essential means of communication between the Board and owners. The next Cascades meeting is on Thursday, April 14th at 10:00 am in the Clubhouse. We hope to see you there.

Enjoy the holidays!

Your Board of Directors