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Wireless (Wifi) Thermostats

The Condo Office has had numerous inquiries regarding the installation of wireless thermostats. A wireless thermostat - also called a Wi-Fi thermostat, digital thermostat or internet thermostat - is a home automation device that regulates temperature. Wireless thermostats can help homeowners and families save money each month. The average cost of savings of the best Wifi thermostat can range from \$300 - \$400 a year. These thermostats can be purchased at any hardware store, Walmart, Best Buy or electronics store. If you are interested in installing a Wireless Thermostat for your condo, once you purchase the thermostat, you have to contact Pinnacle Technical Support (Our Internet Provider) at 866.772.8726. You will register the device with Pinnacle by providing the 12 Digit MAC ID# (Machine Address ID #). You will then follow the downloading instructions that come with the thermostat and finally you can connect to the internet on the Carousel Network. **IF YOU ARE IN THE CAROUSEL HOTEL RENTAL PROGRAM, YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO INSTALL A WIRELESS THERMOSTAT.** Also, during the winter months the heat should remain at 55 degrees at all times.

Condo Fees

Condo fee payments are due on the first of each month. The association depends on timely payment of assessments to maintain appropriate cash flow to properly manage the building and operate the association. **Late fees will be assessed after the fifteenth of the month.**

Did you know?

Happy Chinese New Year 2017 - The Year of the Rooster. The new year has begun and will last until February 15, 2018.

Rooster

Independent, honest and punctual, roosters are confident and competent but emotionally volatile.

Renovations

It's great that you are renovating! Please remind your contractors that renovation trash and debris must not be thrown down the trash chute but discarded in the dumpster provided or off property.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 11



OC Job Fair

April 15



Home & Condo Show

March 17 - 19



Boardwalkin' for Pets

April 22



OC Bridal Show

April 9



Spring Restaurant Week

April 23 - May 7



Easter Kids' Fun Fair

April 14 - 15



Springfest

May 4 - 7

Dryer Vent Cleaning

As we begin preparing for the busy season make sure dryer vent cleaning is added to your checklist. If your vent is clogged with lint or otherwise obstructed (e.g. a birds nest or crushed vent) your clothes will take longer to dry and your dryer can overheat. If your laundry takes more than one cycle to dry your clothes it's time to act - your vent needs servicing. We will arrange for Indoor Pollution Solutions to come out in March or April to service the condos. The normal price is \$125 but The Carousel receives a discount price of \$100. If we have 50 or more units that need servicing, they will offer a group rate of \$60 per unit, payable directly to Indoor Pollutions Solutions. Payment will be collected prior to the service. Please call or email the condo office to let Cheryl know if you want to be put on the list!

Safety and Security

We love it when our owners come home! We ask that you sign in at the Security Office so that we know when you are here. There are various times when we may have to enter your unit for an emergency or just to make sure the heat is turned on. If we know that you are home - and we don't have to bother you - we won't!

Condo Corner - Pets May Be Good For You

Not all medicine comes from your drug store. Sometimes it's sitting in your local pound - complete with floppy ears and a fuzzy tail. The health benefits of pets are gaining increasing attention. Those who share their life and love with a pet get back a lot of rewards, says Dotti Bernhard, former chairperson of The Healing Power of Animals for the City of Los Angeles.

Many of us know about dogs that are trained to help people who have various disabilities. Even ordinary pets, however, can benefit people.

They help bring a sense of purpose to our lives - caring about and providing for a living creature. They can also bring more concrete benefits. Bernhard - of Berkley Convalescent Hospitals, which contract with Kaiser Permanente to provide skilled nursing care - has developed a program that brings birds into the lives of nursing home residents. Residents prepare food and make toys for the birds. In addition, the presence of the birds motivates residents and encourages them to participate in physical, occupational, and speech therapy sessions, Bernhard says.

Pets have also been credited with reducing stress, lowering blood pressure, improving recovery from heart attacks and decreasing doctor visits of older adults. Researchers suggest that pets may bring humor into our lives and offer companionship and affection.

Pets aren't for everyone, however. Some people may not want the responsibility and work that comes with a pet.