



Riverton Review

December 2020



Riverton Tower Physical Facilities Year End Report

by Alan Abel

Last week I met with Kenneth Jones, Director CIS & Physical Facilities, to get an update on progress and to report on the year's physical improvements to Riverton Tower.

Hallways - Critical repairs to hallways are underway. There is an inner wall and an outer wall. The walls by the doors have been opened to provide for better insulation to lessen condensation, mold growth and deterioration. The walls are then patched and painted. The doors are painted and modern numbers have replaced the old door numbers. To date, Floors 7, 10 and 11 have been completed with a new paint job on the 8th Floor. Eventually all floors will be modernized. It takes about a month per floor as maintenance people also have other projects to work through. New light fixtures have also been added.

Back Door on the Main Floor - Riverton Tower has finally received a permit for the new back door which will be electric double sliding doors and subjected to the "Miami-Dade Code". ETA is "very soon".

Balconies - Exterior balconies on the North side of the building have been cleaned. The South side balconies are to be cleaned next.

Lobby - The wall paper has been removed and the Lobby has received a new paint job. The lobby has required additional insulation of more pipes and the ceiling will be repaired shortly. The lighting has been improved.

Roof & Front Awning - Riverton Tower has a new roof and front awning with a 20-year warranty and is "very improved".

Plumbing & Water - The plumbing for waste water and supplies (hot & cold water) have undergone "extraordinary repairs which required extraordinary expense".

While on the subject of water, I asked about the quality of water in the building. The water is good and the minerals are good for you. The water quality is certified by the city.

Boiler Room - Tens of thousands of dollars have been spent to modernize critical components like the main pump, motor starter and soft starter which pumps 600 gallons of water a minute to heat or cool the building.

Staff - Ken says his department has more staff than ever and "It is extraordinary what we have accomplished".

Occupancy - Riverton Tower is currently 100% occupied.

No Christmas Party This Year But Door Prizes Need a Home

It is unfortunate, but due to Covid, we will not have a Christmas Party this year. However, during the year our wonderful Knit Cro Pro Club, in addition to making many donations to charities, has been busy making great door prizes for you, our residents. We will therefore hold a drawing on December 15th to give these delightful items away. If you would like to be included in the drawing, stop in the Rental Office and place your name in the basket.

Holiday Background by George Batts

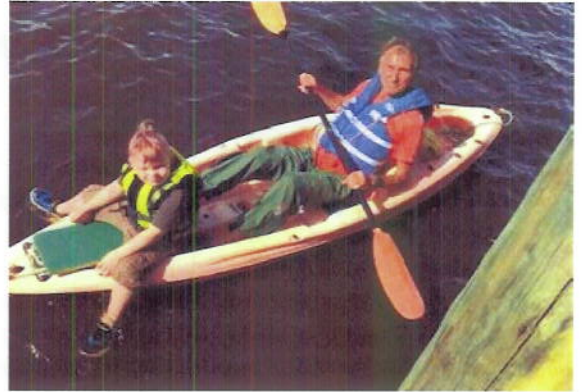
In ancient Anglo Saxon England children would leave their shoes outside by the front door on the Winter solstice. On that night it was believed the Norse god Odin would dash across the sky on his eight legged horse Sleipnir. He would leave sweets in the shoes of good children and lumps of coal for the bad. With the arrival of Christianity, Odin was discarded. Centuries later he reappeared in Victorian times with the name Father Christmas and resumed making his seasonal rounds. This time in a hooded, boot length, green coat. In modern times, he has adapted the American red colored garb of "Santa Claus". That name is derived from the Dutch: Sinterklaas (Saint Nicholas)



Photo of the Month is Rory's First Kayaking Adventure

by Emil Kotik

Dixie Smith, who lives here at RTSC, is the proud grandmother of an energetic and adorable five year old boy, Rory. On Sunday, November 15, Rory and I hopped into my kayak and went to Exchange Club Island, under the Matthews Bridge. We walked around on the island, had a snack, then went for a swim in the St. Johns River. After paddling back to the RTSC pier, Rory climbed up onto the pier, with a little help, and I parked the kayak in its usual spot on the pier. We then went up to the RTSC pool, where Rory took another dip. The water was too cold for me, so Dixie and I just watched him splash around and have a good time.



Holiday Closure

The Rental Office and Maintenance Department will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24-25, 2020, for Christmas. Both will also close early at 2:00pm for New Year's Eve and be closed on Friday, January 1, 2021 for New Year's Day. The Rental Office will be open with normal hours of 9:00am to 4:00pm on the Saturdays following the holidays.

Knit Cro Pro Club News

by Dorothy Jones

Since the last meeting and through November 17, 2020, the club made one final donation to First Fruits Ministry. They are asking for any and all help as they serve a lot of homeless people and expect more will need help after the first of the year. The club donated 7 adult/teen blankets; 3 scarf/hat sets, 6 scarves, 3 hats and 2 baby/toddler blankets.

Lynn Gissendaner donated 1 scarf and added it to ones to be donated to the homeless making a total of 100 scarves. She and Roy Bridger delivered these donations to City Rescue and the Sulzbacher Center. Grace Winter donated 2 scarves, Barbara Goodwin donated 1 hat and 2 skeins of yarn. Fred Hoerner donated 2 hats; Sherry Jones, 1 hat and 1 scarf.

I want to sincerely thank all the members for the hard work and generous donations. We hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and will have a very Merry Christmas and New Year. With the hope of a vaccine in sight, perhaps 2021 will be a time to return to a more settled life. We can only pray it will be so.

Parking Lot Visit

There are several resident automobiles throughout the parking areas that have expired tags and/or no tag at all. JSO will ticket cars when patrolling the lot and it is in your lease that both of these infractions can lead to towing of the vehicle. Please let the office know immediately what your plans are for these cars. Towing and tickets can be expensive!

Food Delivered to Your Front Door

Jack and his Schwan Truck have Riverton Tower as a regular stop every other Thursday. Jack can bring you a large variety of full prepared foods to meet your breakfast, lunch and dinner needs. All you have to do is warm them up (unless you're having some delicious ice cream or cold treats!). Check out the catalog (in Rental Office or Lobby) and see what he can bring for you.

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Contributions are welcome to include news, items of interest, tid-bits, and activity information.

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