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**NOTE: PLEASE INITIAL AND PASS TO THE NEXT OCCUPIED APARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.**

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# MUTUAL THREE

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONTHLY REPORTS FOR**

**October  
2022**

**(See information attached.)**

## President's Report

October 14, 2022

**WATER:** We continue to see residents washing down their building, porches/patios, lawns, walkways, sidewalks, and even the street. THIS MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY!!

Both the City and the State have mandated a severe water restriction stating that water cannot be used on any of these areas. Violations of these mandates have \$500.00 fines and they can fine the individual and the Mutual, which is all of us.

Mutual Presidents fought long and hard to get the approval of maintaining our large green spaces with trees, but we ABSOLUTELY CANNOT water individual lawn areas or hard surfaces. You may water your flower beds only before 9AM and after sundown, but there cannot be any water runoff.

We are also mandated to reduce our over-all water consumption. As a result, we all need to monitor our general water usage indoors as well. Please do not let water run unnecessarily. Take shorter showers, turn off while brushing your teeth, soak your dishes in the sink or dishpan with soapy water instead of having the water run while you wash each dish individually. If your toilet is "running", report it to Steve Harris, our Maintenance Director.

**TRASH:** In the last month, I have found a large upholstered chair, a car battery, a patio table & chairs, a large couch seat cushion, a set of plates, a broken vacuum, multiple food items, used & dirty deli containers, and a dead potted tree all left at the trash areas and outside of the bins. All of these items, with the exception of the car battery should have been taken to the free dump site off of Nassau Dr. Instead,

the Mutual (yes, us) will have to pay to have them hauled off. As for the car battery, it can only go to the Hazardous Waste Site in Huntington Beach and Maintenance does not do that, so there will higher costs associated. All of this is costing us through our monthly fees, but also is inviting the rats and roaches that everyone complains about. If you can haul it to the trash area, you can haul it to the dump site!!!!

**BUDGET:** There will be a Budget Town Hall on Tuesday, November 15, at 1:00PM, in CH2. We will be presenting the 2023 Annual Budget, which the Budget Committee has worked long and hard to deal with. Please try to attend.

**PETS, SERVICE ANIMALS, AND ESA'S:** Please remember that all animals must be registered, every year, by the end of December, through the Stock Transfer Office. You must complete the required registration form, provide proof of spay/neuter, rabies vaccine, licensing with Long Beach Animal Control, and a minimum of \$300,000.00 liability insurance coverage. This process is required for every animal, every year, so get your Vet appointments made, and gather your documents so you can get this taken care of before the deadline.

**ONE FINAL REMINDER:** As it starts getting dark earlier, please be aware of your surroundings. If you are out walking, use a flashlight, be sure to wear light colored clothing or reflective safety vests (available in the Copy Center) and ALWAYS look before crossing a street or driveway!

If you are driving, please watch for pedestrians, cyclists, scooters and golf carts. STOP signs mean exactly that – STOP!

It is the law – not a suggestion.

# PORTFOLIO SPECIALIST REPORT

## OCTOBER 2022

### Candle Fire Safety

#### DON'T LET THIS



With the holiday season rapidly arriving and with cooler fall temperatures here, many of us enjoy the warmth and light offered by a candle. Candles are decorative, come in many pleasing aromas, and can offer ready and simple light during power outages and emergencies. BUT the use of candles has also resulted in the following statistics (as provided by the U.S. Fire Administration):

- ❖ On average, 42 home candle fires are reported every day.
- ❖ More than half of all candle fires start when something that could burn, such as furniture, mattresses or bedding, curtains, or decorations too close to the candle.
- ❖ Over one-third (36%) of home candle fires begin in the bedroom.
- ❖ Young children and older adults have the highest death risk from candle fires.

#### TURN INTO THIS



#### If you use a candle, please make sure to follow the following candle safety tips:

- ❖ Consider using battery-operated or electric flameless candles and fragrance warmers, which can look, smell, and feel like real candles – without the flame.
- ❖ Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- ❖ Extinguish candles after use and before going to bed.
- ❖ Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- ❖ Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- ❖ Never use a candle where medical oxygen is being used. The two can combine to create a large, unexpected fire.
- ❖ Always use a flashlight – not a candle – for emergency lighting.



**NEVER leave burning candles unattended!**

**Remember! Candle fires are PREVENTABLE.  
The top six days for home candle fires are:**

- Halloween
- Thanksgiving
- December 23
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day

In the event of a fire, remember time is the biggest enemy and every second counts!

Escape first, and then call 911 for help. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it frequently, and do not forget about that important emergency “grab-and-go bag”. Never stand up in a fire, always crawl low under the smoke, and try to keep your mouth covered. Never return to a burning building for any reason: it may cost you your life.