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Welcome to our new Superintendent, Ray Arellano

Ray comes to us from the Prado, so he has a great background in working in high-rise condominiums much like our own. We are very glad to have him on board! If you haven't met him yet, take the time to introduce yourself. Ray's e-mail is maintenance@cheesmantowerwest.com.

Save the Date!

Everyone is invited to the CTW holiday party on **Sunday, December 2nd**, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Please use the invitation you received, or just drop by, to RSVP to the CTW Office. It's a great chance to visit with old friends, meet new friends, and enjoy some delicious food.

Did You Know?

Members of the Denver Botanic Gardens can get a fob that opens the electronic gate that leads from Cheesman Park into the Gardens. The cost is \$25 the first year and \$10 a year thereafter; see Gardens staff at the reception center to learn more.

Reminder:

Please do not bring shopping carts through the front door. Thank you!

Owner Remodel Requests

Please remember to plan ahead:

- Owners must submit remodeling plans to the Board of Directors **20 days** prior to beginning a remodeling project. (Use the CTW Architectural Review Form, available in the CTW office.)
- Simple decorating projects, such as repainting, repapering, or retiling, do not need Board approval.
- *Replacement* of flooring material with *like material* and *in the same area* does not need Board approval.

Trash and Recycling Notes

Except for large cardboard boxes, please put all recyclables in the recycling bins. When the bins are full, please hold your recycling until after the next pickup. Recycling left on the garage floor somehow instantly transforms itself from recycling into a yucky looking hazard. Pickups are scheduled for Tuesday, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

You may have noticed that we now have only one garbage bin in the trash room. The second bin was blocking access to water valves important to fire control and the Fire Department required us to remove it. Luckily, since we started recycling and having daily trash pickups, we have not needed a second bin.

A Few Cautions and Updates

- Whoa! We're hearing about speeding in the garages; please drive carefully.
- Watch your step. Icy patches may be lurking even on cleaned decks and sidewalks.
- Please bring live Xmas trees in through the Humboldt Street garage (to avoid trails of pine needles on the main floor).
- Work is under way to resolve overheating in the hallways. It appears that the hallway ventilation system (all the hallways form a single unit for HVAC purposes) has not been working properly for some time. A pump has been replaced, and we expect other necessary repairs to be completed soon.

Waterproofing and Landscaping

With the street-level waterproofing completed, the landscaping project has begun. A new irrigation system has been installed, grass has been reseeded, and the hardier plants have been put in place. Another large group of plants will be added in the spring. A number of our new plants, including the blue spruce, are compact or dwarf varieties that will fit attractively into our small garden spaces even when fully grown.

Happenings

Blossoms of Light at the Denver Botanic Gardens, with over one million colorful lights highlighting the Gardens' winter beauty. Open every night from November 30th through January 1st, from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. (\$10 for nonmembers and \$8 for members through December 13th; \$12 and \$10 thereafter).

9 News Parade of Lights in downtown Denver, Friday, November 30th, at 8 p.m., and Saturday, December 1st, at 6 p.m. Spectator viewing for this popular parade is free all along the two-mile route, which goes along 17th St. and then 15th St. between Tremont and Arapahoe. Ticketed grandstand seating is also available. Get more details at <http://www.9news.com/life/seasonal/holiday/>

Denver Zoo Lights with 38 acres of lights including animated animal sculptures that swing through trees, jump across lawns, hide in bushes, and appear in places where they're least expected. Open every night from November 30th through January 2nd, from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Zoo admission fees apply.

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