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## MONTHLY BEACHSIDE CHAT

Congratulations! The Owners of Crystal Shores West met on November 11<sup>th</sup> with enough in attendance and having sent proxies so that a quorum of 64.85% was established. This is the third quorum of the Association since the first in 2006 and the second in 2014.

Of considerable interest was the (TKE) Thyssen-Krupp Elevator's presentation. This is summarized in the minutes for the meeting, published on the official Association website, maintained by Young's Suncoast, or from my office. Our elevator situation is somewhat unique. While all coastal elevators (and everything else) suffer rust and corrosion in a marine environment, our elevators have taken a beating unlike most. The timing of the project was determined by the urgency to avoid the liability of a system that otherwise could very likely become unsafe to operate within a couple of years. We will finish it in two stages, this winter and next fall. We have also purchased a stock of the parts that are more difficult to obtain so that in the event of a breakdown of the operating elevator, service can be restored by the local technician as quickly as possible.

The other big simultaneous project is the long planned restoration of our building envelope. The girl is getting new sealants, better panels, and a fresh coat of paint! Sure, she looks good, but she overdue for a makeover, and needs one to prevent water intrusion.

We've gone to LED lighting in the parking lot and hope this will cut down on any outages as well as the electricity bill! Other improvements coming soon include vinyl privacy fencing under the ramp and erecting new sand fences on the dunes. More news coming in December once the projects are underway!

Warm regards!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Gardner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "G".

Robert W. Gardner  
Property Manager