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North Bay Village Building Officials deem Majestic Isle Condominium not safe for occupancy and orders residents to evacuate by April 25th

North Bay Village, FL – Village officials received a letter late Wednesday night, April 19th, from a building engineer retained by the Majestic Isle Condominium Association to perform a building recertification at 7946 East Drive, the Majestic Isle Condominium. The official inspected the property on April 14th in anticipation of the required 60-year building certification. A recent leak from a roof drain caused a partial ceiling collapse last week, and residents from five units were evacuated.

The building engineer shared a report raising serious concerns with the current conditions of the building, citing sagging floors and termite damage. North Bay Village officials went door-to-door notifying residents that the building has been deemed structurally unsafe and will require all residents to be evacuated by Tuesday, April 25th before 10:00 AM.

The Majestic Isle Condominium was built in 1960 and has 36 units total and just about 55 residents. Due to last week's flooding causing a partial ceiling collapse in several units, only 31 units are occupied at this time. Residents will be allowed back inside at a later date for a complete move out. North Bay Village Police Department will be monitoring the move out and will conduct it in a staggered fashion, allowing only a few units per day, with light loads.

Village officials and Majestic Isle board members will be holding an emergency meeting in the parking lot of 7946 East Drive on Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 P.M. The Village has reached out to multiple agencies for assistance and will have representatives from the Miami-Dade County Office of Housing Advocacy and the Homeless Trust present to assist displaced families.

"North Bay Village and the community are stepping up to help displaced residents until they can come back home," said North Bay Village Mayor Brent Latham. "We are here for the affected residents for as long as they need us, to help see them through this difficult time."

The Village is also offering help to families through a Village fund that will accept donations for families who are displaced.

North Bay Village is leading the way in environmental stewardship, we are uniquely positioned geographically and philosophically to tackle environmental issues facing our region. NBV is on the frontlines of sea level rise and climate resilience is a survival issue for us, not just a talking point. The Village received the Master Plan of the Year Award by the countywide and statewide chapters of the American Planning Association in 2021. Our NBV100 Plan focuses on proactive measures addressing climate change and embracing the waterfront.