

Fisher Island Community Association Announcement

CONTRACTOR AND VENDOR TRAFFIC ON FERRY BOATS AND BARGES

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What? 600 Commercial Cars and Trucks are coming across to the island every day, about 12,000 a month! From the Port, and from MacArthur Ferry Terminal. They are jamming up parking all over the island.

As many of you know, most Condominium Associations on Fisher Island require that apartment renovation construction be stopped on either November 1st, November 15th, or November 21st. As a consequence, every year, between October 1st and November 21st, we have enormous volumes of contractors and vendors coming to the island.

Presently, we are having 340 vehicles a day coming to the island on the barge from the Port of Miami. Simultaneously, we have more than 260 "vendors" a day coming in to the Ferry Terminal on MacArthur Causeway, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Why does this happen? Many return to the island and need repairs, walls painted, deep your Condominium Association Board of Directors; NOT FICA. The net result is that October-November construction crunch time causes every single barge (we are operating 4 simultaneously, are full 8 hours each day, with lines waiting.) We do not have the capacity to run more than 4 barges.

How can I help? Schedule your work to start on the first day of the Low Season at the end of April. Require your contractors to have all permits before that time. Tell your Condominium Association Boards that 2 hours of undefined "noisy work" is not sufficient, that it causes huge overtime and rush costs for you, that it increases the cost of the Transportation System, that it sometimes means that work that could be done in one season has to become two low seasons.

When? Tell them now, while it's on your mind.

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