

Ladies, Your Room is Ready
(Guys, yours is too)
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Thirty years of service to the Laguna Woods Towers has enabled Ed Presley (Building Engineering Supervisor) to be creative in ways he may never have imagined. His latest bit of design magic has turned the second floor restrooms and landing into dramatic salons and loft area.

The newly remodeled lavatories are a flawless meld of color and style. Upon first entering, your eye is immediately drawn to the postage stamp sized tiles circling the room. These small tiles, the color of heavily creamed coffee, twinkle with randomly placed translucent glass tiles of the same size. As you widen your gaze you detect a subtle difference in color on the large ceramic tiles covering the floor and lower wall, the tone on tone swirling grays float together almost unnoticed in their simplicity. The dark slate ceiling and backsplash highlight the brushed nickel of the vanity mirror frame and leads your eye directly to the black stippled stall doors. Nestled in the far corner, below a lighted drop ceiling, the granite countertop and brushed nickel faucet gleam. Pulling the whole look together is the putty colored upper wall, seamlessly blending the various grays, beiges, browns and blacks.

Directly outside and overlooking the Crystal Room is the loft area. The cozy shades of red and brown in this area are sure to be a hit with residents. With comfy couches and chairs for reading it will become a favorite of the many bookworms around the building. For those people watchers, imagine a bird's eye view on Italian night. It could be the best seat in the house to enjoy a singer strolling and serenading the diners.

Ed Presley is a unassuming guy, and he is quick to add that it is the whole maintenance team working together to create these wonderful spaces, and that once in a while, in the course of their daily duties to keep the Towers structurally safe and sound, they get to pretty it up a bit.