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Park decorating photos by Barb Goodman

**Board of Directors  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Jim Buysse**

Becky and I would like to wish you all a healthy and Merry Christmas, and a prosperous and joyful New Year! May God bless us all.

I would like to thank the 236 shareholders who exercised their shareholder rights and voted on the Bylaws amendments. It's too bad that there were 164 shareholders who didn't express their voice in the paradise that they own and live in. It's almost impossible for Ocean Resorts Co-op to efficiently operate when shareholders don't exercise their right to vote.

As always, take care of yourselves and each other.

## MANAGER'S REPORT by Donna Perez

I hope all is well and everyone has had a great start to the Holiday Season. Things have been busy here at Ocean Resorts.

Many committees have reunited and have been holding events. It is great to see so many of you out enjoying the activities that our wonderful committees put on. You can find a copy of the activities at the Post Office (and on our website, [oceanresortscopinc.org](http://oceanresortscopinc.org))

The Marina is almost full and larger boats are on a waiting list at this time. In order to get a slip, you must go through the office and have all the proper documentation filled out. The office will contact the dock master for a slip assignment. A friendly reminder that boat slips are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. A new kayak rack is in the process of being rebuilt as the old one was broken and in deteriorating condition.

Many of you that have returned home for the season have changed your address with USPS; please let the office know to change your address internally as well. There have been some recent changes with the Postal System and anyone doing a change of address must verify their identity. Anytime you get a key

in your mailbox for one of our parcel lockers, please ensure you leave the key in the larger parcel box when retrieving your package.

Just a few friendly reminders:

\*Please be considerate of your neighbors; quiet hours are between the hours of 10pm and 7am.

\* Pets are to be on a leash of 6 feet or less at all times when outside and are not permitted in common areas unless they are a service animal. It is the responsibility of the owner to clean up after their pet. There are dog stations throughout the Co-Op. Please use them and "Scoop your dog's Poop".

\* The speed limit in the park is 10 mph at all times. Please be vigilant while driving through the park. We have a lot of young children playing and enjoying the outdoors; let's keep them safe in their community.

Lastly, in a world of chaos, let's all remember to be kind to our staff, fellow shareholders and board. At times we may disagree or interpret things differently, but that's what makes us human.

I hope all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE by Donna Comolli

**New Year's Festivities** -  
Happy Hour at the Pavilion,  
Sunday, December 31st from  
6-8 pm. BYOB and snacks/

appetizers. After Happy Hour, go to the beach for our outstanding Bonfire and Fireworks afterwards! It gets better every year! Good time to bring in the New Year!

Our **WESTERN DANCE** will be SUNDAY, January 28th from 4-8 pm, with the fabulous Whiskey Six playing!! Menu includes beef hot dogs, homemade baked beans & coleslaw, sauerkraut and desserts. Break out your cowboy boots & hats and join the fun!



**A BIG THANKS** to Cibby G. and Tassy D. for re-painting our street sign to be replaced soon at the entrance of Angelfish.



## MEET TRAVIS MERRITT

by Kathy Jankovic

As snowbirds return to Ocean Resorts, they will find a staff change. You will find that all the positive things you have heard through the OR grapevine are really true. Travis Merritt is OR's new maintenance man, joining us July 25, 2023. Travis discovered OR through staff member Kim Freeman. He has extensive experiences at other nearby complexes, working at Grand Isle, Islandia on the South Island, and at a 50-unit housing unit in Vero Beach. Travis also has construction experience. He enjoys finding solutions to repair and fix whatever needs to be done. His golf cart is well equipped with the tools he needs to be efficient and effective. He said it's better to have everything you need so you don't waste time going back and forth for tools.

Travis said he's liked everything he's done so far. He appreciates when residents let him know something needs to be fixed, especially about the street lights since he's rarely here at night. He has a to-do list clipped to his golf cart. Please remember to give Travis at least 24 hours to complete tasks. Sometimes parts need to be ordered or emergencies take priority. He has discovered that he likes working at a community like ours because of the flexibility he has to complete his tasks.

Travis is a Indiana native, hailing from Fort Wayne. He moved to Florida in 2001. His 3 adult children have completed their education so they're all out on their own. Travis' mom is in the area so he's able to spend time with her too. Travis' pride and joy is Smokey, a 7-year old mix of pure bulldog and French bulldog. Travis likes to spend his free time anywhere near the water. He fishes, snorkels and scuba dives. You can also find him riding his Harley.

Travis likes anything on his pizza except "dead fish". That means "hold the anchovies"! His favorite comfort food is a grilled cheese sandwich. He's not a coffee drinker, preferring chocolate milk with breakfast.

One of the things a lot of people have wondered about Travis is why he rides in the golf cart with one leg hanging out. He informed me that this is a common trait for most maintenance men. His main reasons are that it's more efficient to pick up debris and it saves time. His other reason made me laugh. It keeps him cooler when the breeze travels up his shorts in the hot weather. Bet you didn't know that the real reason was really about free air conditioning!

When you see Travis welcome him to the Ocean Resorts community.



## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Sue Ertel

Happy Holidays from The Activities Committee. A few weeks ago, we hosted our first event of the season - Thanksgiving dinner for about 70 attendees. Along with many delicious side dishes that were brought by everyone, about 70 pounds of turkey was served. Thank you to all the volunteers that planned and worked this event.



December events: The Ladies Holiday luncheon was hosted on December 14th, the Santa "Meet and Greet" will be on December 21st, and the Christmas Brunch on December 25th. Keep watch for sign-up sheets in the Post Office.

January events: Wine-Paring on January 5th, Corn hole Tournament and Chili Bowl on January 12th and the (first) Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast on January 17th. Keep watch for tickets being sold at the Post Office.

Also in January, we will be having a Craft Show and Flea Market on January 17th. Tables can be rented for \$5.00. Watch for information flyers on the bulletin boards at the end of December. This was very popular last year, so don't delay in renting your table.

Hope to see everybody at all our events. If you are interested in joining our Committee, the next meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Tuesday, January 2nd at 1:00. Everyone (owners and renters) are welcome. It takes a lot of volunteers to host these events.



## LET'S EAT OUT by Karen Wroblewski

An old favorite of ours for about 20 years is **NINO'S**. Now you say, "there are 3 Nino's".....why Nino's in Lakewood Park? Well, not to mention there is plenty of parking available, and some outside dining, but the wonderful aroma will knock your socks off when you enter the restaurant. Jack, the owner, will usually be around to greet the customers.

On Monday, you can dine on a large ½ off pizza, a great value. Or enjoy a wide variety of Italian dishes. We especially like to go there for the early bird dining. Get there and place your order before 6PM from the early bird menu and enjoy salad, garlic knots, tea, and your entrée for \$14.00. Such a deal in our current economy. One of our group's favorites on this menu is the Mahi Parmigiana. Yum!!

I wanted to mention that Nino's has some Gluten Free dining options as well. Beer and wine are also served. One of the best options is the free Garlic Knots that come along with your dining selection. They are the best ever. And last but not least are the variety of sauces that you can order: white clam sauce, pomodoro sauce, marinara, red clam sauce, and meat sauce. When we head north, Nino's Lakewood Park is the place we miss the most for our Italian meals. However, they do serve burgers, sandwiches, and a variety of appetizers and salads.

**Nino's (Lakewood Park)** 5018 Turnpike Feeder Rd Fort Pierce, FL 772-466-7644  
(Indrio Road/Kings Highway area). M-F Hours 11am-9pm Sat 4pm-9pm. Sun 12pm-9pm

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by Lisa Kasarack

As you enter/exit Ocean Resorts and make your way down Angelfish, it looks so nice and festive! Many thanks to Donna Comolli and Mary Dombro for spearheading the efforts to decorate our common areas and to welcome everyone at Light-up Night. The help from all of the folks who turned out to assist is SO GREATLY appreciated! Working together as a community certainly helps to spread the essence of the holidays and to build a sense of belonging in our neighborhood.



For those of you who are new to Ocean Resorts, or are unfamiliar with the mission of this committee:



The Beautification Committee was established to enhance the overall appearance of the Ocean Resorts Community many years ago. Through our annual Chicken BBQ dinner fundraiser, this committee has purchased plants, trees, and flowers in the common area of the park. The committee takes on the responsibility of maintaining the plants in the flower boxes and pots located in various common areas. Other purchases and donations have been made to contribute to the comfort of the residents as well. Membership is open to ALL residents, whether a shareholder or valued guest.



Looking forward to January and February, the Beautification Committee will be holding the first meeting of "the season" during the week of January 8-12. Please watch for exact details on the bulletin boards at the Post Office and comfort stations after the first of the year. I look forward to getting together with friends from previous years and making new friends this year!



Photos by Elizabeth Flaherty and Barb Harding



### LADIES 2023 HOLIDAY LUNCH by Kathy Jankovic

There were 40 women gathered at the clubhouse on December 14 for the annual Ladies Holiday luncheon sponsored by the Activities Committee. As always, the food everyone brought to share was delicious and everyone said they ate too much. Of course we all saved room for dessert! Husbands were going to be on their own for dinner!!

Besides their given name, an elf name was on everyone's name tag. The funny names put a smile on everyone's face. The Legend of the Pickle, a new game, was also introduced. The first person to find an artificial pickle hidden in the Christmas tree gets to choose the first gift. There was a raffle for the centerpieces and gift bags on the tables, while there were numerous jars of candy given away to the people who guessed the number inside. Two "Guess the Christmas Carols" games were played. Our last game was "Find Someone Who...". The game's purpose is to have everyone get up and moving after eating, burning all those calories ingested. More importantly, everyone introduced themselves to people they didn't know. It was a way to meet new friends or discover something one didn't know about their current friends.

The spirit of the holidays was alive when everyone helped to put the clubhouse back in order. Chairs and tables were put away, dishes and utensils were washed and leftovers were offered to share. All of Santa's elves worked together embracing cooperation and good will towards women!



Photos by Barb Goodman



## **BOCCE by Marie LeClair**

The Bocce Ball sign up sheet will be in the post office by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Our season starts January 16 and ends March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our days have changed to Tuesday and Thursday so not to interfere with other activities in the park. We will also be looking for substitute players.

This year Marie LeClair is chair, with Tassy Davis as co-chair. We are planning a clinic on January 11 at 10 am for those who want to learn the game or to practice their skills.

We have two bags with sets of balls at the bocce court for anyone who wishes to practice. The only thing missing is a measuring tape which Marie LeClair has if anyone wishes to borrow it.

Marie LeClair 772-332-9280

Tassy Davis 317-716-5492

## **MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder**

Everyone who enters your life has a lesson to teach and a story to tell. Every person you pass during the moments of your day represent an opportunity to show a little more of the compassion and courtesy that define your humanity. Why not start by being more of the good person you truly are.

Try a few of the ideas below to get started:

1. Compliment three people a day.
2. Be the first to say hello.
3. Treat everyone as you want to be treated.
4. Be kinder then necessary.
5. Learn to show cheerfulness even when you don't feel it.
6. Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

Have a joyous and peaceful holiday season.

## **THE JOY OF READING by Nancy Wilder**

A neighbor approached me with an OR library story. It seems she encountered a couple of children looking at books in the library. We have a children's section on the right side which is kept neat and organized by Cathy Moon, as well, the rest of the library. (And I'm sure we could use donations of kid's books in good condition.) It seems the children were concerned about bringing books home. We all live in small spaces here with little room for extras. My friend suggested we designate a little reading area at one of our benches. A bench, and there are several, to sit and page through a book. A place to read a book to a little sibling. A BOOK BENCH! All we need is a sign to invite folks. It could be the bench outside the library or on the green.



I have seen more children at OR this season and I love that. What about a story hour or a reading group? Why not a kid's book group? When my children were small, we had thirty minutes mandatory reading a day. I didn't care what they read. My sons sometimes read comics, my daughter read animal stories. They were building a habit, a habit of reading. Today, my younger son, Patrick, reads more then me, both fiction and non fiction. Karen loves the bestsellers and Bill is strictly non-fiction. They have all introduced me to great books.

Lets see if we can gather as a community and instill, and encourage, the Joy of Reading in our young neighbors



## COURTS COMMITTEE

Welcome back to the 2024 Season. We are very excited to see everyone and get back to some OR Court's Tennis and Pickle Ball.

For those of you no longer able to play, we will certainly miss you on the court. But we hope you will come by and offer us your expertise. We value your experience and enjoy your company.

If you haven't heard, we now have lines on the courts for Pickle Ball. Although they are light in color, if you brush the sand off, they work just fine.

As usual, we will have a busy schedule. Please contact the person who set up the schedule for your group and let them know your preference. We will be starting the season with the schedule we ended with last year, and we will adjust as needed. Contacts for scheduling are Wanda and Margaret for Pickleball, Cathy Moon for ladies AM, Kathy Smolarek for Ladies PM and Marie Glover for Men's.

### Tournament Dates:

Jan. 20/21 Tennis Mixed Doubles; Directors - Dave C. And Ken C.

Feb. 3/4 Pickle Ball Mixed Doubles; Directors - Margaret T. And Wanda K,

Feb. 16/17 Tennis Red and Blue; Directors - Pat B. And Kathy S.

March 2/3 Pickle Ball Mixed; Directors - Margaret T. And Wanda K.

March 9/10 Tennis Doubles; Directors - Dean and Marie G.

March 16 End of Year Party - At this time WE DO NOT HAVE A VOLUNTEER to chair the end of the year party. Without a chairperson, we may not have this event. It's a great way to say good bye at the end of the season. Grab a friend and become the chairpersons.

We would like to keep everyone involved. A committee meeting will be held soon.

Hello from the Marina,

It should be a great boating season this year. The marina is almost at its boat capacity. Please be courteous and careful while maneuvering and docking your boat and use the end of the south dock or transit docking area for easier boarding of passengers, if needed. Also, please limit your golf carts to one per boating party as the cart parking is very limited.

A new kayak rack is being built at the marina with more storage. Contact the office for kayak rack slip information.

The weather has not been cooperative lately for fishing or boating, with few calm days to get out. Those that were able to fish the river reported plenty of mid-sized jacks and ladyfish.

Pompano were also caught in the river on sand fleas along with a lot of catfish. Nearshore holds plenty of mackerel and snapper and offshore produces some nice dolphin or mahi mahi and kingfish.

The Marina Committee will have a meeting on Jan. 3 at 3:00 pm for anyone and everyone that enjoys the boating lifestyle. Check the bulletin board for the official notice and location.

See you on the water.

Andy Stanish  
Dockmaster



Rick Z.'s trout from March 2022



## Art in the Park 2024 by Kathy Jankovic

Art in the Park a creative craft group that meets on Mondays in the clubhouse from 10:30-12:30, January through March. The schedule is finally set for the upcoming year due to Allison Alvandian's efforts. You can find the event schedule outside at the post office. Projects are easy to learn and leaders make it fun. All residents are welcome. It's not necessary to be "crafty" or "artistic" to attend.

In order to have enough supplies, a sign up sheet is located inside the post office on the clipboard wall. Sessions usually have a limited participant count. If you sign up and are unable to attend please contact the person on the sign up sheet. There is often a wait list. If you're a "no show", that means that somebody else lost their opportunity to participate. The sign up sheet will also tell you if you need to bring supplies. Most sessions are free with supplies provided. A cost, if any is posted. Most costs are covered by the annual March Art in the Park craft show.

The following session leaders are volunteering their talent & time to to lead sessions.

January 8th	Cibby Gardiner - Paint on canvas
January 15th	Kathy Rohe, Valentine key chain
January 22nd	Kim Weich, painting on oyster shells (child friendly activity)
January 29th	Kathy Jankovic - paper flowers in decorative container
February 5th	Donna Comolli - beaded wire memory bracelets
February 12th	Kathy Bechtell - pebble art
February 19th	Christine Unger - decorative pineapple design with corks
February 26th	Debbie Feehan - Caring Hearts charity project
March 4th	Allison Alvandian - sewing Narragansett bags part one
March 11th	Allison Alvandian - sewing Narragansett bags part two
March 18th	Christine Unger - Decorative Decoupage jars
March 25th	Linda Smolarek - Publishing and creation of a book with discussion about the history of Vero Beach

If you have any questions please contact Allison Alvandian at 1-203-887-0290.

### HOW GREEN IS YOUR GARDEN?

By Linda Smolarek

Find the house on Pirate Cove Lane  
with the garden of gnomes  
decorated with a poinsettia!



Progress on the north bridge to our island!!  
More information about the project can be  
found on the Florida Dept. of Transportation  
website:

<https://d4fdot.com>



## **POOL NEWS - Making a Splash by Kathy Jankovic**

The Ocean Resorts pool is one of the most popular amenities in our complex. It's been said it's the best pool on the island. In addition to a great pool cleaning technician there is a group of volunteers who take time to tidy up the pool area.

A special thanks goes to the volunteers who help put up the wind break in early November. Those persons were: Denny Marginet, Bob Obidzinski, Artie and Mary Kearns, Gloria Almedia, Kathy Rohe, Tassy Davis, and John and Nancy Provance. A special shout out goes to Bob Obidzinski who helps keep our pool looking tidy. Every morning after his swim, Bob straightens the blue lounge chairs and the white tables and chairs. He returns errant items to storage bins in addition to tossing any trash that might be left behind. When you see Bob, please tell him thanks.

Lap swimming is scheduled every morning from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Lane lines are stored in the black containers next to the grey container of exercise equipment. If you use the lane lines it is your responsibility to put them up and take them down. If you wish to swim laps at other times, the depth line may be taken down by asking other pool users first. Use good judgment. If the pool is crowded, especially if young children are present, please try another time for your lap swim.

Weather permitting, water exercise class is scheduled from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. daily. If you're looking for a great way to ease sore muscles this is a comfortable start. Nancy Provance leads the class through a series of exercises that work every muscle group. Her assistant leaders are Gloria Almeida, Christiana Arsenault & Kathy Rohe.

You can help this beautiful area of our paradise by cleaning up after yourself. Thanks for returning chairs when you move them. Help keep the area safe by not bringing any breakable items inside the fenced pool area. Broken glass or mug ceramic is not kind to bare feet. If it's very windy, please do not open table umbrellas. When you leave, close the umbrella. It may not be windy when you leave but weather conditions change quickly.

Children under the age of 7 should be under the constant and immediate supervision of a responsible adult. Sunscreen protects your skin better if it is applied 10-15 minutes before you come out in the sunshine. Everyone must shower before entering the pool, even if you have showered before you came to the pool. Showering before you get into chlorinated water keeps skin from drying when it's wet from showering; less chlorine is absorbed into skin. It keeps your skin looking younger when you shower first.

If you see any unsafe conditions or broken equipment please contact the office.



## **YOGA by Nancy Wilder**

**Mark your calendar! Yoga starts twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, on the second week of January.**



**Men's Monday Night Poker will begin on January 8 at 6:30 pm in the Pool Room (back of the office).**

**Vero Beach - January 2024**

**LOCAL EVENTS  
researched by Bill Howe**

- January 2-28      *The Jersey Boys* at the Riverside Theater
- January 3      *Quest for Spanish Treasure: 1715 Fleet's Legacy*, Emerson Center
- January 6      Bark in the Park 10 AM to 5 PM
- January 6      Farmers Market Oceanside 8 am – noon.
- January 6/7      Vero Beach Art and Craft Expo; IR County Fairgrounds
- January 7      Dueling Pianos 4-7 PM Short Twig Bar and Grill
- January 8      Vero Beach Bookies Club - discuss "*Where Angels Fear to Tread*"
- January 19      Third Friday Art Walk at the LoPresti Art Gallery/ Studio
- January 19      Funfest - Fun at the American legion Post #39
- January 20      The Sebastian Riverfront Fine Art and Music Festival
- January 20/21      Barbecue and Bacon Fest, IR County Fairgrounds
- January 20      Farmers Market Oceanside 8 AM to noon
- January 22-28      2024 Vero Beach Intl. Tennis Open; Grand Harbor Golf/Beach Club
- January 26-28      Vero Beach Extravaganza Indian River County Fairgrounds
- January 27      Farmers Market Oceanside 8 AM to noon
- January 27/28      The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweet Tea, Sip and Stroll; Sebastian
- January 28      Art in the Park 8am-4pm– Humiston Beach Park on Ocean Drive



**Fort Pierce - January 2024**

**LOCAL EVENTS  
researched by Bill Howe**

- Jan 3,6,10,13,17,20,24,27,31 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer's Market @ Fort Pierce Marina
- January 5      Friday Fest @ Fort Pierce Marina Square Downtown
- January 6      ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO THE KING: ELVIS Summer Crush Vineyard
- January 6/13      Jazz Society Fort Pierce Craft Music and Jazz On the River (Waterfront)
- January 14      Tribute to Elton John; Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery
- January 20      Jazz Society Fort Pierce Craft Music and Jazz On the River (Waterfront)
- January 20      Vettes in the Vines Corvette/Chevy Car Show; Summer Crush Vineyard
- January 27      Jazz Society Fort Pierce Craft Music and Jazz On the River

**CONTINUING PROGRAMS in Fort Pierce**

- Marine Lecture Series At Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute 772.242.2400
- Sunrise Theater in Ft. Pierce: Go to: [Sunrisetheater.com](http://Sunrisetheater.com) for seasonal ticket information.

Other events/opportunities and fliers are available in the OR Post Office.

**Port St Lucie and Stuart - January**

**LOCAL EVENTS  
researched by Bill Howe**

- January 6 Port Saint Lucie Sports Cards & Collectibles Show;  
Polish American Club
- January 12-14 Stuart Boat Show; Florida Cancer & Research Institute
- January 20/21 Port St. Lucie Art & Craft Expo; MID FLORIDA CU Event
- January 13 Port St. Lucie Premium ABC Wine Tasting Event
- January 13 Paddle South Fork of St. Lucie River
- January 13/14 Port St. Lucie weekend of events & workshops; Scented Dragon
- January 21 Port Saint Lucie Home Show; MidFlorida Credit Union Event
- January 21 Winter Recital 2024 at PSL Botanical Gardens
- January 27 Port St. Lucie Seafood Festival MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Event
- January 27/28 Buckler Craft Fairs; MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Event Center, 9221
- January 27/28 Premier Seafood Festival on the Treasure Coast MIDFLORIDA CU Event
- January 27/28 TRADITION'S WORLD FAIR & STREET PARTY



**MEET SANTA!!**

December 21, 2023 at 4pm in the Pavilion  
Santa will be there to talk with the kids.  
Goodie bags will be distributed  
The sign up sheet is in the Post Office



**NEW YEAR'S EVE ACTIVITIES**

DECEMBER 31, 2023  
HAPPY HOUR 6-8PM @ the Pavilion  
BYOB and an Appetizer to share  
BONFIRE on the Beach after Happy  
Hour  
(Weather permitting)  
FIREWORKS!!!!



Christmas Happy Hour  
Thursday, December 21st  
5-7pm at the Pavilion after Santa's Visit  
BYOB and snacks/appetizers  
ALL ARE WELCOME!!  
Wear your holiday shirts and sweaters!

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**Wine Pairing with Nancy**

Certified Chef and Sommelier  
Friday, January 5, 2024 @ 1:00 in the  
Clubhouse  
\$15.00 per person (limited seating)  
Zucchini Ricotta Tart  
Chocolate Pyramid  
Tickets on sale at the PO Wed., 12/27 and  
Thursday, 12/28 12pm to 2pm.