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Many Christmas events were held during December. **Santa** met with the OR children on Dec. 21 and handed out goodie bags. On the 25th, a **Christmas brunch** with ham and delicious potluck dishes was held in the clubhouse for 26 people. Thank you to Gerry Marcus, Cathy Moon and Nancy Wilder for hosting the brunch sponsored by the Activities Committee (written by Sue Ertel).



FIREWORKS by Mary and John Dombro

New Year's Eve, 2023, proved to be a beautiful evening to light the sky with a colorful firework display. Our son, Ken, left Michigan and stopped in Georgia to purchase a variety of pyrotechnics before he arrived in Florida. Not only are we grateful for our son's willingness to make the purchase, but we are also thankful for the efforts of Evert Eklund, Mike Meredith, and Tom Starr for helping Ken set up the display, light the wicks, and clean up afterwards.

We are amazed, but not surprised, by the generosity of those residing in Ocean Resorts. A fireworks event on New Year's Eve would not be possible without the numerous monetary donations of people residing in our community. How blessed we are to live among charitable and kindhearted people.



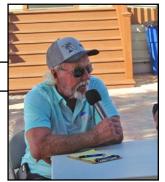




MEET THE CANDIDATES!! DON'T FORGET TO VOTE BY FEBRUARY 3

Photos by Bill Howe







Jim Connors



JB Kavanaugh



Dianne Leveridge



Joe May



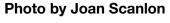
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John Voillmer



Thanks to all who organized and helped with New Year's Eve Happy Hour and Bonfire!!









BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE by Ralph Meyer

The first project for the newly constituted Buildings and Grounds Committee (B&G) was completed after the 2023 hurricane season ended.

The B&G committee was tasked with getting quotes for the cost of replacing the wind curtains that hang over the pavilion openings. Costs were estimated to be around \$9,000 - \$11,000. After examining the curtains and hardware, it was determined that the curtains were structurally in good condition and only needed cleaning and hardware replacement.





The cost for the replacement hardware was approximately \$220, so in May. 2023, B&G's new Chairman Dave Unger, along with Gregg Finkel and Ralph Meyer, removed all curtains. The curtains were then power washed and hand-scrubbed to remove paint overspray from previous pavilion painting. New hardware was replaced on two curtain panels to determine how long it would take to clean and replace. It was also determined that each curtain had to be placed in a particular opening in order to fit.

On November 21, 2023, B&G Co-Chair Tom McCarthy, along with Dan Maroushek, Gregg and Ralph, replaced the rest of the panels with the new hardware and placed each curtain panel into the correct opening and marked each with a number to make for ease in future removal, cleaning and replacing.

The B&G committee hopes to be able to participate in more projects in the future to help keep Ocean Resorts assets maintained and keep our costs down.

WATERCOLOR by Barb Harding

I tried something new in November with 3 Watercolor Classes creating Christmas Cards. The response was terrific and all 3 classes were full with 10 participants. Everyone left the class with 3 cards including envelopes. Various techniques were used to paint whimsical, charming and festive cards. I understand that these cards were sent all across the US and Canada in time for Christmas. I'm looking forward to trying some new ideas for cards in the fall of 2024. Thanks to everyone who participated!



ELLA GRACE by Barb Harding

I'd like to introduce you to Ella Grace. She is 13 years old and she is here at Ocean Resorts for the winter with her family. Mom and Dad, Kate and Jordan, and her younger siblings, Arya (10) and Kai (8) found a site to purchase at 5276 Fourwinds Way in 2021 after renting in OR for several years. They are from the Pickering area of Ontario, Canada.

Ella was 5 years old when she noticed all of the plastic on a beach of Lake Ontario. Even then she was concerned about the impact that this garbage could have on the wildlife. At certain times, when the east wind is blowing, our coasts in Florida can have quite a lot of plastic washing up on the shore. Since Ella has been an environmentalist from such a young age, it is not surprising that she decided that she'd like to do something to help with the situation. Her goal is to



create a system whereby people can get a bucket on their way to the beach to pick up as much garbage as they'd like, dump the garbage in a can at our boardwalk, and leave the bucket in it's stand for the next person to use.

To achieve this goal, she is asking the residents at Ocean Resorts to save their aluminum cans and deliver them to their Fourwind's site where she will crush them and take them to the scrap metal recyclers. They are paid 40¢ per pound for aluminum. Ella estimates that one of the beach clean up stations will cost \$125.00. That translates to 312 pounds of aluminum. To meet that goal Ella needs to collect around 7700 cans. Surely the residents of OR can help with that...LOL!!

Ella enjoys visiting the Loggerhead Marine-life Center in Juno Beach. It is one of Florida's most visited nonprofit scientific destinations which is focused on ocean and sea turtle conservation. They are committed to the rehabilitation of sick and injured sea turtles. Ella's other hobbies include reading, artistic endeavors, including drawing and watercolors, and learning the guitar.

Ella and her siblings are being homeschooled by their parents. This will be perfect as they plan on sailing through the Bahamas the summer of 2024. Ella appreciates any opportunity where she can use her voice and energies towards meeting her goals.

I know you will join me in wishing her well in all of her future plans. If you'd like to follow Ella on her conservation journey, her facebook and instagram are @ellasavestheocean. She also has a 501 c3 Non Profit called "The Clean Up Kids".

Please drop off all donations of aluminum cans at 5276 Fourwinds Way. There is a bin at the pavilion for drop off as well

Good luck Ella!!



GET ORGANIZED!!! by Sheila Delson

In 2005, the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) declared the first month of the new year (January), as "National Get Organized Month." The purpose was to bring public awareness of the benefits of organization and productivity and to inspire folks to use this time to eliminate excess clutter and improve their environments. As a certified professional organizer, I try to 'walk the talk,' and each January I choose a deliberate organizing project to work on throughout the month. The rule is that it can be anything, as long as it promises to support my well-being and/or productivity in the coming months. Because the last two years have been significantly life-changing for me, I decided it is time to shed some "auld acquaintances" and make space for new things in my life. The project I chose

this year is a review and overhaul of my paper file system and initiate an electronic file conversion.

Statistics over the years have proven that paper management is one of the biggest organizing challenges known to modern mankind. It is a force that affects our productivity, our energy, our time, finances, and everyday lives...for better or worse. Please join my quest and empower your New Year 2024 by taking (making) time to review the contents of your own paper stash. Whether you file or pile, January is a great time to purge! Out with the old to make room for the new!

In honor of National Get Organize Month and to inspire and stimulate your own paper management awareness, below are some tips and thoughts to consider when reviewing your current filing system and minimizing paper clutter. LET'S DO THIS!

There are only THREE (3) TYPES of files:

- a. ACTION:
 - a. On-going (bills, calls, appointments, etc.)
 - b. Temporary (projects: reno, research, etc.)
- b. **REFERENCE**: (main file type frequently accessed contracts, receipts, subscriptions, medical records, etc.)
- c. **ARCHIVE**: (rarely accessed old taxes, professional/college transcripts, family history, etc.)
- Before filing anything...ask yourself:
 - o Do I need this now?
 - o Do I need this for my future?
 - o Can I get it somewhere else?
 - o Is it recent enough to be useful?
 - o Any tax or liability implications?
 - o What is the worst thing that could happen if I toss it?

Ocean Resorts Shred-A-Thon - Jan. 31, 2024 - FREE!!

Gather your purged paper files and join me at the Post Office on Wednesday, January 31^{st,} and securely dispose of confidential documents. A truck-mounted shredding unit will be available at NO CHARGE for up to one grocery bag or banker box per household. Time will be posted at that Post Office one week prior. For questions or more information, please call me at 914-475-0706.

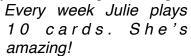
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Sue Ertel



BINGO started on the first Tuesday of January with 42 people attending. Halfway through the night Dan Luce burst into the clubhouse and suggested that everyone go home because of a tornado warning. He sure knew how to clear out a room! Sixty-four dollars will be moved over to next week's winnings. \$27.50 was won from The Pickle Jar. Thank you to Barb Connors for chairing this weekly event. She is always looking for more volunteers.

Kathy Jankovic added that Lynne Dagg and Sheila Delson were 'in

training' this evening also! And Julie Culmoletti, daughter of James Kalk, won the holdover pickle jar on a regular bingo.





Photos by Kathy Jankovic

January began with our very popular **Wine Pairing event**. Our resident chef, Nancy Clement, served delicious tastings of different wines, a Zucchini Ricotta Tart and a Chocolate Pyramid. Fifty people attended. We will be having a second Pairing in March. This event is so popular that tickets usually sell out on the first day! Thank you to Barb Harding for chairing this event.



On January 12, we hosted our annual **Chili Bowl Lunch** in conjunction with the **Corn hole Tournament.** 105 bowls of Chili and corn muffins were served and 32 teams signed up for the tournament.







Photos by Kathy Jankovic and Jan Sheehan



Photos by Wanda Kavanaugh

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE continued:



Our final January event on the 17th of the month was our first Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast in conjunction with the annual Flea and Craft Market. Tables were rented for \$5.00. The Activities Committee purchased 2 new grills this month for this month.

Photos by Barb Harding



Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6 at 1:00. New members are always welcome. It takes many volunteers to run these events. Hope to see you there!



Photo taken by Barb Goodman (2023)

BOCCE is off and running. We are playing every Tuesday and Thursday for the next 9 weeks. We have 22 teams with four people on each team, along with a list of substitutes. This is one of our strongest turn outs in years for bocce. We have many veteran players and teams, and several new residents are playing as well.

This should be a very interesting season for bocce. If you would like to be a substitute, add your name to the list on the board at the bocce courts.

Any questions? Call Marie LeClair 772-332-9280 or Tassy Davis 317-716-



MAHJONG - Rain or shine!!! Photo by Elizabeth Flaherty



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by Lisa Kasarack

How nice it is to see the park full of smiling faces! Hopefully many of you were here to see the festive lights and holiday lights. Many thanks to Donna Comolli, the many volunteers, and Travis for your efforts in making our entryway and main island areas look so warm and welcoming. Thank you to Mary Dombro as well for hosting

Light-Up Night festivities!

Photos by Barb Goodman

For those of you new to Ocean Resorts, the Beautification Committee was established to enhance the overall appearance of our lovely community. As you stroll through the park, you most likely enjoy the lovely planters, window boxes, and occasional garden statues. The Beautification Committee oversees the purchase, planting, and care of these items. Additionally, umbrellas, chairs, tables, and other assorted items have been added to the park through funds raised by this committee as well as our other committees. Being an active resident is a great way to help support our community!





Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7 @ 10 A.M.. We will meet on the Club House deck. ALL are welcome-both shareholders and valued guests.

Mark your calendars to attend the **Annual Chicken BBQ** on Saturday, February 24, from 3 P.M. til 7 P.M.. In addition to feasting on a delicious meal of a half chicken, baked beans, potato salad, and scrumptious desserts, wear your dancing shoes! The talented and fun **Sophisticats** will be entertaining us as they share

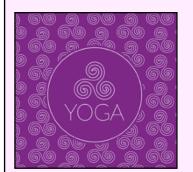
their music throughout the event. The ticket price is set at \$15.00 for this BYOB event. Ticket sales will be held at the Post Office for the week prior—watch for signs that will be posted throughout the park. We hope that we can count on many of you to volunteer to bake desserts, help to set-up/clean-up, serve, and help at the BBQ pit!



OCEAN RESORTS STREET SIGN

You may remember the picture of Cibby G. And Tassy D. from the December issue. They were in the maintenance shop where they spent many hours repainting the street sign that is seen as soon as you enter our community. The sign is finished and looks fantastic!!!

THANKS AGAIN Cibby and Tassy!!!



YOGA by Nancy Wilder

Yoga is off to a busy start. Due to conflicts in schedule, we decided to try yoga once a week. That quickly changed back to bi-weekly. We are aiming for a 10:30 to 11:30 class Tuesdays and Thursdays. A later starting time allows the pool people to dry off and change before joining us.

We are a busy community and the club house is in high demand. Sometimes we do yoga to the smell of chili and/or other yummies, wafting

through the hall. There have been repair men checking under ceiling panels and people in and out of the restrooms, but we continue. One of the goals of yoga is to be totally involved in the postures and our breathing. Inner focus will block out distractions. Rather then a challenge to serenity, I look at the surrounding activities as the sounds of life. It's like a "white noise". I hear it and see it but I file it away and return to looking inward. It's going to be a wonderful season at Ocean Resorts. Happy New Year to all.

HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



1ST PLACE - John and Nancy Provance
Photos by Nancy Provance

2nd Place -Ken Klas and Pat Tumanic



Photos by Cibby Gardiner



3rd Place - Gary and Pam Reyer



Do you like to knit, crochet or sew? We are a group who makes hats and blankets (also fleece blankets) for preemies and babies at Lawnwood Hospital. We meet Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30 in the clubhouse.

For more information, call Debbie F. at (419)414-7092

COURTS COMMITTEE

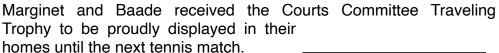
MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT (Article and winners' photos by Bill Howe) — Saturday and Sunday (Jan 20-21) at Ocean Resorts, the 2024 Mixed Doubles Tennis tournament took place with 32 players taking part. The semi-finals and finals took place on Sunday

afternoon.

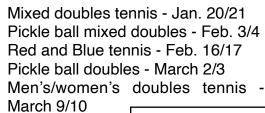


The winners of the tournament for 2024 were Denny Marginet and Pat

Baade. The runners up in a very close contest were Gary Gardiner and Tanya Mc Kewon.



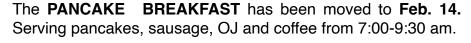




And it was C-O-L-D!!



Photo by Cibby



Meditation by Nancy Wilder



As a mother, grandmother, partner, neighbor and more, I strive to speak mindfully. Despite having wonderful, devoted family and friends, they sometimes perplex me. At times, their decisions, attitudes, and language can be profoundly different from me. But I love them all, so I practice the pause.

- Pause before judging.
- Pause before assuming.
- Pause before accusing.
- · Pause when you are about to react harshly (and you will avoid doing and saying things you may regret later).

And during these pauses, take the time for a few deep, belly breaths. It will refresh the body and clear the head. Give this a try and have a calm, happy, healthy New Year.





COBB'S LANDING by Karen Wrobewleski

Today, I'd like to revisit an old standby; a restaurant we had not visited for over ten years. To us it was nothing special back in the day, but can you believe we have visited Cobb's Landing three times in the past two weeks!!!

Not only is the food fantastic, but the ambiance has improved so much with the thatched roof and the close location to the Fort Pierce Marina.

On one visit I tried the Macy's Fish Dip and the Lobster and Crab Bisque. It was so good. Roger and I then shared the Black Grouper. On another visit Roger tried the Seafood Gumbo. The flavor was outstanding, he said, not even having to add Crystal Hot Sauce. This is high praise from him.

Today for lunch I had a burger, and I ate the whole thing. It was juicy and delicious. Not dry at all and cooked perfectly. Roger tried the Coconut Shrimp Cobb Salad. This dish will be ordered again in the future.

In the evenings there is a variety of music with talented singers. I think we've found a new favorite spot to dine in Fort Pierce.

COBB'S LANDING 200 N. Indian River Dr. Fort Pierce, Fl 34950

Hours: 11 am-10 pm. Sunday hours: 11 am-9 pm

MARINA COMMITTEE by Andy Stanish, Dockmaster

Thank you to all the Marina Spaghetti Dinner Volunteers and participants who made this event a fun success (see story and photos on the next page.)

The Ocean Resorts Fishing Tournament starts February 15 and ends March 15 with an awards ceremony and hotdog roast with free beer!!! There are over 20 fish categories to win a prize and bragging rights for the year. It's only a \$15 donation to the Marina Committee to enter the tournament. You don't need to fish from a boat; many winning categories are caught right from shore or the docks. Register by contacting Gregg Finkel at 863 532-5012.



Look for the new Ocean Resorts Marina T-Shirt available for purchase in both short or long sleeves. It's moisture wicking UPF 50 polyester construction. The design was inspired by the marina's green underwater light

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when our world class snook swim over it.

Come to the marina at night or sunrise to see these amazing sport fish for yourself. Walk the dock softly at sunrise and carefully look under the docks and boats for the best chance to spot a true trophy snook!

MARINA COMMITTEE (continued). Fishing should be good this month between the windy cold fronts. There should be plenty of mackerel, snapper, bluefish and pompano near shore, and the kingfish, sailfish and dolphin offshore. The inshore river fishing has picked up with sea trout, black drum and snook. Mackerel, bluefish and pompano have also migrated into the river.

On Thursday, January 18th, the Marina Committee held its annual **spaghetti dinner**. Over 165 residents and guests attended. Takeout was popular this year with 45 dinners packed up to go.

We would like to thank the volunteers for all their hard work and for making it a success. The Marina Spaghetti Dinner Committee, Sharon McSweeny, Chair











ART IN THE PARK - Something to Do When It Rains by Kathy Jankovic

Art in the Park 2024 began in January. The schedule is posted inside and outside the post office. There is a sign up sheet for all sessions at the clipboard area on the north wall of the post office.

Please include your phone number when you sign up.

Cibby's painting session will be rescheduled before March. Those who signed up will be contacted. If you aren't in the directory your phone number is the only way to let you know about changes.

Since most sessions have a limited number of spaces it is very important that you call the leader (name posted on sign up sheet) or Allison (1-203-887-0287) or Kathy (1-312-350-5298) if you are unable to attend. This makes it possible for someone on the wait list to participate. Supplies need to be purchased ahead so they are available to use. We've tried hard to make it easy so you don't need to bring supplies. Unfortunately because there have been several NO SHOW, NO CALL a fee will be charged if you can't be replaced. Sometimes

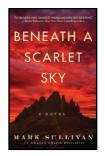


things change and we realize things happen. Please extend courtesy and call if you are unable to attend.

The annual Art in the Park Craft Show will be held in the Clubhouse on March 10. Details will be posted. Your support of the raffle makes it possible to make most of our sessions free of charge.

THE JOY OF READING by Nancy Wilder

Maybe this month should be "Books I almost didn't read". I skipped around in my reading last month. Started several books, read the suggested one hundred pages and closed them up. Sometimes you are just not in the mood for a certain type of book. It's just not the right time.



Our book group just finished "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan. I was given the book several years ago and just couldn't settle into it. When I finally read it, I loved it. It's now one of my favorite books. Set in Milan and the Swiss Alps during the second world war, it's a coming of age story of an extraordinary young man. I highly recommend it.

"Water for Elephants" by Sara Guen, is another book that required several starts. It's a memoir of an old man, about love and his life with the circus. It's a beautiful story and I regret it took me so long to finally

read. Another book I'm pleased to recommend.

So my message is this, it's ok not to like a book. Don't force yourself on a book, but do give the hundred page test. If it hasn't caught you by then, put it down. Life is short, there are lots of books. Just keep reading something. And maybe, like me, you will find those books later and love them. Happy New Year!

VERO BEACH EVENTS

COMPILED BY BILL HOWE

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Feb 1	Birding Tour at Lagoon Greenway 7:00 am
Feb 2	1st Friday Art Gallery Stroll 5 PM @ Historic Downtown Arts District
Feb 2	Concerts in the Park at Riverview Park in Sebastian 5:30 pm
Feb 3,10,17,	24 Beach Farmers Market 8:00 am on Ocean Drive
Feb 3	HALOs Spaghetti Festival 10:00 am old school grounds.
Feb 5	Distinguished Lecturer Series 4:00 PM at Riverside Theater
Feb 6	A Glimpse of the Florida Wilderness 7:00PM Emmerson Center
Feb 7	Ocean Science Lecture Series 4:00PM @ FAU Harbor Branch
Feb 10	Birding Tour at Bee Gum Point Preserve 7:00am
Feb 10	Exploring Florida Aquaculture 9:00 am FAU Harbor Branch
Feb 10	Pelican Island Audubon Society: Adult Intro to Birding Class 9:00
Feb 10	Waldo's Secret Art Walk 11:00 am @ Waldo's Secret Garden
Feb 11	Dave DeLuca: The Crooner 5:45 PM @ Brackett Library.
Feb 14	Conservation Tour at Bee Gum Point Preserve 10:00
Feb 14	Ocean Science Lecture Series 4:00PM @ FAU Harbor Branch
Feb 18	Art in the Park 10:00 am Humiston Park
Feb 20	Conservation Tour at Toni Robinson Waterfront Trail 10:00a
Feb 21	Ocean Science Lecture Series 4:00PM @ FAU Harbor Branch
Feb 23-25	Ballet VB in "Balanchine, Graham Wheeldon 7:30pm @ VB HS
Feb 24-25	VB Blues Festival Indian River County Fair Grounds all day
Feb 25	Art in the park 10:00 am @ Humiston Park
Feb 27	Enchanting Encounters with Marine Mammals @ Emerson Center
Feb 28	Ocean Science Lecture Series 4:00PM @ FAU Harbor Branch

FORT PIERCE EVENTS

Feb 29

Sunrise Theater- All month: Go to https://sunrisetheater.com

Birding Tour at Lagoon Greenway 7:00 am

February 3,10,17,24 Farmers Market at the Fort Pierce Marina- 9:00 am to noon

Feb 3 The John B Flea Market- all day downtown Ft. Pierce. Feb 7 Ferrera Ocean Science Lecture Series 4:30-5:30 pm Feb 10 Beers and Gears Car Show Islamorada Brewery and Distillery Feb 11 Cool Breeze Brewery Peacock Arts and Crafts fair Feb 14 Valentines Day Wedding in the Garden Heathcote Bot. Garden Feb 14 Ferrera Ocean Science Lecture Series 4:30-5:30 pm Feb 21: Ferrera Ocean Science Lecture Series 4:30-5:30 pm Feb 23: St Lucie County Fair, Fairgrounds Ft Pierce.

Ferrera Ocean Science Lecture Series 4:30-5:30 pm

PORT ST LUCIE EVENTS

Feb 28:

Feb 1-4 Cirque Italia Water Circus, Clover Park Port St Lucie Spring Training baseball games. Call 772 871-5476 Feb 24-28

> Houston Astros V NY Mets Miami Marlins v NY Nets St Louis Cardinals v NY Mets

NY Yankees v NY Mets





OR PETS by Nancy Wilder

Not my usual article, but this is a shoutout to all dog-owning Ocean Resorts owners and renters. One of my great joys is a morning and afternoon walk with my wonderful, incredible DixieRose. We usually head towards the post office, the unofficial dog meet and greet area. The people chat, the dogs mingle and perhaps get a treat from one of the "cookie ladies". Recent conversations have been about dog poop, and the frequent sightings around Ocean Resorts. Some of our neighbors are kind enough to clean up droppings despite it not being from their dog. This should not have to happen. We have many "poop stations" with bags and disposal bins. Not picking up after your

dog is disrespectful to our neighbors and our community. I encourage responsible dog owners to keep an eye out for the perpetrators. We should hold ourselves, all of us, to a high standard of dog care and community responsibility. To the guilty dog owners, start picking up. The "poop patrol" will be on the lookout!

Editor's Note: Ed Santa's sister, Romaine, shared an article with me from the Walla Walla Veterinary Medical Center. It contained 4 important facts about dog poop: 1) Dog poop is classified as a pollutant by the EPA; 2) Intestinal parasites from dog poop can be transmitted to people and other pets; 3) Bacteria can be found in your dog's stool; and 4) Parvovirus can easily infect other dogs. All of these can be contained by picking up your dog's poop and depositing it in the appropriate containers.





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Workshop to review Rules and Regulations Wednesday, January 24,2024 2 PM at the Pavilion ALL are welcome!

A BIG THANKS to everyone who helped gather and report information for this newsletter. Since some of the staff were not on site, including the editor, it is difficult to obtain articles and photos. But so many people stepped up and helped out, providing a lot of what you see in this issue.

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