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AS WE BEGIN THE JOURNEY BACK TO “PARADISE” - Article by Jim Thorpe

It's that time of year that we, “**THE SNOW BIRDS**” as we are known, start packing up our vehicles to head back to Ocean Resorts and begin a new season in our paradise.

Let's remember a few things:

- During the summer some of our friends from Ocean Resorts may have had a life-changing event occur such as the loss of a loved one, a surgical procedure or other kind of event that may have affected their life. Let's be supportive of them as the family that we are in our community. Let's put aside old issues that we may have not agreed on and that have affected our relationship as friends and family. Let's return with a new attitude like it never occurred and build a new beginning for today and tomorrow.
- The board was elected by us, the shareholders, with the thought that each member of the board had nothing but the best intention of making Ocean Resorts a better place. We might not always agree on how to resolve an issue that arises but let's do it with the thought of how it's going to affect the whole community in mind, not our individual self.
- Be kind to the personnel of Ocean Resorts, remembering that they handle all of our day to day business that makes Ocean Resorts the paradise that it is. I'm sure they may

make decisions you may not agree with at times, but when they had to choose from the options available, they did it with our best interest in mind.

- Committee chairpersons have been elected by the members of Ocean Resorts and are not paid positions. Again, they were chosen to oversee the day to day business of that particular committee. They have by-laws, rules, and regulations that must be followed. If you feel that a chairperson is in violation of any of the by-laws and regulations, let's handle it like adults to have it resolved. Most of the time a mention of “hey, according to the by-laws and regulations, we cannot do it that way” will solve the issue.

In a nutshell, we all come to our homes in Ocean Resorts to relax, enjoy the weather of Florida and enjoy the festivities we have available to us. At times we interpret written and spoken meanings wrong but we don't need to let that ruin our time spent at our paradise home. Let's hash the issue out like adults and walk away from the table with a handshake and still be friends.

SO LET'S START THE PARTY FRIENDS!!

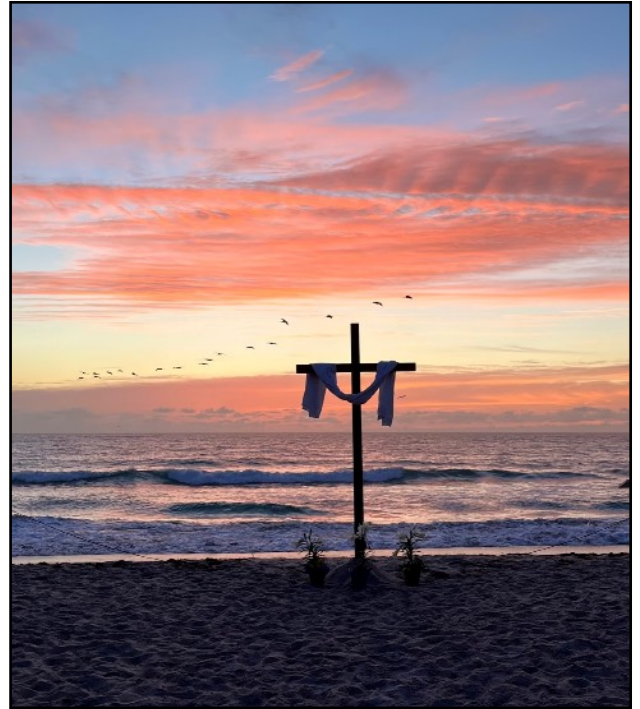


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MOONRISE photo by Ginger Edelson

Photo by Jim Thorpe



Sunrise photo by Yvonne Heaman

Joe May photo by Ginger Edelson



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Photo by Jim Thorpe



Photos by Kathy Jankovic



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Sue Ertel

Welcome back to Ocean Resorts!!



The Activities Committee is busy planning many November and December activities starting with a Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 24. A sign-up sheet is in the Post Office. The Committee will be donating the turkeys and anyone who is attending can volunteer to bring a dish to pass.

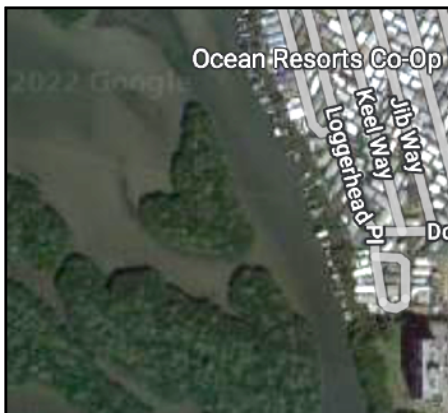
I am happy to announce that we are bringing back the Ladies' Christmas Lunch on Thursday, Dec. 15. Also, the annual Christmas Parade with Santa will be held on Thursday, Dec. 22 and the Christmas Pot-Luck Brunch will be held on Sunday, Dec. 25. Keep checking the bulletin boards for sign-up sheets for all these events.



After the November Committee meeting, it was agreed that we will be trying something new in January regarding our monthly Flea Market starting on Wednesday, Jan. 18. It will become a Craft and Flea Market and we will be selling tables for \$5.00 to all residents and Committees. A table will be provided and residents and Committees will be responsible for organizing their table, collecting their own money and removing all items that do not get sold. This might be a good way to raise some money for the individual Committees. You can be creative and sell used items, homemade crafts, or even baked goods. Watch for more information regarding this in a few weeks.



I hope you are as excited as I am to be back in OR. Let the fun begin!!



ASSET/LAND COMMITTEE by John Provance

Hope all is well with everyone. A continuing goal of our committee will be to extend the Indian River lagoon tours that some 130 individuals participated in earlier this year. Also, we plan to approach Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute across the river from us so that we can take advantage of their vast experience within the marine environment. Our past tour guides, who are considered the foremost Indian River estuary experts, have offered to put on seminars for our residents.

Ocean Resorts owns 65 acres of island property in the Indian River estuary. It is vital that all Shareholders understand the value of what we own. The islands to our west make up 65% of our total land mass. Stay involved and protect what we have !!!!



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

by Mary Dombro



Christmas is just around the corner and soon it will be time to decorate the entrance, exit, and three main islands in the park. Our committee has been very fortunate to have so many volunteers to help us with the decorations. If you are available and willing to help, the date for this event will be **Saturday, November 26, 2022**, weather permitting.

Light-up Night will take place on the following **Sunday, December 4, 2022**. Please note the date, time, and place to meet on the Post Office bulletin board for both events.

Our committee will also be awarding prizes for the best decorative holiday home and/or yard. Prizes will be given out after the Christmas bicycle and golf cart parade on Dec. 22.

If any of you were present at Ocean Resorts this past spring, Andy Taylor displayed his musical talent under the pavilion. Not only could he play more than one instrument, but he also played two trumpets at one time. Those attending this event thoroughly enjoyed his performance and requested that he return. He has agreed to provide entertainment for our annual **Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, February 25, 2023**. Ticket sales will take place in mid-February 2023.

We always welcome new members and hope to see fresh faces with suggestions and ideas for our committee. Membership is open to all residents, whether you are a shareholder or renter. Meeting dates are posted on all bulletin boards throughout the park.

BOCCE by Mary Dombro and Marie LeClair

Bocce season begins the week of January 16, 2023 and ends during the week of March 13, 2023. An 'end-of-the-season' pizza party will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023

This year bocce will be played on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You may play on either day or both days. Sign-up sheets will be available inside the Post Office on a clipboard in early December.

We have played bocce for a few years and have thoroughly enjoyed the fun and camaraderie. We hope to see returning players and encourage new individuals to participate in this sport. No experience is necessary.

If you won't be at Ocean Resorts at sign-up time and want to participate, you can always let us know by way of a phone call or email. We will put your name on the list.



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MARINA COMMITTEE

Hello from the OR Marina,

The marina will be ready for this season. Boaters please get clearance from the office prior to any slip assignment.



Hurricane Nicole, along with the prolonged high tides, put the marina docks over a foot underwater and flooded the marina shed. No major storm damage was observed. I stayed here in OR for the storm and walked around in awe during the calm of Nicole's night eye.

Summer fishing was a little slow and fishing times were mainly early mornings or dusk due to the heat of the day. In early October there was a nice Mullet run on the beach for about 2 weeks that had the Snook, Jack, Tarpon and Sharks in a feeding frenzy. Fishing the Mullet run from the beach was hit and miss, as the larger schools mostly stayed out of casting range due to rough waves.



November fishing is fantastic with the amount of bait staying around in the river. I caught my personal best Snook (43 inches) in Taylor Creek trolling a lipped big hard bait (I know it was a reactionary strike as she was hooked on the outside of the mouth). I used this same technique to also land a nice keeper slot Snook (there were so many live Mullet around, my live bait would only attract the big Jacks).

There were only a few flat calm days to fish the ocean lately, but the Spanish Mackerel are big and plentiful; hopefully they will be around all winter.



I recently paid the fisherman's price for the lifestyle I enjoy...a treble hook in my hand. Remember to always have a good wire cutter on board to snip the barb off, and some rubbing alcohol or antiseptic.

Welcome back and see you on the water!
Andy Stanish
Dockmaster





POOL NEWS - MAKING A SPLASH!! By Kathy Jankovic

Protecting our Investment

The Ocean Resorts pool has a reputation as being the best pool on the island and is probably the biggest. Many shareholders, tenants and guests use it on a daily basis for entertainment, enjoyment and health benefits. Because the pool is popular here, we ask all who use it to follow specific guidelines and be respectful/mindful when using this amazing amenity.

A pool is costly to maintain. In mid-September, the pool underwent major resurfacing. This was long overdue and hadn't been done for 17 years since 2005. The old pool surface was discolored and crumbling. This was one cause of growing algae that required more chemicals to balance pH and chlorine levels. The latest total cost for renovation was \$83,610.00. The initial bid was \$73,410.00. The initial bid was for removing up to 10% of loose material, but because the last resurfacing was completed in 2005, 60% of the walls and 50% of the floor needed to be removed. The project started September 18 and will be completed in mid-November. The most recent OPEN date is Friday, November 18. Vermana was the company who completed the project and is the company that services many commercial and community pools including Disney properties.

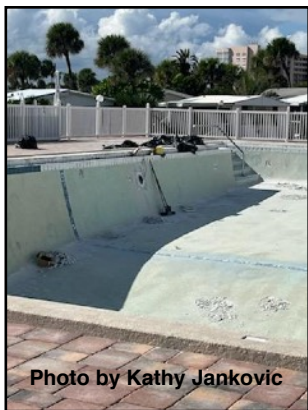
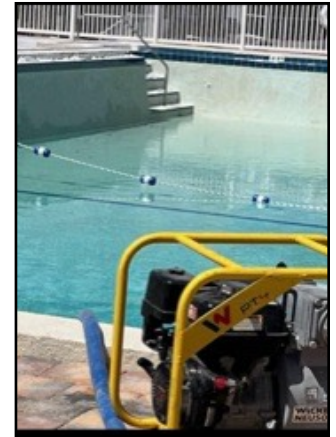


Photo by Kathy Jankovic

TIMELINE:

9/18/22: The pool was drained. After draining, workers started removing bullnose tiles and existing loose finish. The entire pool was pressure-washed to remove existing mold and the entire surface was acid washed. The grinding of damaged areas was also begun.

9/26/ 22: Workers prepared for hurricane Ian.

9/27/22: Hurricane Ian, the 4th worst in Florida history, hit landfall, delaying work about 4 days.

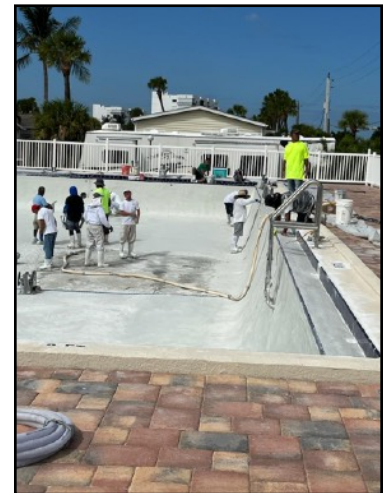
Early October: All ladders, railings, depth markers, pool light fixtures and wall/floor return covers were replaced. New VGB compliant

drain covers were installed. Mid October: Uneven surfaces on lower deck were leveled. Workers prepped and added a skim coat over the entire surface for a smooth finish. Pool resurfacing continued with a large crew applying the quartz finish. The job site was cleaned and the work ended around October 21.

10/22/22: Pool water filling began.

10/24/22: Pool was filled completely with water.

10/25/22: Start up and balance of water chemistry was started. Filtration was checked and found to be operational. The water was tested for pH, alkalinity, calcium hardness and the presence of metals. This 28-day process also removed plaster dust by vacuuming and scrubbing. On the 7th day if plaster dust remained, the pool was scrubbed and vacuumed again. After the 4th day calcium and cyanuric acid levels were adjusted.



POOL NEWS - Continued

YES, THIS WAS A HUGE and EXPENSIVE PROJECT!

We are asking that everyone takes responsibility to care for this awesome amenity. The OR pool is a private community pool. It is not a personal private pool. We ask that you respect guidelines designed for everyone's well being and safety.

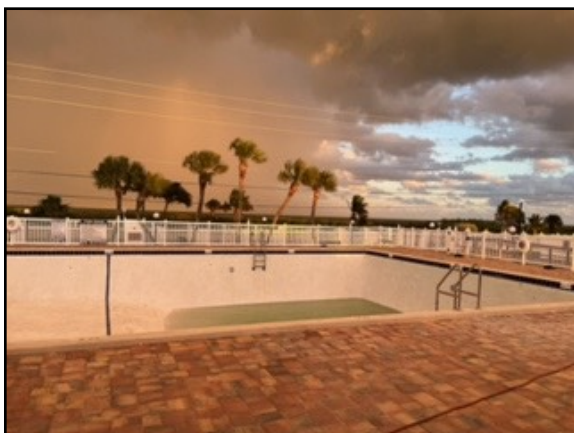
TO DO YOUR PART:

1. Get wet by taking a shower. No one cares if you showered before you came to the pool. Shower again anyway. It's better for your skin too. Getting wet means your skin absorbs less chlorine. Dry skin makes you look older. Consider showering part of the Fountain of Youth.
2. Apply sunscreen before you leave your residence. If you read the label you know it takes about 15 minutes for sunscreen to be effective. Applying ahead of coming could prevent a painful sunburn.
3. Again, shower before you enter the pool. It's not optional. You do want to protect your skin and look younger too.
4. Take some advice from the cast of West Side Story. **DON'T MESS WITH THE JETS!!!** At the October board meeting, Josh, the pool contractor, stated that the jets are positioned for optimal circulation of pool chemicals. **PLEASE LEAVE THEM ALONE.** They are not designed to massage your muscles.
5. The only food or beverage allowed at the pool edge is commercially plastic bottled water for hydration. All other beverages or food must be consumed at least 3 feet from the pool edge.

The pool committee is working on new signage. Until a new sign is agreed upon by committee members and anyone else who wants to provide feedback, follow the guidelines on the blue generic signs.

OTHER POOL INFORMATION THAT MAY INTEREST YOU:

1. Lap swim is scheduled from 8:00-9:00 a.m. daily, weather permitting.
2. Water exercise class is scheduled from 9:00-10:00 a.m. daily, weather permitting. Nancy Provance leads the class with semi-cardio and stretching components.
3. No one under the age of 16 without adult supervision.
4. No soap or shampoo in the pool or at the showers.
5. Using pool with an open wound is prohibited.
6. No running or horseplay.
7. Refrain from standing on the depth marker rope
8. No lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk.



Direct questions or comments to office, pool committee members or Kathy Jankovic, pool chairperson. New pool committee members are always welcome. Everyone (including shareholders and renters) is invited to every meeting. Our first in-person meeting will be held after December 9, 2022. A meeting notice will be posted.

Photos by Nancy Provance, Joan Naylor and Dianne Leveridge



SOCIAL COMMITTEE by Donna Comolli

The Western Dance is Back!!
Saturday, January 28th, from 4-8 pm under the pavilion!!

We are fortunate to have the 5 piece band,
Whiskey Six back also.

Our menu will be hot dogs, baked beans and coleslaw, along with dessert!! BYOB

Happy Hours are also back, usually on a Thursday, from 5-7pm.
They will be monthly and the next one will be on
Thursday, November 17th.

Everyone is invited!!



TRASH AND RECYCLING by Joe Harding

Over the years Pat Harding, Jan Kerr, Barb Goodman, Kathy Snyder and Mary Kern have helped with garbage collection. We are always in need of willing, able-bodied people for riding on back of truck to pickup garbage. FYI, we now have a female "maintenance staff" (Kim) who is picking up trash/recycling and thinks it's fun!!



COURTS COMMITTEE by Pam Reyer



The 5:00 tennis group continued to play throughout the summer and fall. As more players return, the courts are becoming more active. We wish everyone Happy Holidays and hope to see you on the courts soon!!



Art in the Park 2023 Season

Plans are being made for a creative 2023 season. All sessions of Art in the Park will take place in the clubhouse on Mondays from 10:30-12:30 starting on January 9, 2023.

Once the schedule has been confirmed with each session leader, it will be posted outside the post office. Each session will have a sign up sheet inside the post office. The sign up sheet will give details about supplies and costs for each session. The number of participants is usually limited. It's important to sign up because each leader wants to have enough supplies for each participant.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Subject to change



JANUARY

- 9 - Palm Frond Roses, Gail Anderson
- 16 - TBA
- 23 - Ocean Resorts tea towel aprons, Sharon English
- 30 - Clay pendants, Christine Unger



FEBRUARY

- 6 - St. Pat's or Valentine's door decoration, Kathy Rohe
- 13 - This date may be eliminated due to OR week schedule
- 20 - Wire beaded memory bracelet, Donna Comolli
- 27 - Sewing project - microwave soup bowl caddy, Allison Alvandian

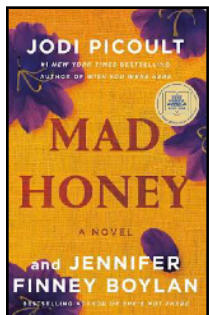
MARCH

- 6 - character beaded keychain, Gail Anderson
- 13 - TBA
- 20 - Leis for the luau, Sue Ertel
- 27 - TBA - Kathy Jankovic



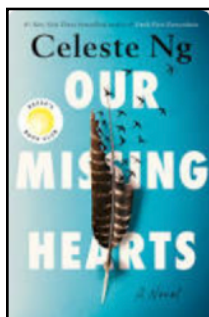
BOOK REVIEWS by Nancy Wilder

I have been fortunate to have read two really great books recently. I'm sad they are finished. I read them non-stop, greedily getting to know the characters and soaking up the plot.



The first is **MAD HONEY** by Jodi Picoult. The author is prolific and I have read several of her novels over the years, but I am not usually a huge fan. I picked up Mad Honey with trepidation. I like to learn things as I read a story and this book had a background of bees and bee keeping. The paragraphs

on how the queen bee is impregnated are mind blowing. The information will stay with you longer than you want. The book did not disappoint in any way and I think it is her best to date. I read from cover to cover in a day and a half. And yes, I know, the dishwasher has not been emptied and I need to grocery shop, but the book would not let me go. You will learn a lot from Mad Honey, and not just about bees. The theme is about judgement and acceptance. Parents and children struggle. The plot deals with the way people hide the truth and fear community reactions. There's heartbreak, love, a court drama and a twist in the ending. Set some time aside, you will not stop till you finish the book!



OUR MISSING HEARTS by Celeste Ng is equally good, maybe better, and so different. This gifted author is well known for her books. My mind is humming with new ideas and thoughts after this book, set in perhaps the near future. The plot starts with our country in dire straits. 'The Crisis' as it is

called, consisted of a time of rampant violent crime; there is sickness, poverty, uprisings and worse. Government puts in place "PACT" (Preserving American Culture and Traditions), which consists of laws passed to

aggressively protect American "ideals and values". As for the people who weaken our country with (supposed) un-American ideas, there will be consequences.

Astute enough to know people need someone or something to blame for the declining conditions, the government points to China and PAO (People of Asian origin). They become the targets in America. If news reaches the government that parents may be engaged in any suspicious activity (and neighbors report everything), their children are forcibly removed from their homes (not just Asian) and placed with approved foster parents. All protests are banned.

But you know there will always be the dreamers . The protagonist is a young man whose mother is Asian and a poet. The underground freedom fighters discover her poems and, unexpectedly, they become a mantra for the movement. As a result, and in order to save her son from being taken, she goes into hiding and leaves her son with his caucasian father. This book was scary to read but had the best ending. It's not hard to see a slide into this type of culture. Is it better to be kept safe or to have your freedom? Lets hope we never have to choose.

YOGA by Nancy Wilder

Yoga is coming! We are thrilled to have Jean Pulkkinen Fiorini back again this year to lead us in yoga on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the clubhouse, starting in early January.

Jean won our hearts last year with her classes that met the needs of so many practitioners. Are you stiff and achy? Is your balance poor? Yoga is the solution for that and so much more. It also soothes your heart and makes you smile. Our classes are for men and women, young and old. Some may need chair yoga, others may just need a wall for balance; **it's all ok**. Bodies are different and have different capacities - yoga allows for that. Please join us and start the year with a healthier you. I look forward to seeing you!

MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder

The season is starting at Ocean Resorts: streets are full of people and golf carts, homes are being opened up, furniture is back on the deck, and nerves are frayed. Many of us have traveled a long distance and are tired. The refrigerator must be stocked, calendars updated with events, neighbors to greet, meetings to arrange, and dogs to pet. I, personally, often feel overwhelmed upon arrival.

We live close at OR and that can be a mixed blessing. Our beautiful park is full of a multitude of people with different skill levels, backgrounds and beliefs. We all know living in a group opens us to many different opinions and ideas. Let's be gentle with one another. How we handle our attitudes and our judgements in a close community is critical to the overall health of our community. *Scientists have learned that recurring negative emotions can create long term harm to the body. And cultivating positive emotions, strengthens our emotional immune system.*

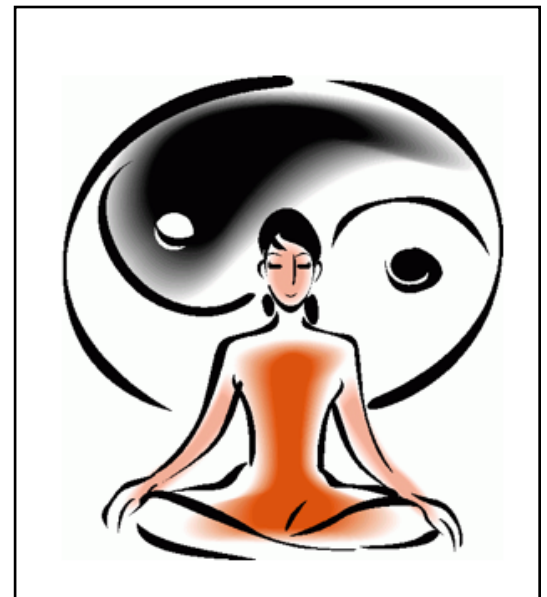


I live north in a 750-unit community half the year. Southport, like OR, is full of opinions and views, stated frequently and sometimes loudly. I maintain a degree of emotional peace by avoiding negativity. I actively cultivate positivity and try very hard not to be dragged into other people's anger or unhappiness. You can be empathetic but not participate or spread their negativity. I am aware of the suffering caused by unmindful speech and the inability to listen to others. When in a situation that spawns negative talk and unkindness, I put on my "teflon" suit, let it all wash off, say a quick prayer of compassion and walk away. Focus on your serenity; do not take on another's anger battle. Stay balanced. Take a moment for a few deep cleansing breaths. You don't know another's suffering or what causes bitterness and anger. Try not to judge.

There is a well known story of a native American chief teaching his son about two wolves fighting. One wolf is resentment, anger and ego. The other wolf is joy, peace and hope. The child asks, "which wolf will win"? The chief says, "The one you feed".

A positive attitude creates space for loving kindness, compassion and happiness. Let us all go towards the end of the year with grace and a kind heart.

Lastly, be aware that happiness depends on your own mental attitude, not on external conditions. You can live happily in the present moment by remembering that you already have more than enough conditions to be happy.



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES 2022/2023SEASON

(Prepared by the Office scheduled by Committee Chairpersons)

NOV. 24 – THANKSGIVING POT LUCK DINNER (Activities Committee)
DEC. 4 – CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING PROGRAM (Beautification Committee)
DEC. 15 - LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON (Activities Committee)
DEC. 22 – CHRISTMAS PARADE & MEET SANTA (Activities Committee)
DEC. 25 – CHRISTMAS POT LUCK BRUNCH (Activities Committee)
JAN. 6 – WINE TASTING (Activities Committee)
JAN. 17 – TBA Fundraiser (Courts Committee)
JAN. 18 – CRAFT & FLEA MARKET – HOT DOG-HAMBURGER ROAST (Activities Committee)
JAN. 20 - MEET THE CANDIDATES (Election Committee)
JAN. 19 – SPAGHETTI DINNER (Marina Committee)
JAN. 21 - 22- TENNIS TOURNAMENT – MIXED DOUBLES (Courts Committee)
JAN. 26 – POKER RUN (Activities Committee)
JAN. 28 - WESTERN DANCE (Social Committee)
FEB. 01 thru FEB. 28 - OCEAN RESORTS FISHING TOURNAMENT (Marina Committee)
FEB. 4- ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING & ELECTION
FEB. 4 & 5 PICKEL-BALL TOURNAMENT
FEB. 11 – ICE CREAM SOCIAL (Activities Committee)
FEB. 13 – I LOVE OR & VALENTINE’S LUNCHEON (Activities Committee)
FEB. 15 – HOT DOG-HAMBURGER ROAST (Activities Committee)
FEB. 16 – SEAFOOD DINNER (Marina Committee)
FEB. 17 & 18 RED & BLUE TEAM TOURNAMENT (Courts Committee)
FEB. 25 – CHICKEN BBQ (Beautification Committee)
FEB. 28 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST (Courts Committee)
MAR. 05– FISHING TOURNAMENT AWARDS CEREMONY & HOT DOG ROAST (Marina Committee)
MAR. 8 – HOT DOG-HAMBURGER ROAST (Activities Committee)
MAR. 11 & 12 – TENNIS TOURNAMENT – MEN’S & WOMEN’S DOUBLES (Courts Committee))
MAR. 15 – CORN HOLE COMPETITION – CHILI (Activities Committee)
MAR. 17 - ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE & POT LUCK (Cibby Gardner)
MAR. 19 – ART SHOW & SALE
MAR. 23 – WINE TASTING (Activities)
MAR. 25 - LUAU (Social Events Committee)
APR. 8 - CHILDREN’S EASTER EGG HUNT (Activities Committee)
APR. 9 - EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE – ON THE BEACH – 10 minutes before sunrise

**ALL EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE**

Note: Check posters on bulletin boards for dates and times of all activities and services planned.

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