

OCEAN RESORTS ISLAND TIMES OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020

MANAGER'S REPORT by Donna Perez

I hope all is well and everyone has had a great summer. It certainly hasn't been one we are all used to with these trying times and the pandemic.

Things here at Ocean Resorts have been moving along this summer. As many of you know, the pool and pavilion deck were resurfaced with pavers and looks as beautiful as ever. The palms and Sea-Grapes have been cut. Mulch in the common areas will be installed this Friday. Resealing of the roads is set to begin on 11/4/2020. The map and schedule has been emailed via blast email and will be available on our website. This process will be a bit challenging. However, if we all work together with sharing our parking and patience of our neighbors walking through our yards, it will be successful. The office will be making phone calls to remind shareholders of the dates that their roads will be affected.

We are nearing the end of hurricane season and have been spared once again from a brutal season. Just a friendly reminder that it is a fire safety hazard to have shutters on your homes while it is occupied. If you are here and living in your home, please ensure you remove your shutters.

The board voted to approve electronic voting at the last Board of Directors meeting. We have

received over 105 opt-in requests for electronic voting. If you wish to be able to vote electronically and have not sent your opt in back, please do so.

Just a few reminders: please be considerate of your neighbors; quiet hours are between 10pm and 7am, and pets are to be on a leash of 6 feet or less at all times when outside and are not permitted in common area buildings 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 park; please use them. The speed limit in the park is 10 mph at all times.



If you are needing a boat slip at the marina, please ensure the office has your insurance and registration on file. Once you have provided the office with such, you can contact Andy Stanish, the dock master, for a slip assignment. Please remember that boat slips are assigned on a first come, first served basis. If you are storing a kayak or paddle board on the rack at the marina, make sure it has your name and lot number on it.

The 2020/2021 telephone directories are complete and available for purchase at the office. They are \$2.50 each and all proceeds go to the Activities Committee.

I look forward to seeing everyone again as the season is quickly approaching. Safe travels back to Florida for all who are traveling.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Gary Gardiner

It was a busy summer in O.R. with maintenance projects. I'm happy to report that the sewer pipes have all been lined and most of the laterals are complete. The company (MEEKS) is in the process of finishing the last few. It was a very wet summer and that hindered the process.

The pool and pavilion area have been newly paved and look great! The pool has been drained and cleaned; it's been a long time since this was done. According to the pool inspector, this should be done every 3-4 years. After it was drained it was a shock to see how dirty it was! Now, it sparkles and looks quite inviting. I want to thank you all for your patience with this project.

The Board is very pleased with the advice we are receiving from our new attorney. We are acting on her suggestions, such as safety issues, Rules & Regulations, and By-laws to conform to the State requirements.

The Board has passed a resolution to implement Electronic Voting. This will make the voting process easier for shareholders and will save the Co-op money due to the cost of stamps/mailings. Those who choose to not vote electronically may still vote by paper ballot.

We've been fortunate, so far, that no hurricanes have hit us this year. I want to commend Donna and her staff for another great job of preparing for the scare of Hurricane Isaias in August. I know it was quite stressful dealing with it plus the everyday challenges and emergencies that seem to arise in O.R. We all know the infrastructure is old and some things are outdated. We will be addressing areas that have been delayed and need our attention.

The State of Florida has now gone into Stage 3 of Covid Rules. We can now have open meetings and gatherings (with masks and social distancing) .

There were several sales this Summer and Fall. I want to welcome the new Shareholders and hope to see them at the many functions scheduled for the rest of 2020 and the 2021 Season.

I look forward to seeing everyone as our 2021 season is approaching quickly. Stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully, Gary Gardiner

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Sandy Jenkins

We hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to being together again at Ocean Resorts. Our Committee is planning on having our Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast on Tuesday, Nov. 24. And we are planning on having more activities starting in January depending on Covid. Stay well and see you all soon.





NEW STAFF at Ocean Resorts

Derek Abbott, our new maintenance staff member, is from Port St. Lucie. He and his wife of 26 years now live in Fort Pierce and they are blessed to have their three children and three grandchildren also living in the area.

Derek previously worked as a manager of Radio Shack, which gave him a lot of experience in electronics. He also worked at the Hyatt Regency for several years.

When Derek was asked what he liked most about Ocean Resorts, he said it was the people, who are nice to work with. He is looking forward to keeping busy during the season and is currently working on painting the Tennis Court pavilion and the Comfort Stations (at the time of this interview in late September).

APRIL 2020 Easter Sunrise Service

As always, shareholders at Ocean Resorts made the best of a bad situation when it came to having the 19th annual OR Easter Sunrise Service. Thanks to Mary Wilson and her team who conducted an Easter Sunrise Service through Zoom. At least 44 people signed into the Zoom service on Easter morning moderated by Mary. Other participants in the service included Marion Stark, Joe May, Bob Tobias, John Dombro, John Provance and Arline Zwart-Edwards. Thanks to all who participated in and attended the service!



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by Mary Dombro

Soon it will be time to decorate our community for the Christmas holiday. Our focus this year will be the entrance and the main islands. All may help with this activity on Saturday, November 28, 2020, weather permitting. Please meet at the Post Office at 9:00 a.m. Look for details posted on the outside post office bulletin board.

Residents of each street may choose to decorate their lamp poles, if they wish. Our committee has found that the weather is not too kind to the bows and ribbons we have used in the past. Therefore, we will not be purchasing new ones.

Light-Up Night is scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. We usually meet at the Post Office. Due to the current pandemic and the need to stay socially distant, our committee will determine if a safe gathering is possible. Again, look for details to be posted.

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BOCCE by Mary Dombro and Lucy LeClair

We must have overlooked the email sent out last spring regarding the newsletter. Because of that we did not publish last spring's bocce winners. Congratulations to Monday's team of Marie and Luxy LeClair and Beth and Ken Reeves. Wednesday winners were Mary and John Dombro and Jean and Tom Starr. The March playoff was cancelled.

Last season was a combination of returning players and new ones. We hope to see even more participants this coming season, which begins the week of January 11, 2021. A notice for signing up will be posted during the second week in December on the Post Office bulletin board.

Games are played with a team of four. If you're interested and don't have a team, we will put you on one. Please email us if you won't be at Ocean Resorts during the sign-up period to indicate your interest at (mawdombro@hotmail.com). Playing days will be Mondays and Wednesdays for nine consecutive weeks. You may sign up to play on either day or both days. Bocce is a fun, social activity that is easy to play.

MAHJONG by Nancy Wilder

I am addicted to an online Mahjong game. I admit it...and I'm not alone. Here on Cape Cod no one is playing mahjong together. Its bad enough we have book groups outside, with winds blowing, sitting six feet apart and no one can hear anything.

Someone told me about RealMahjong, a computer game that is incredible. I swear they may have left out jokers but that may be me. The format is familiar, the board is there, you play with three other unknowns or someone who recognizes your name can sign on. They set up your tiles after first draw if you ask and you are off! There are three speeds. Ladies, (I only exclude men as I have never seen men at OR play Mahjong) the slow is too slow, the medium



OCEAN RESORTS "HAPPY HOUR" By Sharon English

Ocean Resorts "HAPPY HOUR" will continue in 2020-2021. As usual, Happy Hour will be held in the pavilion and is a BYOB event, open to all Ocean Resorts residents, guests and renters. Due to Covid-19, there will not be a community food table of open appetizers at this time. Bring your own snacks if you wish. Our first Happy Hour this fall is a Halloween get together. Look for the posters each month at our post office for additional information and updates. Please join in for the fun!

Happy Hour dates, themes and times:

Saturday, October 31	HALLOWEEN PARTY	5-7 PM
Thursday, November 19	HOME TEAM SPIRIT	5-7 PM
Thursday, December 31st	NEW YEARS EVE	5-8 PM.
Thursday, January 21st	POKER RUN/HAPPY HOUR	4-6 PM
Thursday, February 25th	MARDI GRAS	5-7 PM
Thursday, March 25th	BYE BYE SNOW BIRDIES	5-7 PM

is fine, as is the fast. Sometimes I think I'll play a game or two and then I will finish my 'stuff to do list' but then I didn't win and must try again. The first two weeks are free and then it's \$49.00 a year. I am a frugal person but this has been worth the cost.



Hello from the Ocean Resort's Marina

The marina is fully functional and ready for the season. We had a small 5 ft. alligator in the marina for about 2 weeks in September.

Now for the fishing report. It's mid-October and the mullet run is slow. There are small pods of 50 to 200 finger mullet in the beach break and only a few larger schools of 3000+ moving south with 100 lb. tarpon, sharks and jacks with them, usually too far out to reach. Small snook, jacks and

bluefish have been caught sporadically on the beach and small patches of sand fleas have been around.

There are mullet and pilchards in the marina ready to cast net. Fishing is good in the marina and river. It seems you have to catch about 10 snook to get a legal slot size 28 in. to 32 in. keeper. Trout have been scarce for September and October, although I have caught more redfish lately. It's ideal if you have a spot with moving water and live bait at the "Golden Hour" of sunset or sunrise. I have a few of these spots and the fishing can be great, but I have to wear a bug suit to avoid the no-see-um and mosquito onslaught.

Great to have you back, and see you on the water...!



Dockmaster, Andy Stanish

LET'S EAT OUT! by Sharon English

FLORIDA LIFTS RESTAURANT & BAR RESTRICTIONS!

For our snowbird friends coming down from the north, this article will let you know what's going on in the Sunshine State. Restaurants and bars are open in most of Florida at 100% capacity seating. Most staff wear face masks and customers do as well until they are seated. Many restaurants have outdoor seating and in Fort Pierce they expanded little dining park-lets along Second Street. There are still many businesses offering take out and drive by, pickup meals. Two new restaurants to try are:



CAFE 66, 685 US 1, Vero Beach (across from Vatland Honda). Great breakfasts, sandwiches and dinner specials. New location; previously on Oslo & 66th.

CRABBY'S DOCKSIDE, 2 Avenue A, Fort Pierce (old Tiki Bar location). Casual seafood in a new 2 story building with view of the Harbor.

ART IN THE PARK 2021 by Cibby Gardiner October is here and some of the Snowbirds will be arriving back to OR. It's been a strange and trying time these past 8 months. Hopefully, we can return to the many activities that OR offers. This will be the 6th season for Art in the Park and lots of wonderful "art" has been made by many.....some of whom didn't think they were "artsy". Volunteering is what makes OR such a special place so I want to thank in advance the wonderful folks who are leading this year's Tuesday projects/classes. Art in the Park is a great way to get to know folks and to let your creative juices flow! The only talent you need is the ability to smile and laugh! We meet every Tuesday from 10-noon at the clubhouse or pavilion. All are welcome!!! . **Meets every Tuesday at the clubhouse or pavilion from 10:00-noon.**

Below is the **tentative** schedule for 2021 (Please see fliers at PO for what you need to bring).

Jan. 5 - Cibby Gardiner – Tin can hanging tea lights

Jan.12 - Karen Stampfli – Shell tree

Jan.19 - Kathy Jankovic – Plastic bottle decoupage hanging fish

Jan.26 -Sharon English GIVING BACK DAY No sew tie blankets. (We will be making blankets for shut-ins and hospitals)

Feb 2- -Sheila Delson - Organizational ideas and tips

Feb. 9 – Barbara Reynolds - TBA

Feb.16 – TBA need someone

Feb. 23 - Kathy Jankovic – TBA

March 2 – Alison Alvandian – Counted cross stitch book marks

Mar 7- Sunday – Art Show & Sale 12-3 at the Pavilion

March 9 – Christine Unger – Shell wind chimes

Mar. 16 – Cibby Gardiner – St. Paddy's hats

Mar. 23 – Sue Ertel – Leis for the luau

March 30 – finish up any projects or need someone to host

If you would like to help or lead a Tuesday, please let me know. Can you teach line dances? Cook? Know photography? Teach crocheting or knitting? The possibilities are endless!!!! I'm looking forward to a great 2021 season. Hope to see you in OR soon.

YOGA by Nancy Wilder

Have you seen those cute videos of sloths? I am a human sloth. I have arrived at a place in my life, that I just don't seem to want to do much. I'd like to blame the pandemic but I'm naturally sedentary. So now I'm faced with move it or lose it. At my age you cannot afford not to move. I have one of those exercise friends that says just go up and down the stairs ten times a day (can you see the expression on my face). Alas, after three times, my knees complained. And then the weights...I like weights, but again, my shoulders are complaining. I may be rusting out.



I should have known, yoga is the solution. Its tough up north to dedicate to a solo yoga practice. I lack discipline. But I have found Youtube!! There are so many free classes, for all abilities, its just perfect. And there's a great and simple Tai Chi video on youtube (recommended to me) that I do often.

For me its just getting started, I have to make a list, prioritize exercise and well being. I find it a daily challenge, but I'm getting better. I truly believe that deep abdominal breathing and a bit of exercise will give me the mental clarity and physical strength to get through these difficult times.

NATURE AT OCEAN RESORTS by Linda Smolarek



Fish Crows - It's a Florida kind of sound.

You cross the Florida/Georgia line, pull into the Welcome Center, eager to stretch your legs and taste the fresh Florida orange juice, and you hear it. The raspy *ca-hah* of the fish crow welcomes you to the state of Florida.

This glossy, gregarious corvid is not everyone's favorite Florida native mostly due to their habit of scavenging garbage cans and making a lot of racket, especially in the early morning hours. But in wetland habitats along the eastern seaboard of the United States, the Gulf of Mexico and all of Florida, the fish crow replaces his cousin the American crow as the dominant species. Like so many of us, they love to be by the water.

While similar to the American Crow the fish crow has a longer tail and wings with a silkier blue-green plumage by comparison. The most distinctive feature of the fish crow is its call. In OR the most common birds we hear are the mockingbird, red-bellied woodpecker and the fish crow.

When calling, fish crows tend to hunch and fluff their throat feathers. The call of the fish crow has been described as a high nasal *ca-hah*. While named fish crow, these crows rarely eat fish and the name association is based on their

choice of aquatic habitat. The fish crow is an omnivore, in other words, they eat just about everything and in OR are particularly attracted to our garbage. Crows by nature are highly intelligent and take advantage of any and all opportunities.

They are social birds, building their nests high in a tree forming small loose colonies. Usually four or five eggs are laid, pale blue-green in color with blotches of olive-brown.

So while the fish crow may have annoying habits when you hear their distinctive *ca-hah*, it's truly the sound of Florida reminding us how lucky we are to be in the sunshine state.

MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder

I've started this first sentence multiple times. It's redundant to talk about the changes in our lives, the plans that have been cancelled, the loved ones sick or worse. Its surreal, like a sci fi movie, like a bad dream, but here we are. So how do we take care of ourselves, remain hopeful and keep healthy? There are days I really ponder that question.

You can get lost in books (me), drink a bit too much wine (me) and worry too much about the unknown. There's more to life.

Let me share a story. There was a woman, carrying two large, overflowing bags. She was obviously tired, weary of the load. A wise person approached her to offer help. One bag was her worries of the future and the wise person helped her put it down. The other bag was full of her regrets from the past...she put that down also. She stood up straight unencumbered by those things she could not change. The wise person said, "enjoy now, this very minute. Be mindful of the wonders of the universe. We never know, so look around and enjoy the moment".

Breathe in deeply my friends, and exhale slowly. Do this often to relax your body. Focus on the now....

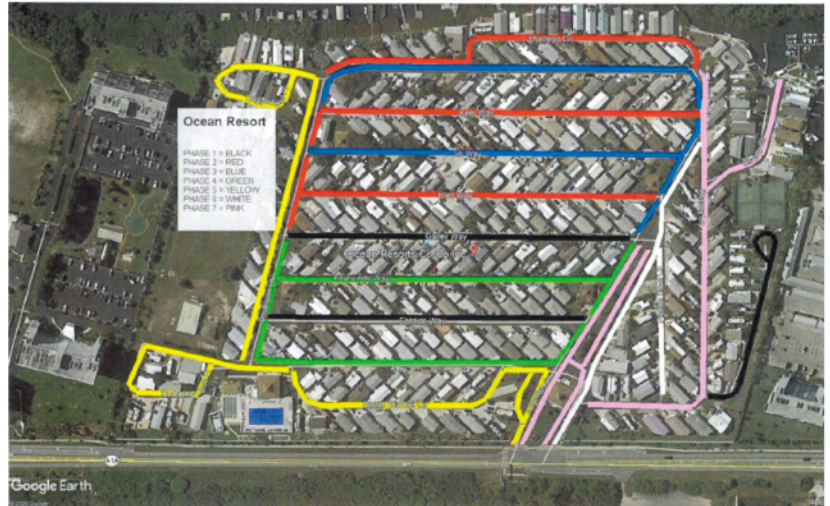
ROAD RE-SEALING SCHEDULE

Asphalt Repairs 10/12-10/14

Seal Coating:

Phase 1 Black	11/4 - 11/6
Phase 2 Red	11/11 - 11/13
Phase 3 Blue	11/16 - 11/18
Phase 4 Green	11/18 - 11/20
Phase 5 Yellow	11/30 - 12/2
Phase 6 White	12/4 - 12/4
Phase 7 Pink	12/8 - 12/9

Striping: Stripe all marking 12/10 - 12/11



THE JOY OF READING by Nancy Wilder

I used to live a few miles from Salem MA, the number one destination this time of year for all things scary. Laurie Cabot was the resident witch at that time. She was a witchcraft high priestess. Even in this time of pandemic the streets of Salem are still crowded. There is a witch museum, monuments and witch-owned stores; the perfect place to pick up a potion or two! This series centers on two descendants of another real witch Bridget Byshop, from Salem MA. Get ready to binge on this trilogy of books about witchcraft. Not my usual style, but so well recommended, I had to try them. And WOW!

Louisa Morgan's **A Secret History of Witches**, a historical novel starts out with a caravan on a dark Brittany night in 1692; full moon of course. The book traces five generations of women with magical abilities that cause unnecessary fear among the neighboring men (mostly) and women. The characters and the landscape are well described and you easily become drawn in by the history. I think it was the best of the three.

The second book in the trilogy is **The Witches Kind**. The story takes place in the Pacific Northwest, right after WW11. Two women (yet to be seen as witches) adopt a special baby. Its a lighter book then the first, but quite a good read. And the books do not have to be read in order, but I suggest **A Secret History of Witches** first.

Lastly, **The Age of Witches** is Morgan's most recent addition and is set in the "gilded age" of New York. The magic powers have now passed down between two families, and not always used for good. There are some well described scenarios of the aftermath of a bad witch.

Forgive me for this but.....these books will cast a spell on you!

