

DECEMBER, 2018

# Island Times

Ocean Resorts Co-op, Inc.



## Happy Thanksgiving by Kathy Jankovic

Not being able to use the clubhouse did not deter Gerry Marcus and Cathy Moon from organizing a fantastic turkey day potluck. Thanks to their efforts, traditional Thanksgiving favorites were enjoyed by about 35 persons. Fabulous food and fun times made the participants' holiday a special time. A great big thanks to Gerry, Cathy and all who helped make the day special.



## Photos by Kathy Jankovic



## Manager's Report by Donna Perez

I hope everyone is well and all had a Happy Thanksgiving. Things have certainly been getting busy here at Ocean Resorts. A lot of you have made your way back for the season and it's great to see the park filling up. I just wanted to send out a few updates and reminders.

As you arrive back here at OR, please remember to stop at the office and sign in. This will ensure we have the proper mailing address on file. As a reminder, this does not forward your everyday mail; you must fill out a card with the post office or go online to set that up.

Unfortunately our trash trial with Waste Pro did not work out. Waste Pro has decided to cancel the contract due to the fact that the drivers are not comfortable with driving through our streets and they feel it's a safety issue. We will keep you updated on when trash pickup will resume, as well as the schedule.

Maintenance will be cleaning the sand under the boardwalk beginning December 5<sup>th</sup>. I ask that you collect any items that you may have stored down there prior to this date or they will be disposed of. I also have the tree company coming to trim back some of the brush on the south side of the boardwalk. I'm hoping they will be able to get here prior to maintenance clearing the sand out. Once this is complete I ask that you please store your items in a tidy manner and be courteous of others.

A reminder per our Rules and Regulations the speed limit throughout the entire park is 10 miles per hour at all times. All dogs must be on a leash of 6 feet or less, and it's your responsibility to pick up after your pet.

**REVISED Activity Listing available on back page!!**

## Activity Information by Judy Smolarek



### New Year's Eve Bonfire ...

...on Ocean Resorts Beach is scheduled to happen at 9:00 P M, weather permitting. Watch for signs at the Post Office.

**Something New! A Poker Run** will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 3:00 PM, followed by Happy Hour. Anyone can sign up and pay an entrance fee to participate.



Follow directions by walking, biking, or traveling by golf cart to collect 5 playing cards through out park. Best hand wins! Additional money prizes randomly drawn. Complete details as date approaches. Sponsored by Activities Committee.

## Yoga by Nancy Wilder

I am delighted to announce that our good neighbors at Ocean Harbor North have set up a yoga class on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in their activity room. They have also invited us to join them on their regular 10:30 AM Thursday session. Julie will be leading the practice (some of us met Julie last season; she is wonderful). A donation of \$5. is appreciated.

My exercise plan for Tuesday and Thursday is covered. Walk to Ocean Harbor, do yoga, walk back....I'm feeling healthy just writing about it!



**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
BY VICKI L. NEUMAN**

This time of year, we all need to reflect upon those things for which we are thankful. In addition to family, friends and health, I am so thankful to be able to spend the majority of the year in Ocean Resorts. I am also thankful that the Red Tide was short-lived and hope we don't have to experience that again. Thus far, we are all thankful that we made it through a hurricane-free season on the Treasure Coast.

The park looks great, especially with all the palm and oak trees trimmed at the appropriate time of the season. The manager and staff are doing a terrific job and things are moving forward. Unfortunately, some activities have been suspended due to the impending work on the retaining wall, the decks and the club house floors. I am thankful that shareholders realize this is an important project and are understanding about the inconveniences caused. We are working with committees and interested shareholders to come up with some new activities that can temporarily replace the traditional ones. Anyone having creative ideas on community events we may try during the construction period should feel free to contact me.

We hope to be able to resume regularly scheduled activities sometime in March, but please understand that this is all dependent upon the construction timeframe, which is always susceptible to change. We have removed and stored one pool table in the game room to make space for small meetings and activities during specific time periods. See office staff to schedule potential activities.

The special assessment amount for the club house project will be determined in December and a notice has been sent out. In order to help ease the burden to shareholders, we will make this payable in two installments (dates will be announced at December meeting)

Our Reserve Study has been completed and is providing us with valuable information to determine upcoming projects and help establish our budget for 2019-2020. Anyone wishing to review this document, may do so by checking out a copy in the office. It is not exactly light reading, but it is a great resource for developing reserve budgets.

Best wishes to all shareholders and their families during the upcoming holidays.



**OCEAN RESORTS SINGLES  
DINE OUT GROUP  
By Gerry Marcus  
617-771-8186**

Looking for a friendly group to dine out with each month? We have started a new activity for Ocean Resorts SINGLES interested in going out to local restaurants. Dining out alone is sometimes difficult, lonely and boring, so let's get a fun group of us singles together to remedy that situation.

Each month we will be trying a different restaurant for a late lunch or dinner. Look for posters around the park. A few of the following restaurants are lined up for future dine outs: Green Marlin, Second Street Bistro, Italian Grill, etc.

A sign up sheet for the "Ocean Resorts Singles Dine Out Group" is on a clipboard in the Post Office. All Ocean Resorts SINGLES are welcome! This is a great opportunity for those of us seeking another chance to get out socially.

## NORTH BRIDGE by Cathy Moon



If you are in Ocean Resorts -- or will be soon -- please be aware that our North Bridge (into Fort Pierce) is temporarily experimenting with timed openings. Many of us think this is the way to go! It lets us plan our trips and miss the bridge opening. A group of North Beach residents have been working to make it happen with help from Congressman Brian Mast and others.

The bridge is opening (only if requested) on the hour, twenty after the hour, and twenty of the hour. Three times an hour is definitely better than "on demand", but we'd like to see it go further. Twice an hour (on the hour and the half-hour) is the scheduled opening of most of the other drawbridges in Florida, and they do this every day, including weekends (when boat traffic is the heaviest).

The current North Bridge experiment is only Monday through Friday, between 7 am and 7 pm. It has been helpful -- but we would like to see it go to twice an hour and include weekends. Comments are being sought by the US Coast Guard, before December 31. These will help determine the schedule after the 6-month experiment ends.

Please, if you have strong feelings about this, send your comments to the Coast Guard. Go to:

<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=USCG-2018-0729-0001>

Remember to copy-and-paste it into your browser, rather than clicking on the link. Look for "Comment Now" on right side, open document folder, view all documents and comments. There will be a place for you to add your comments. Please do -- your year-round-resident neighbors will thank you for it.

## Beautification Committee by Mary Dombro

Light-up Night was an enjoyable evening. A large group of shareholders and renters met at the Post Office for the official lighting of our Christmas tree. As people arrived, some placed their own ornaments on the tree. We also had ornaments available for those who were willing to help decorate our newly, purchased tree. The tree was purchased by the Beautification Committee.

Donna Comolli and I tried to stump our guests with Christmas trivia questions. We weren't too successful, which was ideal for those who answered correctly. They earned a raffle ticket for a possible chance to win a poinsettia. If you brought a non-perishable item for the food drive, you also earned a raffle ticket. The evening concluded with the singing of Christmas carols, led by John Dombro.

The Activities Committee served cookies and punch throughout the evening. It was a pleasant night to start the Christmas season at Ocean Resorts.



**Disclaimer - This is not the Christmas tree at Ocean Resorts - It is an image from Adobe Stock Photos**



**OCEAN RESORTS  
"HAPPY HOUR"  
on NEW YEARS EVE!!!  
by Sharon English**

Ocean Resorts "HAPPY HOUR" will continue this season! Due to our social hall being closed, there will be a few additional HAPPY HOUR activities throughout the winter. In DECEMBER there will be two HAPPY HOURS, on Thursday, December 13th, 4-6 pm and again on New Years Eve, Monday, December 31st, 5-8 pm. All Happy Hour events are in the pavilion, are BYOB and an appetizer to share.

This coming season HAPPY HOUR is scheduled on the last Thursday of each month. Don't forget to check the signs at the post office and comfort stations for information and updates. We hope to see you there for a fun get togethers with old and new friends.

**Halloween  
Happy  
Hour**



**Photos from Sharon English**



**ELECTION COMMITTEE  
by Mary Dombro**

Letters were sent out to shareholders regarding open positions for Board of Directors. Please read the letter carefully and follow the directions, especially if you are willing to volunteer for one of these important offices.

There will be a "Meet the Candidates Meeting" on Saturday, January 12, 2019 in the Game Room at 2:00pm. All candidates and shareholders are invited to attend.



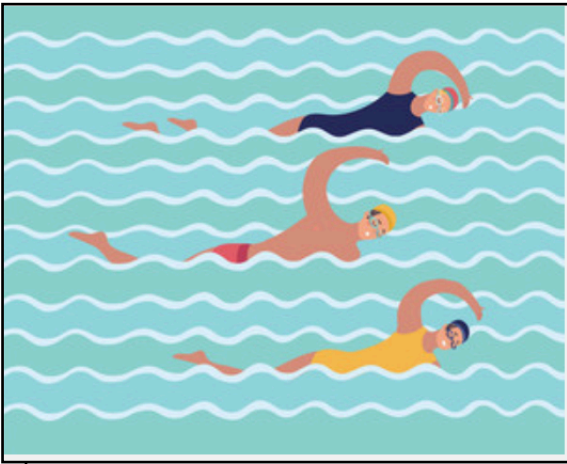
**MARINA COMMITTEE  
by Ferdie Bruckler,  
Dockmaster**

Due to the clubhouse closing, the Marina Spaghetti Dinner has been rescheduled until the end of March. The Award Ceremony and Hot Dog roast will be held as planned.

**Social Events Committee by Cathy Bruckler**



The Western Dance will be held as scheduled on January 19, 2019. Hopefully the Hall will be open in time to hold the Luau, as we need both ovens as well as the large refrigerator .



### **Pool Committee by Sue Ertel**

I just arrived back in Ocean Resorts and the weather has been wonderful. But winter is coming and when the temperature drops below 65 degrees overnight, we need to cover the pool so it will stay at a constant temperature without forcing the pool heater to run non-stop.

I hung a volunteer sheet in the Post Office this week. Please choose an evening to help. It takes two people to cover the pool and I would be happy to show you how. Our fabulous Ocean Resorts maintenance team uncovers the pool each morning so we just need volunteers for the evenings. If you cannot commit to a specific evening but still want to help, please sign up under 'sub' so we could use you on a random evening as needed.

If you have any questions, please call me at 716-652-9583. Thank you!

### **Mahjong by Nancy Wilder**



A Mahjong plan is in place! Starting Thursday, January 3rd, 2019, mahjong will be played

in the game room, 6:30 to 9pm. This is our new/temporary place to meet. There will be room for six tables of four. We will try to offer a mix of betting and non betting tables, experienced and new player tables.

As usual, Wednesday mahjong will be held in the card room from 12:30 to 3pm. If you are interested in learning mahjong (remember, a coed game!) please contact me at 774 238 9492.

Everyone is welcome at our mahjong tables.

### **Nature at Ocean Resorts by Linda Smolarek**

A Florida Christmas Tree? The Christmas Palm tree is one of the smaller species of palms, growing only 20-25 feet in height and is self-cleaning. The tree is native to the small islands of the Philippines. One of the more interesting facts



about the Christmas palm is why it came by its name. The plant bears bright red clusters of fruit that look like Christmas ornaments. These fruits ripen just about the same time as the Advent season. Many gardeners consider the fruit a debris nuisance but removing them before ripening usually solves any messy issues. Sometimes called a dwarf royal palm. It will not tolerate cold or frost well.

Rumor has it the red clusters are poisonous but none of the literature suggests toxicity. The American Society of the ASPA states the plant is not toxic to dogs, cats and horses.

## LET'S EAT OUT by Sharon English

TWO NEW RESTAURANTS in FT. PIERCE  
and VERO BEACH



*The*  
**BRAFORD**  
STEAKHOUSE

### THE BRAFORD STEAKHOUSE

100 N. Second Street, Ft.  
Pierce 34950

thebraford.com

772-882-9131

Hours: Closed Sun.,  
Mon., Tues.

Wed.- Sat. 5 pm. - 9:30  
pm.

Downtown Ft. Pierce has a new steakhouse, THE BRAFORD. Let's just start off with it being pricey, excellent, local beef from Adams Ranch and served in an intimate setting. You almost think you are somewhere other than Second Street! We had the Chateaubriand for two, served with a choice of soup or a small salad. It was perfectly cooked and we brought home enough for another dinner. We also tried the house cocktail, The Braford, a Bourbon old fashioned with a kick! There is a \$25 coupon in this year's Enjoyment Book too. The best compliment I can give is, we will be back!

### AMERICAN GRILL + BAR

710 South US 1, Vero  
Beach 32962

americangrill-vb.com

772-410-8100

Hours: Closed Tuesday

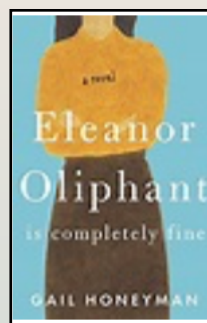
Wed.- Mon. 4 pm- 12 am



AMERICAN GRILL+ BAR is a great place for upscale, interesting bar food and late night food. There are plans to open for lunch and have a Sunday Jazz brunch coming soon. They offer wonderful appetizers and a build your own burger menu. The chef of Sicilian and Turkish origins, offers Sicilian pan pizzas, lamb burgers and pastas. This restaurant is in the former WhyNot location near Oslo Road. We had a fun night at this friendly establishment with delicious burgers and more.

## The Joy of Reading by Nancy Wilder

I had the pleasure of finding several great books to read in the past month or so. One is a bit quirky, but both will tug at your heart. They are books I am eager to share. I hope you get to enjoy them during this season at Ocean Resorts.



Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman, introduces us to Eleanor, a socially awkward office worker, perhaps a bit autistic. Eleanor likes a routine, every Friday night, there is pizza and vodka (lots).

Once a week she talks with Mommy. But you know something is wrong, something has happened to Eleanor. What about those scars on her face? As the story develops and Eleanor meets Raymond, we start to unravel the mystery of Eleanor Oliphant. It's a really, really good book.



Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate, is a gut wrenching novel about a dark chapter in our history. In the 1930's, in Memphis Tennessee, children were stolen from poor families and infants were taken from single mothers under the

guise of "helping" them find a better life. The children were housed in orphanages, enduring harsh circumstances and eventually sold to wealthy people who could afford the price. How this family of children survive, with separate adoptions and how they manage to regain contact is an unbelievable story. It sounds grim, but it is very well written and taken from a true story. Spoiler alert... the ending is (thankfully) up lifting.

**REVISED as of December 1, 2018**

## **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES 2018/2019 SEASON**

(Prepared by Committee Chairpersons)

NOV. 22 - THANKSGIVING POT LUCK DINNER AT THE PAVILLION

DEC. 02 - CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING PROGRAM (Beautification & Activities Committee)

DEC. 10 - LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET BISTRO

DEC. 24 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE GAMEROOM (Activities Committee)

DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER AT THE PAVILLION (To Be Determined)

DEC. 31 - BONFIRE "ON THE BEACH" (Dave & Judy Smolarek)

JAN. 12 - "MEET THE CANDIDATES" (Election Committee) (Location to be determined)

JAN. 19 - WESTERN DANCE (Social Events Committee)

JAN. 26 thru 27 - TENNIS TOURNAMENT - MIXED DOUBLES (Tennis Committee)

FEB. 01 thru FEB. 28 - OCEAN RESORTS FISHING TOURNAMENT (Marina Committee)

FEB. 02 - ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING & ELECTION

**FEB. 10 thru FEB 17 - "I ♥ OCEAN RESORTS WEEK"**

**FEB. 10 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL (Activities Committee)**

**FEB. 11 - "I ♥ OCEAN RESORTS WEEK" LUNCHEON (Activities Committee)**

FEB. 22 - POT LUCK DINNER (Beautification Committee)

FEB. 24 - ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW & SALES (Cibby Gardner & Anita D'Ambrosio)

MAR. 02 - TENNIS TOURNAMENT - MEN'S & WOMEN'S DOUBLES (Tennis Committee)

MAR. 03 - FISHING TOURNAMENT AWARDS CEREMONY & HOT DOG ROAST (Marina Committee)

MAR. 13 - HOT DOG/HAMBURGER ROAST & FLEA MARKET (Activities Committee)

MAR. 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & POT LUCK (Cibby Gardner)

MAR. 23 - LUAU (Social Events Committee)

MAR. 27 - SPAGHETTI DINNER (Marina Committee)

APR. 20 - CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT (Activities Committee)

APR. 21 - EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE - ON THE BEACH

**Due to the clubhouse, retaining wall, and decking repairs, all events, date, and locations are subject to change.**

Note: Check posters on bulletin boards for dates and times of all activities and services planned  
(Blood Pressure Screenings, etc.)

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