



MANAGER'S REPORT by Donna Perez

Good Afternoon All,

I hope everyone is well and staying safe, wherever you may be. February has come and just about gone in what seems like days. To say the Co-Op is full and busy would be an understatement. Covid-19 is still very much here; please follow CDC guidelines at all times and be respectful of others. Masks are required in all common area buildings.

March is quickly approaching. March 1st is the first day of turtle season here in Saint Lucie County. The staff will be swapping out the perimeter lights to the red lights over the next week. Just a friendly reminder that it is a felony to disturb turtle nests. If you see a nest, please do not disturb it or let your pets dig around it.

The office has mailed out all March 1st quarterly invoices. These invoices are due no later the April 1, 2021. Many of you received a little note in regards to your golf cart inspection/and or insurance. I thank all that have come up over the last week and have complied. The office can inspect your golf cart anytime during normal business hours. Please bring or email your proof of insurance prior to inspection.

We have gone live on our FOB system at the pool. You will need your FOB to enter and exit the pool area at all times. Our pool hours are from dawn to dusk per our pool permit with Saint Lucie County. Currently you will be able to use the pool from 7am until 8pm. These times will change as the sun sets later in the summer. If you are in the pool past 8pm, your FOB will

not let you out and you must break the emergency glass to exit. Please ensure we are following the rules and exiting the pool area by 8pm. Anyone having to break the glass in the event that there is not a true emergency will be billed the cost of the replace the glass. Shareholders are allowed 4 FOBS per unit. If you need to purchase FOBS, they are available for purchase at the office for \$10.00 each.

Many of you leave to head back north in mid-March or early April. Please contact the office before doing so to update your address on file, and have a member of our staff double check your property is secure for Hurricane season. Yes, "Hurricane Season" will be here before we know it and it is a lot easier to secure your home when you are here prior to leaving, rather than hurrying around to find someone to do so as a storm is approaching. We have definitely been spared over the last few years, and I hope we continue on the same path of being spared.

I hope all stay well and enjoy the rest of the spring the best you can.

Wednesday, March 17

St. Paddy's Day Parade

Starts at 4:00 p.m. by the clubhouse

Awards for Best Bike, costumes, golf cart, dog etc. and other surprises.

A collage of photos showing people in green costumes and golf carts participating in a St. Paddy's Day parade.

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's good to see so many new and familiar faces arriving in the park lately. Many activities have been canceled due to Covid but with more and more people getting vaccine shots, wearing masks and social distancing, hopefully those activities can resume. I want to thank those in the park that have helped to get so many of us appointments to be vaccinated.

Don't forget that golf carts need to be inspected and you must show proof of insurance.

With the increase of us Snowbirds and our four-legged friends I want to remind you to pick up after them and make sure they are on a 6 foot leash.

Have a happy and safe stay here at Oceans Resorts!

Regards, Jim Buysse

ELECTION COMMITTEE by Donna Comolli

Congratulations! We have 3 new Board members; Luxy LeClair, Marion Stark and Jim Buysse (re-elected)!!

The results of our election are as follows:

We had 273 shareholders vote; 136 paper votes and 137 electronic votes.

Luxy LeClair - 213 (103 paper & 110 electronic)
Marion Stark - 175 (74 paper & 104 electronic)
Jim Buysse - 162 (81 paper & 81 electronic)
Rhonda Bouchlas - 126 (61 paper & 65 electronic)
Joe May - 77 (paper 47 & 30 electronic)

If you haven't signed up for electronic voting, you might want to consider doing so. It's very easy, and you get to double check your ballot online before you send it. You also don't have to worry about your ballot getting there on time: your electronic vote counts as a proxy, so you don't have to send in a separate one; and it saves the co-op money. Any questions, please contact our manager for answers.



Photo by Bill Howe

Pictured from Left to Right:

Jim Kraszewski (Secretary), Jim Connors (Vice-President), Jim Buysse (President), Gary Gardner, Bob Tobias, Luxy LeClair and Marion Stark (Treasurer)

WE ARE SO LUCKY!!

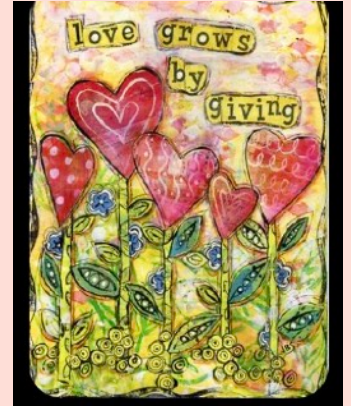
by Gerry Marcus and Nancy Wilder

Over the last few weeks a group of neighbors have worked tirelessly to assist approximately eighty residents in securing Covid vaccine appointments. Some folks needed phone numbers, others required full assist in navigating computer sites and/or rides to the appointments. "Team Vaccine," as we call them, met the challenge.

Volunteers were up and logged into multiple computers as early as 1:30 am, while others patiently waited on hold as the phone centers were packed. Signs were posted alerting people to the services offered, and word spread quickly. And all this work all these people helping people, was done with efficiency and a smile (behind the mask).

In case you want to become part of Team Vaccine, more help will be needed. If you have received both vaccines and 14 days have passed, drivers may be needed to transport neighbors to their appointments. Masks will be mandated.

I am so proud to call you all neighbors. Lets all give a shout out of thanks to Jeff and Christi Chambers, Luxy and Marie LeClair, Jim and Carmel Holly, Donna (absent) and Dave Comolli, Karen (absent) and John Stampfli, Bernie and Myrtis Massatt, and all the others who have worked to make Ocean Resorts a safer place.



TEAM VACCINE!!

METAL DETECTING on the Treasure Coast by Bill Howe

It is not called the Treasure Coast due to the sunshine and gorgeous sunrises. It is called the Treasure Coast due to the hurricane-ravaged, 12-ship Spanish Fleet sunk in the reefs just off the Fort Pierce to Sebastian coast on July 31, 1715. The ships carried an abundance of the Queen's gold in-route from Cuba to Spain.

You can see the reef at low tide about 200 yards offshore where waves break over the 8-12 foot shallows...death to the old sailing ships. Eleven of the twelve ships were sunk. Of those, 7 have been located and 4 remain lost at sea with their cargo. The cargo has been calling to treasure hunters for decades now, especially Snowbirds from the North hauling their metal detectors hoping to go home with a doubloon.

Not so fast!! It is no easy task searching a 40-mile coastline with a 10-inch detector coil in often a hostile environment. The biggest mistake treasure hunters make hitting the beach is to search for treasure with a detector not capable of dealing with the saltwater environment on the beach. Ninety percent of the store-bought detectors are not capable of detecting to the depths of the lost gold and artifacts. At the very least you will need a mis-priced dual frequency detector made for salt water. Headphones are also a must for serious detectors as the crashing waves and ocean noise makes it impossible to hear the faint signal of a deep target.

The detector must be able to have advanced discrimination capability to seek through the thousands of pull tabs and bottle caps left by beach goers. Gold and aluminum tabs show up as identical targets to most detectors. If you are not prepared to dig a pocket full of trash, you are not likely to find any gold on the beach. Sand scoops and gloves are important. Hand shovels are worthless in both wet and dry sand, but you do not

want to dig holes by hand- I have found sharp beach glass, used hypodermic needles, treble hooks, and rusty nails by the pocketful.

Two wrecks are close to Ocean Resorts. One is just 100 yards north of the tennis courts at Pepper Park and the other just off the 1st Hole at Rio Mar Golf Course in Vero Beach. 1715 wreck treasure finds are very rare at all the sites, especially as the Counties are bringing tons of sand in from a mile out in the ocean to replenish beaches that wash away in storms. Targets are there but beyond the 12-14-inch limits of most detectors.



Photo from verobeachpiratefest.com

If you chose to detect on the treasure coast keep this in mind: If it is found on the beach, it is yours. If you find the treasure in the water, by Florida Law, it must be turned into the State with no expectation of

renumeration. Do not dive on any 1715 wreck sites or within 300 yards of one. They are privately claimed, and you will be prosecuted if caught.

Remember the code of ethics of responsible detector-ists: Respect private property, fill in any holes you dig, carry out any trash you find, do not go into the dunes or detect near any sea turtle nests (jail time for both). You may detect from the low tide water line to the high tide water line only and if you find a returnable "treasure", you should try to find the owner (ie. class rings)

If you want to find what is being found on the beaches today and what the hunting conditions are based on tides and winds, subscribe (FREE) to this site: <https://tbr2020.blogspot.com/>. This site is upgraded almost daily, and it has GPS co-ordinates of all the wreck sites if you want to "dig deeper."



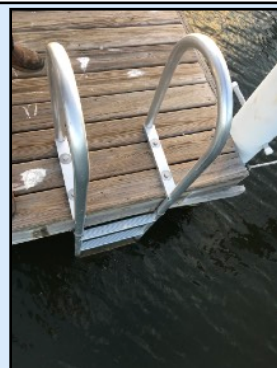
Photo from
The Guardian



MARINA NEWS

by Andy Stanish, Dockmaster

I would like to thank the marina volunteers who helped with the installation of the new transit dock ladder, and the tightening and touch ups of the docks. Surprisingly, there are more boats than expected in the marina. Remember that the boat slips are for everyone to use, but you must clear your registration with the OR office before I can assign you a slip.



We are in high season and the 7 golf cart parking spots (I'm including the grass parking area to the left of the boat ramp) at the marina can get crowded; please be courteous and park with other carts in mind.

The kayak racks look full. If you need space for your kayak please contact Gary Smolarek.



A few manatee are in the marina and don't forget to come see the fish around the lights at night.

The fishing report is not good. The weather has not cooperated and on the few nice days I could not find my target in the river. Luxy LeClair reports that the pompano fishing has been good on the beach up at Round Island but when the word is out, fishing gets crowded.



See you on the dock!!

**BOCCE -
Only a couple
of weeks left!!**



GOLF TOURNAMENT by Cibby Gardiner

Thank you to Jim Buysse for setting up another fun golf tournament! The 3rd Annual Ocean Resorts Golf Tournament was held February 18, 2021. It was a perfect day for golf at Four Winds Golf Club in Ft. Pierce.



Winners of the Men's Division were Randy Courier and Darrell Corbin. Winners of the Women's Division were Carol Thorne and Cibby Gardiner. Cibby and Carol defeated 2x champions Becky Buysse and Barb Miller! Closest to the Pin was Karen Howe.



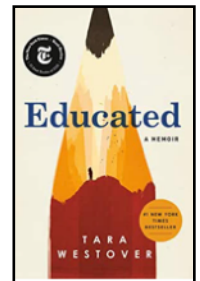
There were 17 teams in total - 29 men and 8 women. Ladies! Join us next year! And after the stellar performances by all who participated, I'm sure the PGA and WPGA will be scouting OR for players for their tours. Come join us next year! Hit 'em straight!

THE JOY OF READING by Nancy Wilder



I had heard of the book **Leave the World Behind** by Rumaan Alam, I had even reserved the book at the library. But when the book came in, I just couldn't settle down and focus. The first hundred pages were ok, a family going on vacation, setting up the rental house, etc. Soon I put the book aside to watch TV. The next morning I started reading again and I finished the book that very evening. I even missed the trash truck, I was so involved in the book. Oh my, the pace picked up quickly. The theme is topical, the characters easy to like, and there is a dramatic build up. The ending will stay with you. A bit of warning, sexual scenes are scattered throughout the story, nothing too intense, but notable. Just set aside a block of time, sit down and "leave the world behind".

My Ocean Resorts book group has chosen **Educated** by Tara Westover, as this month's read. I am remiss in not reviewing this 2018 memoir earlier for the rest of our readers. Tara Westover was born in the mountains of Idaho, to Mormon survivalist parents. She and her 6 siblings were raised without medical care or schooling. They slept with supply bags next to them, ready to head for the mountains if government agents appeared. They canned vegetables and stocked up for the end of the world. Tara stepped into a classroom for the first time at 17 years old. Truly a remarkable, well-written story of a dysfunctional family, perseverance and the power of education. You will be inspired.



And for those of you who can not settle down to read, but want to, or for the one's who never get to it, try this: set a timer for 30 minutes. Give yourself the gift of reading every day for 30 minutes. You are building a habit that will reap many benefits.

MAKING A SPLASH - POOL NEWS

by Kathy Jankovic

• **Pool liaison** - Director Luxy LeClaire is the Board of Director liaison. Luxy will work directly with the newly organized pool committee, bringing their suggestions and concerns to the Board of Directors.



* **Pool Temperature** - Thanks to maintenance staff, Scott Derr, the problem of covering the pool has been solved. The Ocean Resorts pool will use a liquid invisible solar cover named

COVERfree. Natural Chemistry's COVERfree is a liquid swimming pool cover technology product that helps save water and money by decreasing evaporation. It significantly reduces water evaporation and heat loss which

helps retain the chemically treated water in the pool saving on maintenance costs. COVERfree creates an invisible barrier on the surface of the water that works even when swimmers are in the pool. It is safe to use with all sanitizing systems. Additional information is available at www.naturalchemistry.com. All heaters are currently working. Director LeClaire will propose a heater replacement project at the next board meeting. In July, 2021, our current equipment can no longer be covered by the extended warranty, necessitating this action.

• **FOB System** - Beginning February 22, all pool users need a fob to ENTER and EXIT the pool area. The fob will only work during posted pool hours. County regulations state that all complex pools can only be open from dawn to dusk. This rule applies even though Ocean Resorts is a private entity due to the fact that there are 400 individual units on the property. Donna Perez will post the pool hours at the pool entrance. Your FOB will only work during the posted time frame. Become aware of those times. As the days get longer pool closing hours will be extended on a monthly basis. Owners are responsible for getting FOBs for their renters. The remote that opens the entrance gates WILL NOT work to open the pool gates. Fobbing will be a new learning experience for everyone. If you need help learning how to use

a FOB, don't be embarrassed to ask. Please be patient and give the new system time to work. If you have trouble using your FOB, please contact the office during business hours.

• **Showers** - Thanks to all of you who are using the showers regularly before you make a splash. If you have been sunbathing and want to cool off in the pool, please take a shower before you jump in. Sweat produces the same type of contaminants as urine does. Even if you just showered at home it's best to rinse off any soap or shampoo residue remaining on your skin.

• **Food and drink** - Except for plain drinking water in a closed container, all other food and drink must be kept at least 3 feet from the pool. Several persons have been observed eating and drinking at the pool edge. One person actually spilled a beverage that was not water into the pool. This contaminates pool water and could be a cause of having to close the pool. All glass containers are prohibited. Please be courteous. Do not bring glass containers into the pool area.

• **Furniture** - When you move lounge chairs, tables or regular chairs, please return them to their original positions. Please make a habit of cleaning up after yourself.

• **POOL JETS** - The pool company sets jets for optimum circulation for chemicals and the invisible pool cover. Keep jets in the set position please.

SMILE - The pool area is under camera surveillance 24 hours per day!!





MAHJONG by Elizabeth Flaherty

Friends, I believe that it is best to hold off our Mahjong games for a few months. Florida isn't heading in the right direction yet. After we are vaccinated, things will come together easier.

PS - If you are interested in learning Mahjong, I have a packet to handout, and would be willing to teach outside, up at the club house deck, wearing masks. You can reach me at 204-685-5068.

Thanks for your support!!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE by Donna Comolli



The Luau has been postponed until next March, 2022; too many people to safely have it this year. Save your Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts and lei's for next year!!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Sandy Jenkins

We have decided to cancel all activities for February as we had a lot of people that came down with the virus here in the park. Now everyone is trying to get the shot for Pfisor or the Moderna vaccine. Hopefully we can have some activities in March.

MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder



For some of you this meditation (prayer) will be familiar, for others, it will be an opportunity. METTA is a prayer of loving kindness.

Please sit in a comfortable and stable position, relaxing your muscles and breathing deeply into your abdomen, breathing out slowly, feeling your breath.

Begin by sending loving kindness to yourself. Picture yourself as a young child in need of love and comfort, give yourself that love and comfort. Feel the comfort that comes from being loved. Feel the love as you follow your breathe. Repeat the following phrases to yourself: "May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well and free from suffering. May I be peaceful and at ease. May I be happy." Please recite slowly and with focus.

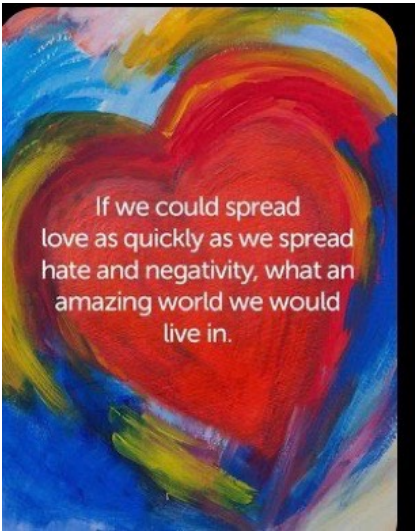
Now **think of someone you admire**. Repeat the above phrases to yourself, e.g. "May that person be filled with loving kindness (insert the name), may that person be well (see above)." Now **think of someone who is ill**. Repeat the phrases to yourself, e.g. "May that person be filled with loving kindness etc." Now **think of someone who has hurt you** (this may be harder) but repeat the above phrases to yourself. Now **think of all the people in Ocean Resorts** and repeat the above phrases to yourself. (We will appreciate the prayers.)

Lastly, **think of all the people in the world**. May all the people in the world be filled with loving kindness. May all people be well and free from suffering. May all people be peaceful and at ease, may all people be happy.

Please recite this once a day, slowly and thoughtfully.

**EASTER
SUNRISE
SERVICE**

The annual Easter sunrise service is cancelled again this year and there will not be a virtual service either. Hopefully we will be able to have a normal sunrise service next year!!



RENEWING COMMUNITY BUILDING DURING THE PANDEMIC by Kathy Jankovic

Ocean Resorts has always been known for its strong sense of community, friendliness and caring. During this time we have lost opportunities to get to know our new shareholders and make them new friends. To be safe, we've had to cancel many of our favorite activities that brought us together. To be safe, we wear masks that hide our smiles.

This is not stopped people from performing random acts of kindness for and to one another. All names will remain confidential as many of us will know the persons who are giving time to help others.

Ocean Resorts has its own Covid vaccine-scheduling angels. Their computer skills are helping those who are unable to get a vaccine appointment. They are heroes who use their time & energy to keep others safe.

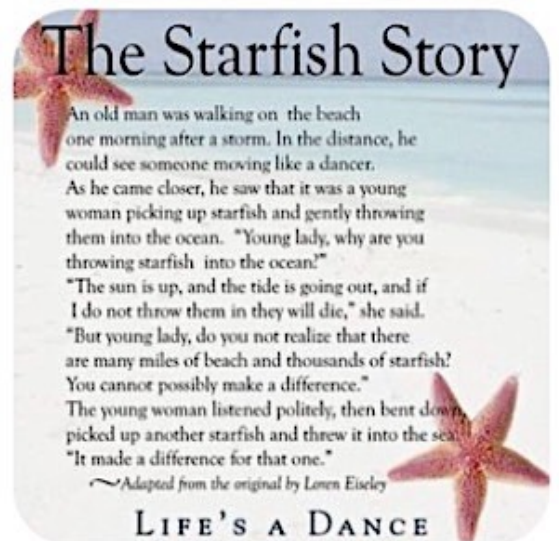


We have volunteers who pick up our trash 3 days a week. It's something that they don't have to do but they do anyway. One way to pay it forward could be something as simple as making sure the trash you put at the curb is securely contained. Grouping your containers close with several neighbors could result in reducing the number of times someone has to get off and on the truck.

I personally experienced kindness from neighbors when I returned to Ocean Resorts in December. Five persons helped me unload my car after a long journey to get here. I found my porch decorated for Christmas. Another neighbor opened my hurricane shutters. Yet another neighbor put air in my bike tires. I'm grateful and thankful for their help.

“ Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.” (Mark Twain) Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, and honest compliment or the smallest act of caring all of which can turn a life around. Kindness is one of the greatest gifts you could be still a part of one another. If someone is in need, lend a helping hand. Do not wait for a thank you. True kindness lies within the act of giving without the expectation of something in return. Kindness is a wonderful way to let another struggling soul know that there is still love in this world.

A final thought: Today you could be standing 6 feet from someone who is trying his or her best not to fall apart. So whatever you do today, do it with kindness in your heart. One kind word or act can change someone's entire day. If we all do one random act of kindness daily we might just set the world in the right direction.



LET'S EAT OUT!

By Sharon English



SKI'S HIDEAWAY IN VERO BEACH

1453 20th Street, Vero Beach 32960

772-567-2311

skishideaway.com

Hours: Mon.-Sat.: 11am-9pm. Closed Sunday.



A shout out to our “Hoosier” (nickname for people from Indiana) friends missing their wonderful fried pork tenderloin sandwiches. It is my understanding these great sandwiches are an Indiana thing. Well, now you can have one at SKIS HIDEAWAY, a hidden little hole in the wall restaurant along 20th street. There isn't any parking along that stretch and it took us awhile to figure out where to park. However, I have never been deterred from finding a place to park if it involves food and drinks. So follow 20th Street across the tracks and through the traffic light at 14th Avenue. The restaurant is on the left hand side, turn into 16th Ave and in a few feet an alley on the left. Go to parking lot on the right and the back of SKIS HIDEAWAY is across the street. This is a back entrance and there is an outdoor dining area called the Bier Garden.

Now that you have found the place, let's talk food! We went for the jumbo pork tenderloin sandwich after seeing a write up on Facebook Vero Beach Foodie. Thank goodness we saw one served at a table nearby and it was enormous. So we made the wise decision to share one pork tenderloin sandwich with an up charge side of sweet potato fries. The sandwich comes with other sides like fries, coleslaw, pasta salad, etc. for \$12.95. We each had Warsteiner German beer at \$3.00 a can.

This sandwich is a special only served on MONDAY & TUESDAY!

SKIS has a great menu of wonderful “bar food”: appetizers, wings, hoagies, burgers and more. This little hideaway is a typical neighborhood hangout with a dark inside, friendly staff and folks enjoying some food we snowbirds miss.

LITTLE JIM BAIT & TACKLE

601 N Causeway, Fort Pierce, FL 34949

772-468-2503

Hours: Monday-Friday 7am - 7pm, Sat.-Sun. 6am-7pm

www:littlejimbaitandtackle.com

Little Jim Bait and Tackle is 75 years old! It has a long history as a bait shack, navy supply shack and now a waterfront restaurant. Please read their website for an interesting look into the history of old Fort Pierce, the draw bridge and our island.

The new owners have spruced the place up with new tables, a covered deck and outdoor seating around the original building. Their previous restaurant expertise, from the old Tiki Bar in Fort Pierce, is showing up at LITTLE JIM. There is now a kayak, paddle board launch and rental kiosk. We have been going to LITTLE JIM's for 20 years and I'm glad it still has some of its rustic, old Florida look, live local music and LJ (Little Jim, the cat).



LITTLE JIM (continued)

LITTLE JIM still sells bait but now has a casual menu and a full bar. The bait shop offerings of bags of chips, beef jerky, and a big old crockpot of boiled peanuts has changed to an assortment of sandwiches, tacos, soups, burgers, etc. We shared a big cup of excellent homemade New England clam chowder. I had the Tuna Tacos, big pieces of fresh, perfectly cooked tuna and sauce. Tom's burger was equally good. We haven't been there in a few months and we were pleased with the positive changes. It's only 3.7 miles from Ocean Resorts and easy to get there by car, bicycle or boat. It's a great place, close by for a cold beer or frozen drink, on a beautiful Florida afternoon!

ART in the PARK by Cibby Gardiner

Art in the Park will be winding down for the season on March 23rd. It's been different this year due to COVID and some weeks we have had to cancel. As of this publication the schedule is:

March 2 - TBA



March 9 - Shell Tree Mobiles with Christine

Unger. Walk down Keel Way and you can see the great ones she's made hanging from her tree. They really are neat!

MARCH 14 is the Annual Show and Sale at the Pavilion from noon to 3. This is always a great event with lots of wonderful things made by many artisans. Paintings, jewelry, crafts, furniture, books, cards etc... Spread the word and come on down! If you'd like to have a table to show/sell your items please contact Donna Comolli at 401-744-6910. Tables are free but must be reserved.

March 16 - St Paddy's hats, outfits and decorations (for the parade or just for fun!) with Cibby Gardiner.

March 23 - TBA

Thank you in advance to all those who have volunteered to host a Tuesday and share their talents in 2021. Kathy Jankovic, Sharon English, Christine Unger, Sheila Delson, Alison Alvandian, Karen Stampfli and Sue Ertel.

Here's looking forward to a great 2022 season. If you'd like to host a Tuesday next year, we'd love to have you! Contact Cibby Gardiner: cibbygv@aol.com or 401-465-7666





BINGO will begin Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 PM in the club house. Masks are mandatory!!

WORKSHOP

Ocean Resorts Rules and Regulations

Friday, February 26
3:00 PM at the Pavilion

This is not a board meeting. It is a forum to discuss current Rules and Regulations and to get feedback from the shareholders.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**March 2nd, Tuesday
1:00 PM in the club house**

Masks are mandatory!!

2021 Committee Chairpersons

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON
ACTIVITIES	Sandra Jenkins
BEAUTIFICATION	Mary Dombro
BOCCE	Mary Dombro
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	Sam Bouchlas
ELECTIONS	Donna Comolli
FINANCE	Dave Comolli
GRIEVANCE	Phil Proctor
HISTORIAN/ WEBMASTER	Barbara Goodman
LAND ASSET	John Provance
MARINA/ DOCKMASTER	Andy Stanish
NEWSLETTER	Barbara Goodman
POOL	Kathy Jankovich
SOCIAL EVENTS	Donna Comolli
TENNIS	Tom Smith
COORDINATORS	CHAIRPERSON
HAPPY HOUR	Sharon English
KAYAKS	Gary Smolarek
LIBRARY	Cathy Moon
GAME ROOM	Joe Boney
SAFETY/SECURITY	Charlie Jenkins
TRASH	Joe Harding

The Asset/Land Advisory Committee is having a ShareHolder Open Discussion.

Major Topic: Storage Space at Ocean Resorts

Major Objective: NO WAITING LISTS!!

**March 5, 2021
Friday at 1:00 PM at the Pavilion.
ALL WELCOME!!**



Art in the Park Show & Sale- Sunday, March 14th, from 12-3 pm outside at the pavilion. Anyone (shareholders & renters) can sign up in the Post Office to reserve a table. Hope to see you all at the show!! Questions, call me, Donna Comolli, 401 744-6912

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