



OCEAN RESORTS
ISLAND TIMES
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This issue is dedicated to the many, many wonderful people at Ocean Resorts who volunteer their time and talents to make OR the paradise that it is. We thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts!!

From the Island Times Newsletter Staff

MANAGER'S REPORT
by Donna Perez

Greetings to All,

It's hard to believe we are near the end of another season here at Ocean Resorts. This year has certainly been a challenging one for many. We all are learning to live a new normal and trying to get life back to as normal as we can. Many events were canceled and rescheduled this year due to the virus, and we are hoping next year we can resume all activities.

With this month's Newsletter being dedicated to the Volunteers of Ocean Resorts, I would like to take the time to THANK each and every volunteer that takes the time out of their busy schedule and gives back to our community. The trash volunteers, beautification, activities, pool, marina, and the many others, we are beyond appreciative for volunteers like each of you that selflessly give your time to serve the community. If the world becomes a better place tomorrow, it will happen because of volunteers like each of you. I would also like to recognize all of the vaccine angels who worked effortlessly to ensure everyone in our community had the opportunity to get vaccinated if they so choose. Hats off to all who

stayed up late and woke up early to get so many an appointment.

Just a friendly reminder to those who leave to go back North for the summer to change your address with the office, as well as with the US Postal Service.

Please ensure your homes are secure and ready for hurricane season prior to your departure. We have certainly been spared over the last few years and cannot let our guard down.

I hope all have a safe, fun filled summer and look forward to seeing you all in the fall.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Jim Buysse

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice Florida sunshine and warmth (sorry for those who couldn't make it here this year). Things are starting to get back to normal. With the help of Marie and Luxy LeClair, many Ocean Resort residents have received their Covid shots. And we finally had some Ocean Resort activities that were enjoyed by many. All were ready to get outside and enjoy OR.

Since coming on the Board, and now as President, one of the major complaints is the lack of enforcement of the Rules and Regulations. Watch out what you wish for!! The Board of Directors have instructed the park manager to start strict enforcement of Ocean Resort's Rules and Regulations. She has the full Board support so if you are in violation, expect to be getting a phone call, letter and/or fines.



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**

The next couple of weeks some of us snowbirds will be heading back north so wherever your travel takes you, SAFE TRAVELING. Be sure to stop by the office on the way out to tell them goodbye and make the necessary change of address.

Again, the Board would like all shareholders to get signed up for electronic voting so stop by the office and get the necessary paperwork to get signed up.



2021 OCEAN RESORTS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Pictured FROM L TO R::

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



Photos by Cibby Gardiner

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE by Cibby Gardiner

"Tis a grand day for the Irish"....and an even grander day for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade! It takes a village - A huge **Thank You** to all who participated and to those that came out to watch. Special thanks to Marion Stark for singing Irish tunes throughout the parade, Tom and Sharon English for providing music, Joe May for playing the bagpipes, and to our 3 judges; Anita D'Ambrosia, Karen Howe, and Karen Stampfli. A fun-filled time was had by all.

FINANCE COMMITTEE 2021

by David Comolli



Your 2021 Finance committee is made up eight volunteer members, David Comolli (chairman), Mary Dombro (Secretary), Tom English, Evelyn Heaman, Dan Luce, Bob Obidzinski, Marion Stark (Board Liaison), Bob Tobias and Donna Perez assists (Co-Op Manager). The committee has attempted to meet every Tuesday with the Manager to prepare the 21/22 Operating and Reserve Budgets. Our goal is to present the budget at the April Board of Director's meeting.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

by Donna Comolli, Chairperson

Our committee plans different social events during the season, including the Western Dance (cowboy hats and boots are optional!) in January and the Luau in March (remember to bring down your Hawaiian shirts!!). We have bands at both these events. We have included Happy Hour nights into our committee since these are social events too.

Hopefully next season will be almost back to normal and we can start up these events again, with a Happy Hour Oktoberfest in the fall!! Our committee members are Joan Foley, Marion Stark, Mary Dombro, Beth Stafford, Sharon English, Sue Giebel, Carmel Jolly, Tanya McKewon and Cibby Gardiner. If you would like to volunteer for this committee, please let me know!!

Shareholders and renters are all welcome!! dcomolli@yahoo.com.



Photo by Bill Howe

Pictured from L to R: Marion S., Carmel J., Mary D., Donna C., Sue G., Sharon E., Cibby G. And Joan F.

The Joy of Reading, in Ocean Resorts by Nancy Wilder



Photo from 2014

In January 2001, Polly Mansell (the late, great) and Connie Beresford, started a book group in Ocean Resorts, called "The Happy Bookers". The group is still meeting monthly, in season. The first selection (a unanimous favorite) was "A Land Remembered" If you have not read this book about old Fort Pierce and this part of Florida, you are in for a treat.

The size of the group has always been limited by our small homes, although this year we tried meeting outside.

Some book groups in other areas have zoom meetings. People read, and want to talk about books. In our group, books are chosen by the members in advance. Some books are supplied through a library program called 'Book Group in a Box'. Other selections are purchased or borrowed by the reader. There is a rotating host and group moderator. The moderator presents information about the author and the book. We don't always agree on a book, but we always have animated discussions.

Around 2004, another book group was started and simply called, The OR Book Group. Judy Kisselle, an original member, spoke to me about the close friendships of the members and the shared memories. We both agreed on the joy of discussing books. Unfortunately, The OR Book Group was disbanded last year and it is missed.

So friends and neighbors, think about next season, how about starting another book group? Historians, sci-fi aficionados, non-fiction or fiction, just think about getting together and sharing books.

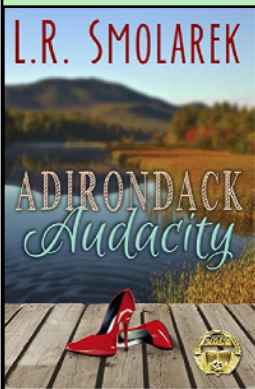
HAPPY HOUR Coordinators:

Wilma and Scott Gebhard; Tom and Sharon English



AUTHORS in the PARK by Nancy Wilder

In addition to our well stocked and organized OR library and our long history of book groups, we have authors living among us!



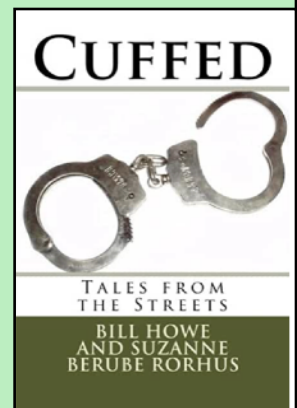
Linda Smolarek, our nature writer for the Times, is also the published author of a fiction series set in the Adirondacks, and is in the process of developing an audio series. For more info on Linda and her books, check out the March OR Island Times from 2020 (available on the OR website, oceanresortscopininc.org). Linda's books are available on Amazon.

Bill Howe, another prolific writer and photographer for the Times, and tennis and pickle ball player, has also published a collection of essays chronicling some of his experiences in police work. In talking about his book "**Cuffed**", Bill likes to say "I was just walking along, minding my business and" the story begins. And Bill is a vivid story teller. This is not a book of blood and gore; more like a day in the life of a police officer. The "names are changed to protect the innocent" but I have it on good word, these are all true life experiences.

Bill and his wife, Karen, are from Michigan. Bill worked for the Battle Creek Michigan police department for 40 years, spending time in community policing, forensics, cold cases, homicide and teaching police academy recruits. Karen and Bill spend the winter months here at OR.

I could not let Bill get away without asking him what he reads....Michael Connolly of course. We both agreed on the TV series Bosch, adapted from Connolly's books.

Bill's book, "**Cuffed**", is available on Amazon.



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Sandy Jenkins, Chairperson

The Activities Committee is composed of approximately 25 members. It was first organized in 1994 and started out by having a Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast at the Pavilion. Since then, many fundraising events have been sponsored by the Activities Committee, such as Bake Sales, Fashion Shows (using our own models), Pampered Chef and Tupperware parties, and the sale of T-Shirts, hats, beach bags, vanity plates, etc. The Ocean Resorts Telephone Directory is also a fundraiser and is published by the committee.

Funds generated from fundraising events are given back to the park in the form of a Children's Christmas Party and Easter Egg Hunt, the purchase of pool furniture and benches, which have been placed throughout the park and on the beach, charcoal grilles at the pavilion, and recently a new freezer in the Clubhouse kitchen.

The Activities Committee appreciates the participation in our programs and events by our residents, guests and visitors. New members are always welcome to join our committee.



Photo by Bill Howe

Top row: Judy S., Pat H. (Treasurer), Barb C., Sandy J. (Chairperson), Jan S., Ann S., Nancy W.

Seated: Lee K. (Secretary), Marion S., Carmel J., Elizabeth F., Lisa K., Gerry M.

Members absent from the picture: Steve C., David C., Sue E., Ilse F., Charla F., Maureen G., Barb H., Kathy J., Ginny K., Lois K., Lisa K., Cathy M., Pam R., Tina S., Pat T., Fred V.

ASSET/LAND COMMITTEE

by John Provance



Photo by Barb Goodman

The mission of the newly formed Asset/Land Committee is to monitor and protect Ocean Resorts Indian River Lagoon Assets by ensuring county, state, city agencies and environmental planning groups are accurately defining property usage and ownership. The committee will also undertake other assigned Asset/Land issues as directed by the Board of Directors.

Pictured from L to R: Jim K. (Board Liaison), Bob F., Ray O., Maureen G., JB K., Fred V., and John P. (Chairperson). Absent from picture: Joe M., David A., Sheila D., and Jack M.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by Mary Dombro, Chairperson



Photo by Bill Howe

The Beautification Committee was established to enhance the overall appearance of the community in Ocean Resorts. Through our annual fundraiser in February, this committee has purchased plants, trees, and flowers in the common areas of the park. It is the committee's responsibility to maintain the plants in the flower boxes and pots located in various common areas. Other purchases have been made to contribute to the comfort of the residents, as well as Christmas decorations for the park. Membership is open to all residents.

Pictured L to R: Mary D. (Chairperson), Debbie F., Tanya M., Jan O., and Donna C. Absent from picture: Marilyn T. (Secretary), Mary W. (Treasurer), Pat T., and Julie B,



Mary D. And Marie L.

Photo by Barb Goodman

BOCCE

by Mary Dombro, Chairperson

The mission of the Bocce Committee is to provide an organized, weekly activity for all residents of Ocean Resorts. Bocce is a nine-week activity that usually begins during the second week in January and ends around the middle of March, culminating in a pizza party at the end of the season. Sign up sheets are available in December and posted inside the Post Office.

It was a short season this year, but most importantly, it was enjoyed by all who played. On March 15th, the season ended with a pizza party held in the club house. Certificates and Publix gift cards were presented to the first place team, whose members were Carmel and Jim Jolly, Elaine Snyder and Peter Keaney. Congeniality Certificates were also presented to "Team KC", whose members were Kathy Smith, Karen Stampfli, Connie Hay and Carol Thorne. These girls were always good-natured, bubbly, and energetic every week.

It has been a pleasure to work with Luxy LeClair as my Co-Chair. His wife, Marie, was always there to help also. Since Luxy can no longer hold this position, due to his recent Board position, I am thrilled that Marie has agreed to step in as my Co-Chair for next season.

Photos from Mary D.



First Place Winners - Carmel and Jim J. (Absent Elaine S. and Peter K.)



Team Congeniality - Carol T., Kathy S., Karen S., and Connie H.

TRASH COMMITTEE by Joe Harding, Chairperson

All "VOLUNTEER'S" are very much appreciated. They each give many hours during the season picking up trash and recycling. The committee works four (4) days a week, starting at 9 am and finishing around 11 am. When you see volunteer's driving or on the back of the garbage truck, you know they are doing this because they want to or to save on expense for our association. At this time we have 32 volunteers on the e-mail list. Keep in mind, we are not limited to men only. In the past, we had women drive and ride on back picking up! Feel free to "yell good morning and thank you" as they pickup your garbage or recycle materials.



Photo by Cibby Gardiner

Pictured L to R:

**John S., Lyle M., Bob O.,
Denny M., Terry H., Gary R.,
Joe H., Dan V., Lou B.,
Kim F., Jim T., Jim B,
Bill H., and Ken K.**



WE ARE SO LUCKY!!! by Gerry Marcus and Nancy Wilder

Where else could you find a community with trash pick up three times a week in season and recycling once a week? And to add to our good fortune, most of the work is done by a steady group of dedicated volunteers. Joe Harding is there most mornings getting the team organized and off to the start of the run. And thanks also go out to our great maintenance workers who are there on and off season every time that it is necessary.

For those detail people (me), in peak season, the crew picks up about 6000 pounds of trash a week and 1400 plus pounds of recycling. Wow! Each pick up run takes about one and a half hours, and then it's off to the dump, which is a thirty mile roundtrip. I have heard stories about the dump run, so our maintenance guys usually make the drive, except for Monday, when Terry Hughes tackles the run.

Remember, no experience is needed to be a "Trash Person", no age, gender or other requirements. Just be advised, you need to be able to pick up a container of up to fifty pounds!

Admittedly, problems can occur. There was one driver (it could have been anyone of us!) who unintentionally but repeatedly ran the truck into a somebody's plant pots. And there are dangerous times. Residents don't always realize that improper disposal of hazardous material can spray onto the volunteers when the truck compacts the waste. I have seen this happen. Please be mindful.

But, what fun to drive or be on a dump truck, and you can get a cool shirt and community appreciation. Go for it!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

by Sam Bouchlas

The Building and Grounds Committee is composed of a maximum of 7 shareholders who meet regularly to discuss different situations or problems that have been assigned us by the Board of Directors. These items deal with Ocean Resorts buildings and grounds. As part of that, we research solutions and solicit input from fellow owners and others. Some examples are security gates, pool heaters and coolers, lifts at the clubhouse and road repair. All shareholders are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings.



Photo by Bill Howe

Pictured L to R: Sam B.- chairman, Dianne L., and Carl A. Absent from the photo are Denny M., Gary R. And Jim C. (liaison)

ELECTION COMMITTEE

by Donna Comolli

The Election Committee is in charge of planning and carrying out our annual election of the Board of Directors, which is held the first Saturday in February. We are also responsible for sending out ballot packages for any item or project that requires a vote by the shareholders.



Photo by Barb Goodman

Pictured L to R: Joan F., Elizabeth F., Bill H., Donna C. (Chairperson), Mary D. and Beth S. Absent from picture: Sheila D.

ART IN THE PARK by Cibby Gardiner

The 6th season of Art in the Park ended on March 16th when we decorated hats, shirts, etc. with lots of green materials and trappings to wear in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. A GRANDE time was had by all who attended.

Due to Covid and some of the artist/leaders who couldn't get here this season, some of the planned projects were canceled. All in all, it was another year of enjoying getting together with other folks for a fun-filled, creative time on Tuesday mornings. I want to thank those who volunteered their time and talents in making this such a fun time every Tuesday. Kudos to Kathy Jankovic, Sharon English, Sheila Delson and Christine Unger. **THANK YOU** to Donna Comolli for Chairing and organizing the annual Art in the Park Show & Sale, to Karen Howe for running the raffle table, and to Karen Stampfli for managing our expenses. The money raised from the raffle helps to defray the cost of the supplies that are used for each project.

I have enjoyed doing Art in the Park these past 6 years but feel the need to step down and pursue other things. I am hoping that someone will volunteer to be in charge so that this weekly activity doesn't end. If interested or willing to do it, please contact me and I'll give you the particulars. 401-465-7666 cibbyg@aol.com



Have a great April and summer and I look forward to seeing you all in OR next year!





MARINA COMMITTEE by Andy Stanish, Dockmaster

The members of the Marina Committee are the stewards of the realm between the land and water, providing voluntary service to protect and uphold the standards of the Ocean Resort's Marina. We have grand spaghetti dinner parties and fishing tournaments to raise funds to maintain and improve our marina sanctuary. We would like to thank many of our Golden Knighted members that have well over 10 years of service, and welcome any and all new members to the 'Society of the Slips'.

In other words....we are a great group of people who love the water, boating and talk about fishing. We realize how special Ocean Resorts is by having its own marina and boat ramp. This is why we volunteer our time and effort for our sanctuary and the good of all shareholders.



Photo by Barb Goodman

Andy Stanish - Dockmaster and Chairperson

Luxy LeClair - Assistant Dockmaster

Sharon McSweeney - Treasurer and Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

Scott Gebhard - Secretary

Peter Hart - Fishing Derby Chairperson

Members:

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| Terry H. | Jay M. | Ed N. | David N. | Glen E. |
| Don C. | Craig K. | Paul P. | Griz R. | Sam R. |
| Jeff C. | Bill K. | Chris K. | Dave K. | Bob T. |
| Dorene S. | Paul K. | Evert E. | Al F. | Ken R. |
| James J. | Gary R. | CJ N. | Brett S. | Roger V. |
| Bob C. | Brian R. | Mike L. | Gerald S. | Bill S. |
| Gordon N. | Ed G. | Ron S. | Carl A. | Lyle M. |
| Wayne W. | Rick Z. | Sharon S. | Jim S. | Dave R. |
| Carl P. | Chuck O. | Tom G. | Bob B. | Jean S. |
| Beth S. | Wilma G. | Jan T. | Marie L. | Rusty B. |
| Jim J. | | | | |

THE OCEAN RESORTS' ISLAND TIMES NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

by Barb Goodman, Editor

Photo by Bill Howe



Pictured from L to R: Cibby G., Linda S., Lee K., Bill H., Barb G., Sharon E. And Nancy W.

The Newsletter Committee has the distinct privilege of sharing the wonderful people, activities and interests of the community of Ocean Resorts. The newsletter staff tries to gather as much information as possible about the different activities of OR and, of course, we try to get as many pictures of people participating in those activities as we can.

Committee chairpersons are asked to submit reports and photographs to represent each of their respective committees in

order to keep all shareholders informed of their activities. Ocean Resort's manager, Donna Perez, and the Board of Director's President, currently Jim Buysse, submit reports for each issue as well. All reports and photographs are sent to the editor who then lays out the current issue. After being sent to all staff members, and the OR manager and administrative assistant, for editing, the final copy is printed in the office. Either office personnel or newsletter staff members fold the newsletter and place copies in the office and the post office.

The newsletter staff has agreed to create 6 issues a year in January, February, March, April, October and December. However, with Covid and the cancellation of many activities, we have combined the March and April issues the last couple of years. All past issues of the newsletter (since 2017 under this current staff), are available for viewing and download from the OR website, oceanresortscsco-opinc.org.



The editor would like to thank all staff members and chairpersons for their timely and informative reports to make our newsletter as good as it is!! It is wonderful to hear the positive comments from shareholders about the newsletters, and we welcome feedback and ideas for new articles or information to be covered.

Pool News-Making a Splash 🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊🌊

by Kathy Jankovic, Chairperson

The FOB system went into effect at the end of February. Residents are adjusting to using the system to enter and exit the pool. The liquid pool cover is successfully maintaining temperatures during recent cold spells. The only “hiccup” that occurred was when 2 pool heaters went out at the same time. Because the extended warranty for the heaters expires in July 2021, the Board of Director’s and the Building & Grounds Committee are working to purchase replacement heaters.

Pool committee responsibilities include advising the office about maintenance issues and suggesting improvements for the pool area. In addition, pool committee members lead a daily exercise class, assist with cleaning the dirty ring caused by suntan lotion use, straighten tables and chairs to make the pool area look neat, clean the equipment storage box, and install, store and put up the fence windbreak.

All pool committee members gently remind pool users to follow posted pool rules, especially with regard to showering before using the pool and not having glass containers in the pool area. All pool committee members thank everyone for following the posted safety and sanitation guidelines.

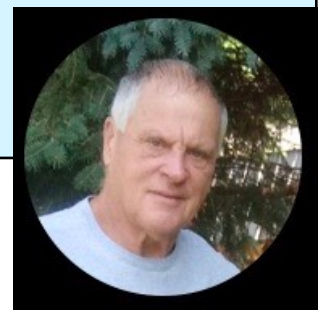
The pool recording secretary is Dianne Leveridge; Board Liaison is Luxy LeClair; pool chairperson is Kathy Jankovic.



Photo by Bill Howe

Pictured L to R: Elizabeth F., Ed S., Kathy J., Nancy P. and Dianne L.

Other members pictured L to R: Sue E., Pat T., Kathy B., and Ken K.



Members not pictured include Sam and Rhonda B., Steve C., Jamie J., JB & Wanda K., Jeff S., Kathy S. and Darlene S.



Photo by Bill Howe

TENNIS by Tom Smith, Chairperson

Pictured from L to R: Front Row: John S., John S. (Vice President) Gary G. (Board Liaison) Bob B., Arlene E., Cathy M. (Secretary), Tom S. (President), Karen H., and Bill H.
Back Row: Ken. C. and Bob O.
Not pictured: Evert E. and Marie R. (Treasurer)



MAHJONG by Elizabeth Flaherty

Picture 1 is Nancy W. passing the 'wall' (torch) to Elizabeth, signifying Elizabeth taking over the management of Mahjong. The second picture is Elizabeth showing Nancy the size of shoes she will try to fill after Nancy did such a great job managing the Mahjong groups for several years. And the third picture is of the wonderful group of people who love to play Mahjong!!

Photos from Elizabeth Flaherty



NATURE AT OCEAN RESORTS

by Linda Smolarek



Photo from ourstate.com

Sea Oats - Builder of Dunes and Guardian of the Coast

On your next walk to the beach take a moment and thank the Sea Oats, an important widespread grass on southern coastal dunes. Sea oats get their name from the large plumes which resemble oats grown for food.

Due to the harsh coastal environment this species inhabits, there is little competition from other plants. They can grow as high as seven or eight feet tall and seed heads mature in autumn. Once established sea oats require little management.

Sea oats prevent beach erosion by an extensive root system that forms a lattice-like

network of underground vertical rhizome stems growing from the bottom up stabilizing the loose sands of young and old dunes alike. The sand collects around the plant and stimulates new growth. The cycle of sand collection and plant growth facilitates the expansion of both the sea oats and the sand dune.

Primary dune systems that have been cut away by hurricanes reveal original clumps of underground stems and roots reaching up to 30 feet below the surface. The massive root system is capable of holding soil and sand in place during extreme weather events such as hurricanes and tropical storms.

This plant's habitat puts it at the forefront of shoreline protection. It is also capable of catching blowing sand and building dunes as well as function like dikes against flooding from large ocean waves and reservoirs of sand seasonally replenish the beach.

Sea oats provide food for various wildlife including some birds, marsh rabbits and beach mice. Maybe the most important thing for you to know about sea oats is avoid walking on the sand dunes and that it's illegal to pick them or destroy them.

Thanks to the sea oats we have our beautiful beach at Ocean Resort.



HOT DOG AND HAMBURGER ROAST sponsored by the Activities Committee



Photos by Barb Goodman

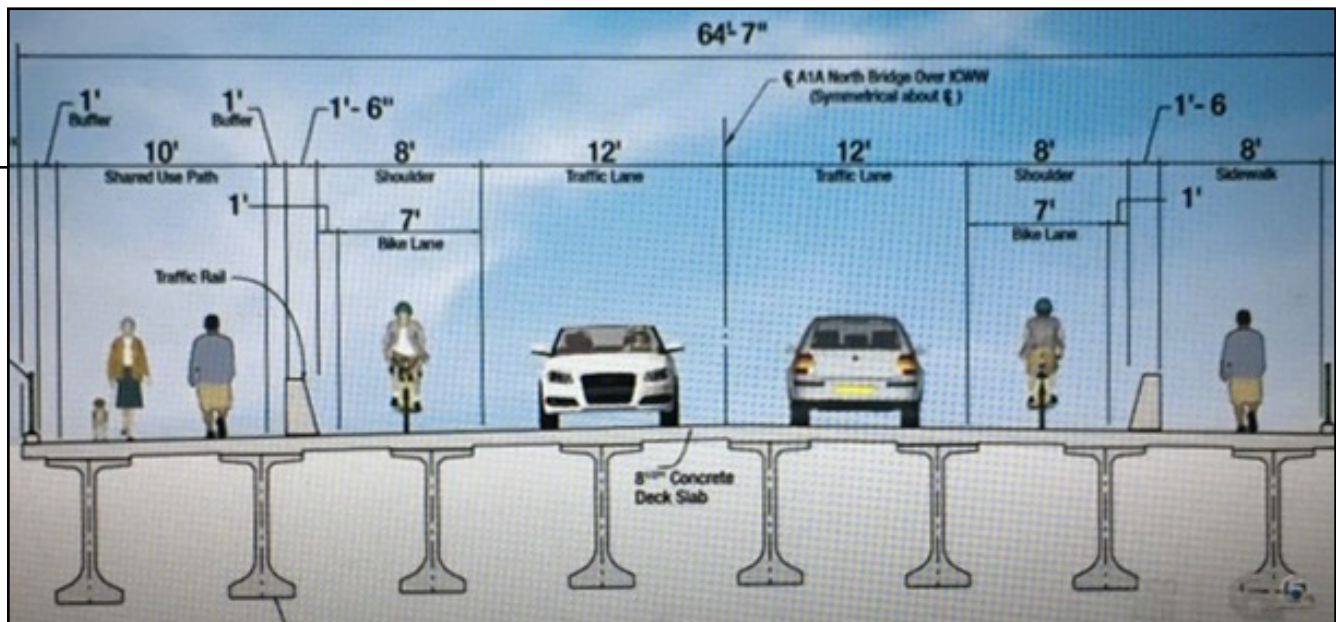
The New A1A Bridge into Ft Pierce by Bill Howe

Plans have been underway since 2015 to replace the existing drawbridge, our southern A1A access to the mainland and into Ft. Pierce. This new bridge will cost an estimated \$79 million and take at least 4 years to complete. Construction on the new bridge is scheduled to begin in January of 2022 and be completed in the Spring of 2026.

The existing bridge is 25 feet above the water level, with a horizontal width for boat traffic of 90 feet and measures 2,100 feet in length. The new bridge will be 85 feet above the water with a 125-foot horizontal width for boat traffic. The total length of the new bridge will be 4,153 in length and will not have the drawbridge function.

The new bridge will boast a 24-foot vehicle lane for east/west traffic. On both sides of the bridge there will be a separate, protected 8-foot-wide bicycle lane and a ten-foot-wide pedestrian lane, also protected from traffic. There will also be a 300 ft. observation deck on the north side of the bridge. At this point it is unknown if fishing will be allowed from the bridge, however due to the height of the structure, it is unlikely fishing would be allowed.

There are three reasons the existing bridge is going to be replaced: a.) structure deficiencies, b.) obsolescence and c.) traffic impact. The original bridge was built in 1963. The life span of the new bridge is expected to be 50-60 years. In the meantime, the existing bridge will remain functional and safe for vehicle use.



LETS EAT OUT

By Sharon English

There are many wonderful places to eat on our Treasure Coast but this month I'm going to list a few local places to support on our island and nearby. Let's try to patronize small family owned businesses to boost our local economy.



ONE CRAFTY WEENIE

PEPPER PARK RIVERSIDE

3400 A1A N (across from the Seal Museum)

Hours: Thursday - Sunday 11AM - 4PM

772-205-9801

Across the street from the Seal Museum and you will see the ONE CRAFTY WEENIE red food truck. A delightful couple run the sandwich business, which sells hot dogs, Italian sausages and Sloppy Joes. They use top quality meats, offer several kinds of toppings and tater tots sides. They cook each sandwich to order so be patient, enjoy the breeze off the ocean, the sun, or take a little walk while you wait for your "dog"!

SHARKY'S

1012 Shorewinds Drive

North Hutchinson Island

Daily 10 AM - 9 PM

772-466-2757



We have been going to SHARKY'S since we first came to Ocean Resorts 20+ years ago. This is a great little family business with eat in or take out food. They offer a basic menu of hoagies, burgers, pizza, wings and seafood. SHARKY'S has beer, wine and soft drinks as well. It is great to have a good local place so nearby.

HARBOR COVE RESTAURANT

(Harbor Town Marina)

1930 Harbor Town Drive

772-429-5303



HARBOR COVE is in a ramshackle building at the end of the Marina, but don't be deceived, as they have valet parking, live music and good food. The restaurant is open air and has been a family favorite of ours for years. They offer a lunch and dinner menu and a full bar. Enjoy looking at the boats in the Marina that surrounds Harbor Cove.

WE BE POPPIN

1101N US Hwy 1 Ft. Pierce

Hours: Daily 10AM - 8PM, Sat. & Sun. 12-8

772-448-4067

WE BE POPPIN is new spot in Fort Pierce for homemade fudge, kettle corn, popcorn, taffy, ice cream, lemonade and lots of other goodies for a sweet tooth. Besides all that the interior is as cute as can be with fun gift items for sale. The couple who own it are so enthusiastic and friendly. WE BE POPPIN also has a popcorn booth at the Fort Pierce Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. This is a great place to take kiddos, both the young and old, visiting us in Ocean Resorts.





MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder

Although the world seems wobbly, you can steady yourself by focusing on things we are thankful for. As I sit here on the porch, its one of those great Florida days. No bugs yet, the breeze is soft, the sky is blue. A person has to appreciate the lack of icy temps, snow, sleet and all the rest of a northern winter.

And so important, many of us have been vaccinated. There is more mingling, but with caution. We don't want another wave of

COVID. Friends and neighbors at OR are the best. They will bring you muffins, share a glass of wine, visit when you're down, help you with projects and someone is always ready to go to lunch.

Through really focusing on what blessings we have, and not dwelling in the past or worrying about the future, you will be less susceptible to the negative wanderings of your mind. Do this often enough and you will be better able to manage your own mind and filter out the negative thought you don't need.

We all have much to be thankful for, even on a bad day.



If anyone was left out of a picture, a listing, or not mentioned for something they do, please accept our sincerest apologies. Additionally if any names are wrong for pictures, we are sorry. We have tried to include all of the groups and people that we know of to thank them for their extraordinary efforts in making Ocean Resorts the paradise that it is. Again, if we have excluded anyone, we apologize.

In addition to the groups of volunteers you have seen throughout this issue, we would like to thank the following chairpersons and coordinators for the behind-the-scenes work they do in their various areas:

Library - Cathy Moon

Kayaks - Gary Smolarek

Game Room - Joe Boney

Safety and Security - Charlie Jenkins

St. Patrick's Day Parade - Cibby Gardiner

Holiday Parade - Gerry Marcus, Cathy Moon, Lee Koesema and Sharon English



Kristi C. and her dog, Sydney, enjoying an evening at the beach.

Photo by Barb Goodman



**ANOTHER SPECIAL THANKS TO
THIS GROUP FOR ALL THEY DID TO
MAKE US SAFE AT
OCEAN RESORTS:**

TEAM VACCINE!!

Jeff and Christi C., Luxy and Marie L., Jim and Carmel J., Donna (absent) and David C., Karen (absent) and John S., and Bernie and Myrtis M.

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Judy S. and Becky B. selling items for the Activities Committee

**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!!

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