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Island Times

Ocean Resorts Co-op, Inc.

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Manager's Report by Donna Perez, CAM

I hope everyone is doing well. Hopefully no one was impacted by Hurricane Florence and if you were, I hope you sustained minimal damage. We have certainly been lucky here in Florida this hurricane season.

It has been a busy summer at Ocean Resorts. The Marina had new decking put in and all the lighting fixed. The Bocce courts have been rebuilt and have new benches. The elevators have been repaired and are fully operational. The comfort stations are in the process of being painted and freshened up.

As most of you know, the clubhouse is currently closed due to moisture issues. The Board has voted to have the repairs for the clubhouse, retaining wall, and decking completed by Dunlop Construction. There have been a lot of questions and concerns over the use of the areas for season. The pavilion and pool will remain open during the entire project, and we will do the best we can to help any committees schedule activities in the game room or pavilion area. This is a huge project and it will take a lot of patience from all of us.

We have two new employees: Laurie Lukos has joined us as an Administrative Assistant and Randy Sparks has joined our Maintenance Team. They have both been a great asset to our team. For those of you not here, I encourage you to take the time to introduce yourself to the two of them when you get back home.

Phase 2 security has begun. The game room is complete along with the bathroom doors at the clubhouse. We have put the pool gates and clubhouse doors on hold until the construction on the deck and clubhouse is completed.

Just a few reminders, please be considerate of your neighbors. Quiet hours are between 10pm and 7am. 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. The speed limit in the park is 10 mph at all times.

If anyone would like to be added to my blast email contact list, either call the office or send us an email and we will add you so you will receive future blast emails. We are still in Hurricane season so please abide by By-Law 11.3.i Tie Downs. The end of season is typically the busiest time for tropical storms and hurricanes to develop so please ensure that all your items are properly stored.

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





SAFETY NOTE: Fire extinguishers can be a small but important part of your home fire safety plan. They can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or suppressing it until the fire department arrives.

We recently had a homeowner who had an electrical fire due to a faulty appliance. If it wasn't for the quick thinking of Ralph, and having a fire extinguisher nearby, what was a minimal loss could have been catastrophic.

Board President's Report October 1, 2018

Shareholders are beginning to trickle back to Ocean Resorts and soon there will be an outpouring getting settled in for the winter, renewing old friendships and creating new ones.

It has been a busy summer and many projects have been implemented (see report by Manager Donna Perez). The Board has met every month during the summer to conduct on-going business. The new video conference system is working well and more shareholders are using it each month. It has been a valuable mechanism for the Board. The marina project was completed, and we give special thanks and appreciation to Ferdie Bruckler, Dockmaster, for his valuable oversight of the project. A trial trash disposal system has begun and is working out well for most. We look forward to seeing how it meets the needs of all. We realize some people will need assistance in disposing of trash and will be setting up a volunteer list for neighbors to help neighbors. Some are already doing so, along with the maintenance staff. Our reserve study has been finalized and there are many items that the Board will be examining in the next few months.

For those who may not have heard, we are facing a major project with repairs of the retaining wall, rotting decks and floors of the clubhouse. The contract has been signed, and the contractor is in the process of getting everything necessary for permits before work can begin. The swimming pool and pavilion will remain open for the duration, but, unfortunately, the clubhouse will continue to be

closed for four to five months during this project. We apologize for the major inconvenience this is going to cause for all social activities, board meetings, and other uses, but there is absolutely no way around it. We will work with management to do what can be done, but we understand this is going to be a huge deterrent to many activities. Additionally, there are not enough funds earmarked for this project in our reserve budget and it is going to require a special assessment. We are continuing to work out the details for this and more information will be available at future Board Meetings.

There will be inconveniences and glitches with anything undertaken. Many things are totally out of our control, but we will need to be flexible and accepting of changes. We ask for your understanding and cooperation throughout all these processes.

The Board looks forward to another year of accomplishments as we strive to make OR the best it can be for all shareholders.

Vicki L. Neuman
OR Board President



Connie and Marilyn with a raft that washed up on the beach by the northern condos.

Laurie Lukos, Administrative Assistant



Laurie was born in Michigan but has lived in Florida for 30 years. She is married with 3 children; a 22 yr-old daughter working on her graduate degree in NYC, a 5 yr-old son, and a 10 year old non-verbal autistic son whom she thanks everyday for

teaching her to be patient, humble and kind. She says that raising Sam has been challenging but in a good way, and has taught her how to multitask, think outside of the box, and handle anything that comes her way. Laurie and her family live in Port St. Lucie.

Laurie feels blessed that she had the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom for 11 years until both of her younger children started school. Once she was ready to go back to work, she applied to Keller Williams, a long time dream of hers, and to Ocean Resorts. She was offered positions at both places. She chose Ocean Resorts because of the opportunities she felt she would have getting to know and work with the 400 shareholders in the community.

Her favorite thing about Ocean Resorts is being able to help and interact with shareholders. She feels that she has a good attitude and is patient, which will help her 'go the extra mile' for everyone. Laurie plans to 'stay for the long haul' and is excited for the busy season and activities to start. She is also wanting to put faces to the names of the people she has talked with on the phone over the past couple of months. Laurie invites everyone to come and introduce themselves when they arrive...she looks forward to meeting you!

NEW STAFF

Randy Sparks, Maintenance



Randy is originally from Atlanta, GA but has been residing in Florida since 1998 when he moved here to work as a chef at John's Island. Randy is a certified chef and has worked in various positions and locations in the food service industry. After some frustrating experiences, he decided to move into the area of maintenance beginning at the Turtle Reef Club in Jensen Beach.

Randy is currently single living in Vero Beach. He has two daughters in Port St. Lucie and a son, who is a Marine firefighter living in Maryland. He loves to work hard and keep busy taking care of people.

Although he believes it will be a challenge working among 400 shareholders with different personal expectations, he believes his work ethic and his personality will enable him to become an integral part of the Ocean Resorts culture.

OKTOBERFEST CANCELLED



Unfortunately, due to the clubhouse closure, the Social Events Committee found it necessary to cancel Oktoberfest this year.

Building and Grounds by Pat Broderick

The committee is looking forward to another winter in Our Little Bit of Paradise working on what the Board deems useful.

Bocce by Mary Dombro

Thank you to Donna Perez, our manager, and also to our board members who arranged and approved improvements to the bocce courts.

The bocce season will begin on Monday, January 14 and on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. The season lasts for nine consecutive weeks, ending on March 11 and March 13, 2019. Sign up sheets will be available inside the Post Office, beginning January 2, 2019. These sheets will remain inside the Post Office until January 10, 2019.

If you want to play, but aren't available during the sign up dates, you can email me to indicate your interest and what day you prefer to play. You may play on both days, also. Please type "bocce" on the subject line.



Activities Committee by Ida Smith

Election of Officers took place at the March 6, 2018 Committee Meeting. Results: Co-Chairpersons: Sandy Jenkins and Ida Smith; Secretary: Lee Koesema; Treasurer: Pat Harding

The Activities Schedule for 2018-2019 is being published in this issue of the Newsletter. Due to the scheduled repairs for the Club House, some of the activities listed will have to be rescheduled or take place at a different location. All of the committees involved will keep you informed as to the changes.

The new, up-dated Telephone Directory, 2018-2019, will go on sale in October. Ocean Resorts T-shirts, caps, etc. are also for sale and are on display in the Game Room.

The Activities Committee is sponsoring and looking forward to the many upcoming events such as the Hot Dog/Hamburger Roasts, Flea Markets, Fashion Shows, the "I Love O.R. Week" festivities and much more. Check the Schedule of Activities and the Weekly Schedules which will be posted on the bulletin boards for dates and times.

Beautification Committee By Mary Dombro

I know it's a little early to start thinking about Christmas, but you may want to mark a date on your calendar for Light-up Night. Please meet at the Post Office at 6:00 p.m. on December 2, 2018 for the official lighting of the decorated trees on the main island at Ocean Resorts. If you plan on attending, you may want to brush up on your Christmas trivia in order to be eligible to win a prize.

Our committee will need additional help to decorate the park. If you are willing to help us, please meet at the Post Office on Saturday, November 24, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Peninsula Committee By Joe May

The photos below show completed bridge work done this summer. Peninsula and OR Board members met St Lucie County Officials at site. Thanks to ALL who worked so hard to make this project succeed.



New Decking at the Marina

Pool Committee by Sue Ertel

I am still up in NY enjoying our beautiful summer weather that just keeps coming. I will return to OR next month on or around October 23. At that time I will post a sign-up sheet at the post office asking for volunteers to help cover the pool at night when the temperature starts to drop as winter approaches. I hope all the volunteers from last year will again help, along with new volunteers, as we always need substitutes.

As most of you know, at the beginning of the summer, the Board changed the rules to now allow a smoking section within the pool area. I am not happy with their decision to change this rule. If you have concerns regarding this, please contact the Board.

Mahjong by Nancy Wilder



Like everyone, we will have to rethink locations for our Monday Mahjong night. Perhaps Moonlit Monday Mahjong? Most importantly, this year we want to offer classes to those who want to learn Mahjong. There will be tables for beginners, but also betting and non betting tables for the more experienced players. Wednesday afternoon will continue with its enthusiastic players in the card room. More information will follow, but please plan to join us.

Yoga by Nancy Wilder

This season presents a challenge as the club house will not always be available. But we have other alternatives. Yoga on the beach has been a success over the years and Yoga in the pavilion has been done before. Don't put those mats away, we will be stretching and practicing our balance again in January. Let me know your preferences and suggestions.

Ocean Resorts Tennis 2019 Season

Welcome to another fun filled season of tennis at Ocean Resorts! Our programs will begin the first of January and are open to all levels of tennis.

Open Round Robin for all levels is held every evening at 5:00-6:00. No sign up necessary...just come with a racket and enjoy!

Ladies Morning tennis is at 8-9 a.m. and 10-11a.m Mon-Fri.

Contact Cathy Moon - jimoon@aol.com or 772-465-2814

Ladies Afternoon tennis is 4-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Contact Jean Lockerby – clockrby@comcast.net or 410-207-6487

Men's Morning tennis is 9-10 a.m. and 11-12 Mon.-Fri.

Contact Peter Hartl – pyhartl@yahoo.com or 772-766-9465

Men's Afternoon tennis is 3-4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

Contact John Stampfli – jstampfli626@gmail.com or 772-672-4680

Tentative Dates for special events are:

- Mixed Doubles Tournament: Jan. 26-27
- Blue & Red Team Tournament: Feb. 8, 15, 22
- Pancake Breakfast: Feb. 21
- Doubles Tournament: March 2-3

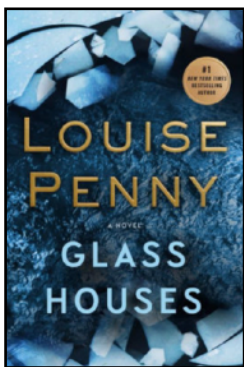
End of the Season Party: March 9th The theme this year is “The 50’s”. The event will be coordinated by Jan and Bob Tobias . We are hoping, like in the past, that many will volunteer to assist them! If you'd be willing to help in any way please contact either of them.

bobtobias@hotmail.com or jantobias@hotmail.com or call 561-436-6080. This is always a fun time!!! Put your thinking caps on for great costumes and decorations!

We're looking forward to another great season of tennis !

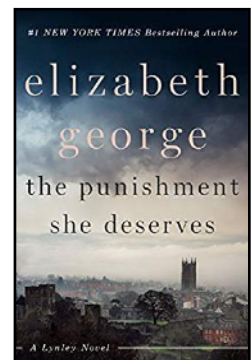
Sincerely, Gary Gardiner (President) ggardiner11@yahoo.com or 401-465-2199

The Joy of Reading a Series By Nancy Wilder



I love a good mystery/suspense novel and even better if its a series. Glass Houses, by Canadian author, Louise Penny is set in Quebec. Inspector Gamache, a detective with a conscience, is the main character and always the center of an intricate plot. This is number 13 in the series. The books have familiar characters, but each book stands alone in its story.

The Punishment She Deserves, is a mystery novel by Elizabeth George. The Inspector Lynley series, set in London, features Lynley and his down to earth detective, Barbara Havers, crime solving as they navigate the politics and personnel of Scotland Yard. I think this may be number 18 in the series, and one of the best.





Day Tripping by Sharon English

SAILING, SAILING! On the Treasure Coast you have a choice of leisurely boat rides, fishing trips and a whole lot of other options. We do an annual trip on the **ISLAND PRINCESS**. The boat leaves from the Hutchinson Island Marriott Marina and goes down the St. Lucie River and Jupiter Sound. The tour lasts about 2-3 hours, and includes a boxed lunch and cash bar. The captain narrates the scenic ride through beautiful aqua waters, pointing out manatees, egrets and local history. You will pass by the homes of the rich and famous (Tiger Woods and Perry Como) and the Jupiter Lighthouse. It's a great way to entertain out of town guests!

ISLAND PRINCESS
555 N.E. OCEAN BLVD.
STUART, FL 34996

772-225-2100
info@islandprincesscruises.com



This past summer, we took our grandchildren on the **LADY CHRIS**, a party fishing boat out of Taylor Creek, Ft. Pierce. The mates on this boat were helpful and provided educational information about our catch. All the rods and bait are provided, but you pack your own lunch and drinks. We had the mates clean our fish when we got ashore. Some of the catch that day included vermillion snapper, remora, sharks, kingfish, and trigger fish. We caught enough vermillion snapper to provide dinner for 5 of us! The Lady Chris has a very good website with information about schedules and pricing. I highly recommend the LADY CHRIS party boat.

THE LADY CHRIS
1600 N 2nd Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950
772-971-7179
theladychris.com

Ocean Resorts Happy Hour By Sharon English

Ocean Resorts "HAPPY HOUR" continued throughout the summer with an average of 30 in attendance each month. We had a Hot Dog Night and two Sandwich Ring Nights. This coming season HAPPY HOUR is scheduled on the last Thursday of each month, with the exception being December 13th. Look for signs at the post office and comfort stations with information and updates. We hope to see you there for a fun get together with old and new friends.



LET'S EAT OUT
by Sharon English



**THE GREEN MARLIN RESTAURANT
AND RAW BAR**

1475 US Highway 1
Vero Beach, FL 32960
772-999-5452

thegreenmarlin.com/

Hours: Sun.- Wed. 11am-10pm,
Thurs. 11am-12am, Fri.-Sat. 11am-11pm

We discovered a great local place hiding in the former Outback Steakhouse location. The Green Marlin Restaurant and Raw Bar serves primarily seafood but also has delicious hamburgers. They have a daily Happy Hour in the bar area that includes a choice of appetizers at \$5 each and, of course, well drinks. The staff is very friendly and efficient. On our first visit, we both had delicious fresh fish served on a bed of sautéed spinach, Fish in the Weeds. We tried the Happy Hour on the next visit. Our bill was \$38 for 4 appetizers and 4 drinks. Everyone around us was friendly and conversing so it felt very welcoming. On our next visit, we tried their hamburgers, which are listed on a special menu. I had my favorite, mushrooms, onions and Swiss cheese, and Tom had his standard cheddar cheeseburger. The burgers were juicy and properly cooked. The Green Marlin is a wonderful addition to the food scene in Vero Beach.

The Ocean Resorts Island Times staff were saddened to hear of Glenn Ludwig's death in August. Glenn was an integral part of the Island Times newsletter staff for many years as photographer, layout editor and reporter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Judy and their family.

NATURE AT OR
By Linda Smolarek

Not to overdo the topic of lizards in our park, we seem to have a new visitor causing us to take notice. What was that? Was it one too many adult beverages at the cocktail social hour or did I really see a...rainbow lizard?

Native to South and Central America the Rainbow Agama established itself in Dade County and seems to be moving north. Scientists believe the Florida Rainbow lizard population originated with escapees from the pet trade.

Males, of course, are extremely colorful. Females are duller in color with yellow stripes on a greenish body, bright green tail and hind limbs. These spectacular lizards can be quite large; some males grow to 12 inches. They feed on insects, leaves, and flowers, and retreat to the shade or burrow when the sun gets too hot.

So don't worry, they're harmless and won't carry off your little dog. Go ahead have another cocktail; it's really hot down here in Florida. Celebrate! You're not hallucinating!



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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES 2018/2019 SEASON

(Prepared by Committee Chairpersons)

OCT. 20 – OKTOBERFEST (Social Events Committee)

NOV. 20 - BAKE SALE, CRAFTS, FLEA MARKET, HOT DOG/HAMBURGER ROAST (Activities Committee)

NOV. 22 - THANKSGIVING DINNER (Activities Committee)

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

DEC. 10 - LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON (Activities Committee)

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

DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DINNER (Activities Committee)

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

JAN. 09 - HOT DOG/HAMBURGER ROAST & FLEA MARKET (Activities Committee)

JAN. 12 - "MEET THE CANDIDATES" (Election Committee)

JAN. 14 - FASHION SHOW by Bon Worth (Activities Committee)

JAN. 19 - WESTERN DANCE (Social Events Committee)

JAN. 24 - SPAGHETTI DINNER (Marina 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. 13 - HOT DOG/HAMBURGER ROAST & FLEA MARKET (Activities Committee)

FEB. 20 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST (Tennis Committee)

FEB. 22 - CHICKEN BBQ (Beautification Committee)

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

FEB. 25 - FASHION SHOW by "RESORT FASHIONS by TIFFANY" (Activities Committee)

MAR. 01 - TALENT SHOW

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)

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.)

ART in the PARK 2019
Tuesdays in the clubhouse from 10-noon

We have another great schedule for **Art in the Park** this year. More details about materials needed etc. will be posted on the P.O. Bulletin board in December.

A huge "THANK YOU!" to the volunteers who will be hosting and helping us get our creative juices flowing! We still have a few Tuesdays available if you'd like to share your time. Contact me at: cibbyg@aol.com or call: 401-465-7666. See you soon!

Jan. 8 – Cibby Gardiner: TBA
Jan. 15 –Karen Stampfli: Mosaic Birdhouses
Jan. 22 - Need host
Jan. 29 – Kathy Jankovic: Fringed T-Shirt/Tank
Feb. 5 – Cibby Gardiner : Valentine's
Feb. 12 – Kathy Smith: Pressed Flowers
Feb. 19 –Kathy Jankovic: Wine Glass Candles
Feb. 24 - **ART in the PARK SHOW & SALE***
Feb. 26 –Anita D'Ambrosia: Cement Leaves
Mar. 5 –Donna Comolli: Shell Jewelry
Mar. 12 –Brawee Najarian & Sue Staubach: Sea Glass Wind Chimes
Mar. 19 - Lona Sapoznikov: Mosaics
Mar. 26 – Need host

Fondly, Cibby Gardiner

* (If interested in being part of this event please contact Anita D'Amrosia-772-828-1954, Karen Stampfli – 772-672-4680, Brawee Najarian- 908-256-3083 or Cibby Gardiner).

Trash and Recycling

A new trash and recycling system was approved at the August 16 meeting by the Board of Directors on a three-month trial basis. Effective September 1, 2018, curbside trash was suspended. Three front load dumpsters are located in the storage area. Two of these dumpsters will be for trash and the third for recycling. Brush will be picked up by Coast to Coast every other Friday from your lot beginning on September 7, 2018.

All shareholders will be required to take their trash and recyclables to the dumpsters. If it is an extreme hardship for you to take your trash to the dumpsters in the storage area, and you are not able to arrange for a friend or neighbor to do so, please call the office to make alternative arrangements. If you should have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to contact the office.