



## September 2020

### Our Last 2020 Summer E-Word Issue



September is nearly history. Summer was officially over last week. We keep receiving emails from owners and friends talking about frost/freeze warnings and the like. Having, now, been a full time Florida resident for over seven years, I have to say: "What is that?". Ok, we had a couple of nights in the low 70s and were able to open the windows for a few days.

As summer is now history Kay Snodgrass and her Seaword crew will once, again be publishing our Ocean Village SeaWord newsletter for October. If you have information and articles you would like to see included in the November issue, please send or deliver them to our POA office no later than October 25<sup>th</sup>.



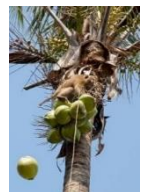
### Pool Life in Paradise



Pool activities have been a bit sparse the last few weeks. Between September historically being our slowest month and the rainy season being real this year, participation has been light. As I write this on Friday, it is dumping rain and expected to do so for the next few days. Ursula Aguila continues to serve as our pool security officer. Like any celebrity, she has quite a following of supportive groupies. Her request is simple: Please follow the posted rules. It makes everyone's lives easier and more enjoyable.

### Palm Tree Trimming

Bombs away! Yes, palm tree trimming will be starting in the next few days. As you can see, the coconuts are now bowling ball size. When driving, or walking, when you pass by a truck of people doing the trimming, please be careful, both for their safety and yours.



### Board Meeting Update

Both the September Workshop and Board Meetings were extremely quiet. We were even done with the Board Meeting in record time. Items approved were the repair of a leak in the Beach Club roof over the recreation office, the replacement of two dead palm trees at Aruba Center, repair of a freezer at the restaurant, the appointment of John Perdisatt and Andy Harris to the Long range Planning Committee and hiring a consultant to evaluate our ADA compliance in public areas of the POA property. Also, and most importantly, a special meeting was approved to review and vote on proposed changes to a variety of Ocean Village rules. The meeting will be held November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 PM. All information will be emailed to all Ocean Village owners at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

## Hurricane Season – It is Not Over Yet.

The season have been, thankfully quiet the last week or so. We can take a bit of a breather but must not let our guard down. As mentioned in last month's E-Word, peak season for the east coast of Florida is September through mid October. The map to your left is what we like to see.

Here is a link to a variety of pieces of information regarding hurricane preparedness here on the Treasure Coast:

<https://www.treasurecoast.com/hurricane-season-2020-preparation/>



## The Tiki Bar & Inn Zone



Our Tiki Bar continues to be open 7 days per week from 11 AM to 6 PM unless there is inclement weather.

With football season coming back to life, The Inn Zone in the north room of our restaurant is now open as follows:

Thursday	4 PM – 11 PM
Friday	4 PM – 10 PM
Saturday	4 PM – 10 PM
Sundays	Noon – 11 PM

Stop in, enjoy the games, see your friends, and have something to eat and drink.

Brad, Tony, and their crew are doing a great job in supporting us. Let's support them in return.

## Beach and Dune Committee:

Carolyn Fortuna, our Beach & Dune Committee Chair reports the following:

### Fort Pierce Shore Protection advocacy project

Florida's beaches serve many purposes: storm protection, habitat, recreation, tourism, revenue, taxes, and a way of life. At the recent Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association annual conference, we learned that it's not only Fort Pierce that is concerned about protecting, restoring, and managing our beach -- half of Florida's sandy beaches are critically eroding.

Among the responsibilities of the Beach and Dune Committee is "to initiate and sponsor political action activities, including petitions, letter writing campaigns and phone and email blasts on behalf of projects that will benefit Ocean Village." As part of that mandate, the Beach and Dune Committee has been working on a Fort Pierce Shore Protection advocacy plan.

In essence, the issue is to promote federal and local funding for the Fort Pierce Shore Protection Project and subsequent Study. It needs funding from several sources. The majority of project funds are those derived from the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). That's the US congressional commitment to US water infrastructure. It authorizes studies and project construction and gives regular consideration of locally driven, rigorously studied, and nationally-significant water infrastructure. The 2020 WRDA has passed the House and is awaiting Senate action.

We've written sample letters about the WRDA which includes the Fort Pierce Shore Protection Project. We also have put together a list of contact information if you're a Florida resident. If you'd like to get a

copy of either of these items so you can communicate with your own legislators or Senators -- no matter which state it is in which you live - contact Carolyn Fortuna at [c4tuna31@gmail.com](mailto:c4tuna31@gmail.com).

### **Let's All be on Our Good Behavior:**

Norm Spector, our General Manager asked me to include the following in this edition:

Recently the Guards have been experiencing an excessive amount of disrespect from our residents and family members of our residents. Our Security guards are very important to this community and the majority of them have been working at Ocean Village for many years.

They have a job to do here at Ocean Village and that job includes making sure the health and welfare of our residents are protected as well as Ocean Village property. They are enforcing the Rules and Regulations that have been a very important part of this community and they are hired to enforce these Rules and Regulations for the benefit of all.

Please treat all Security Officers with respect as we make sure they are treating our residents and owners with the utmost respect and they deserve our support and gratitude for what they do.

While on the subject of Security you are once again urged to lock your doors and your cars at all times. Although Ocean Village has a great record regarding crime, don't leave yourselves unprotected because you live in a gated community. Thank you for your help and understanding regarding our Security here at Ocean Village.

### **Governor's Executive Order Update**

On Friday, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-244 which, in effect, gets the state of Florida out of the Covid 19 restriction business. If you would like to review it personally, please follow this link:

[https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/orders/2020/EO\\_20-244.pdf](https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/orders/2020/EO_20-244.pdf)

Municipalities and counties can and, I suspect will, continue to require social distancing and face masks as that, as near as I can tell, was never a state requirement. I really doubt it will require any changes here at Ocean Village.

### **Halloween Party October 24th**



It seems like a long way off but Halloween is just around the corner. Brad and Tony are busy working on our annual Halloween Party. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For more details, click the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/1675278465895743/photos/a.1676932685730321/3275084589248448>

Remember, as we are still in the social distancing mode, seating is limited. How about us having an ugliest face mask contest. No one will know who we are.

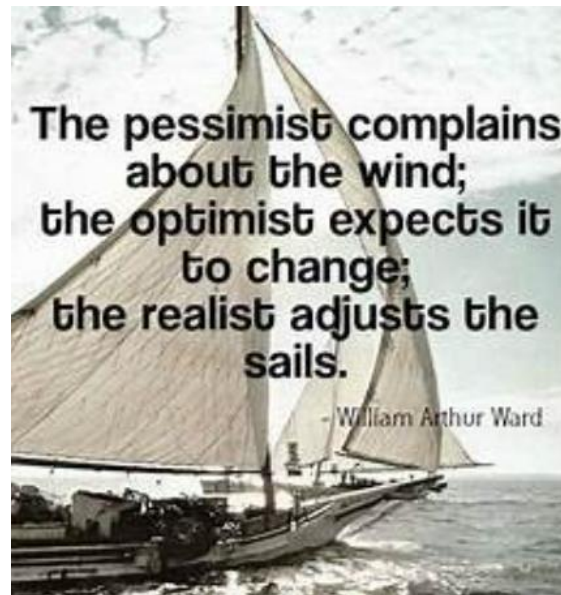
## Fall Bocce

If you wish to be a part of our fall bocce league, please sign up. Play starts October 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now underway and, no, you don't need to be a professional bocce player. All you need is a willingness to want to have fun. I never played until Diane & I moved full time to Ocean Village in September of 2013. The league is a great time to have fun and learn, as they used to tell me, it isn't bowling as I tried to pretend, I was trying for a strike.



## Wrapping It Up

I hope all of you are well and staying safe, wherever in the world you may be spending your summer. I look forward to all of us being together face to face. Technology is wonderful but just not the same.



Things will happen  
They will happen to us  
They will happen despite us  
They will happen because of us  
Our choice.

Jim Seymour  
Ocean Village POA President