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Pool Rules Reminder – Ocean Village Main Pool

Ocean Village's Main Pool is a favorite gathering place for residents and guests to unwind, connect, and soak up the Florida sunshine. To ensure a safe and pleasant experience for everyone, we kindly ask that all visitors adhere to our posted pool rules. These guidelines are in place not only to promote courtesy and enjoyment but also to maintain compliance with Florida Health Department regulations.

Please pay great attention to the following important rules:

- **Rule 6:** Do not move furniture into the zero-entry pool area or place it on the pool edges.
- **Rule 11:** No food, snacks, or glass of any kind are allowed on the pool, kiddie pool, or spa decks, at the tables, or in either pool or the spa.

- **Rule 12:** Alcoholic beverages are permitted on the pool deck only if purchased from the Tiki Bar. No outside alcohol is allowed.

- **Rule 13:** Non-alcoholic beverages in non-glass containers may be brought from home and are permitted on the pool deck.

- **Rule 14:** All individuals who require the use of a diaper, regardless of age, must wear a swim diaper when using the pools or hot tub.

Our **Pool Monitor** is on duty to assist with enforcing these rules and to help ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated—thank you for doing your part! The complete set of pool rules is shown below.

OV Beach Club Pool, Spa, and Kiddie Pool Rules

1. Operating hours: 7:00 AM to Dusk. No swimming outside designated hours.
2. Visible Ocean Village wristbands required for all users over the age of 10.
3. Capacity: Pool 80 persons. Non-swimmers and children under 12 must be accompanied by responsible supervision.
4. Capacity: Spa 17 persons. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Children under the age of 5 are not permitted in the spa/hot tub due to elevated water temperatures which may pose health risks.
5. All lounge chairs and pool furniture must be covered with towels before use to avoid getting oils and suntan lotion on furniture. Gently close and secure umbrellas in high winds and when departing.
6. Do not move furniture into zero entry pool area or on pool edges.
7. Lounges, chairs, tables, umbrellas are used in a first come first serve basis and cannot be reserved. Only one lounge chair per person towels will be removed if vacant for one hour.
8. Proper swim attire required. No street clothes in the pool.
9. Shower before entering the pool, spa and kiddie pool.
10. No jumping, diving, running, ball playing, horse play or loud or disruptive behavior.
11. No food snacks or glass of any kind on pool, kiddie pool or spa decks, at the tables or in either pool or the spa.
12. Alcoholic beverages are permitted on the pool deck (must be purchased from the Tiki Bar). No outside alcohol may be brought to the pool and consumed.
13. Non-alcoholic beverages in non-glass containers can be brought from home and are permitted on the pool deck.
14. All individuals who require the use of a diaper, regardless of age, must wear a swim diaper when using the pools or hot tub.
15. Persons with open wounds, infections fungus and persons with contagious or unsanitary skin conditions cannot enter the pool, spa, or kiddie pool.
16. No smoking, vaping, or tobacco products may be used within the pool area, on the pool deck or at the pool tables, chairs or lounges.
17. Smoking is only allowed at the designated area at the Tiki Bar.
18. No floats, beach or other balls, surf or boogie boards, frisbees, or other toys or flotation devices are permitted unless used in conjunction with or activities pre-approved by management. Exceptions include Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices or arm floaties on small children or non-swimmer adults.
19. No skates, skateboards, bikes, strikes, hover-boards, or other wheeled apparatus except wheelchair or medically necessary devices.
20. No pets are allowed in the pool, pool area or Tiki Bar area. Only service animals as defined by Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act are allowed in the pool area.
21. Pool may close during inclement weather (thunderstorms, lightning) or for maintenance.
22. No loud disturbing or excessive noise radio, phones or other sound amplifying devices may be used without headphones except when in conjunction with or activities pre-approved by management.
23. All trash must be disposed of in designated containers.
24. The POA reserves the right to suspend pool privileges for rule violations.

In case of **EMERGENCY** Call **911** first

To report problems or rule violations call FSR at **772-489-0300** or OV Security at **772- 467-2901**



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Pot Pourri of Trivia

1. Currer Bell is the listed author of “Jane Eyre.” Whose pseudonym is Currer Bell?
2. According to Aesop, after a fox is unable to reach some tasty looking fruit, what well-known expression does the fox make about the fruit?
3. In the Harry Potter series, who shows Harry Tom Riddle’s diary?
4. Valentina Tereshkova is known for what accomplishment?
5. What Sanskrit word can be translated as life force energy or vital energy in Yoga?
6. What is the title of the Richard Adams novel that focuses on the lives of rabbits?
7. 50 million households watched the final episode of M.A.S.H. on 02/28/83. What was the episode’s name?
8. Paige joins Piper and Phoebe to maintain the power of three after which Halliwell sister dies?
9. Which U.S. President was sworn into office by a former U.S. President?

1. _____

2. _____

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4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

July answers: (1) Norway (2) Black Mamba (3) Weimaraner (4) Mrs. Potts (5) Spaghetti Carbonara (6) Drambuie (7) Charlotte, NC (8) Severus Snape (9) Credence Clearwater Revival

(Produced by Mike Tormey, a 1982 inductee into the Trivia Hall of Fame, located in Boulder, CO)

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If you are interested in playing doubles tennis with a great group of Ocean Village year-rounders and summer renters/visitors, sign up for Summer Tennis by sending an email to Parker at miralparker@me.com



SUMMER TENNIS
Tues. & Thurs. 9-10:30 AM

- Sign-up weekly via email
- No season-long commitment
- Say yes only when you are available
- Continues into the Fall
- Takes the place of Round Robin

Simply respond to Parker’s emails if you want to play on the specified dates.
A confirming email will be sent to those that signed-up.
Parker will set-up the matches and rotations at the court.

The great thing about summer tennis: You only have to commit a day at a time!

Florida Oceanographic Society - Live Fish Cam

One of my favorite places to visit and take my daughters and grandchildren to is the Florida Oceanographic Society Coastal Center in nearby Stuart. In addition to their numerous programs for all ages, they also have a live Fish Cam on their website! The cam is streaming Gamefish Lagoon, which is a 750,000-gallon saltwater aquarium. It is home to over 20 different fish species, including stingrays and nurse sharks. Go to <https://floridaocean.org> and simply click on the "Fish Cam" link.

After checking the live Fish Cam, plan a visit to the 57-acre Florida Oceanographic Center nestled between the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean. The Center serves as a beacon of environmental awareness and education, research, monitoring, and restoring habitats in South Florida, especially in the Indian River Lagoon.

A key component of their program is the involvement of the community in their efforts. They coordinate several programs in which volunteers are directly involved in research and data collection. This information is then disseminated directly to our local community. It is their hope that these citizen scientist programs foster not only knowledge, but stewardship of our treasured Florida ecosystem. Please consider volunteering at the Center. Click this link to explore volunteer opportunities: <https://www.floridaocean.org/volunteer>

See pictures from the Fish Cam below.

Submitted by Lynne Perry, Beach & Dune Committee

Information obtained from the Florida Oceanographic Society website.



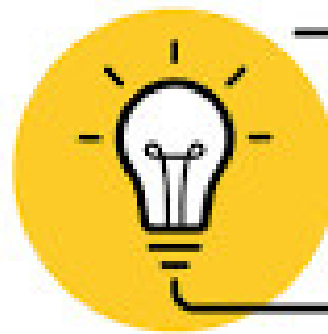
Nurse Shark



Spadefish



Cownose Ray



Did you...
KNOW?

The St. Lucie TDC (Tourist Development Council) has a program this summer called "Locals Only". They offer several discounts to local residents, available for the summer months (most last until Sept 30th). These are some of the exciting opportunities:

10% OFF

Rentals booked
at OV with
Coldwell Banker

**BOGO
Tickets**

at the
Navy Seal Musuem

DISCOUNTS

for
Beach Horseback
Riding Tours

**Kids Ride
FREE**

at Spunky's
Surf Shop/Lessons

10% OFF

at
FAU Lagoon
Boat Tours

25% OFF

Kayak & Boat
Rentals at Salty's
Watersports

FREE

Appetizers at
"On the Edge"
Restaurant

25% OFF

at
Urban Air
Park

FREE

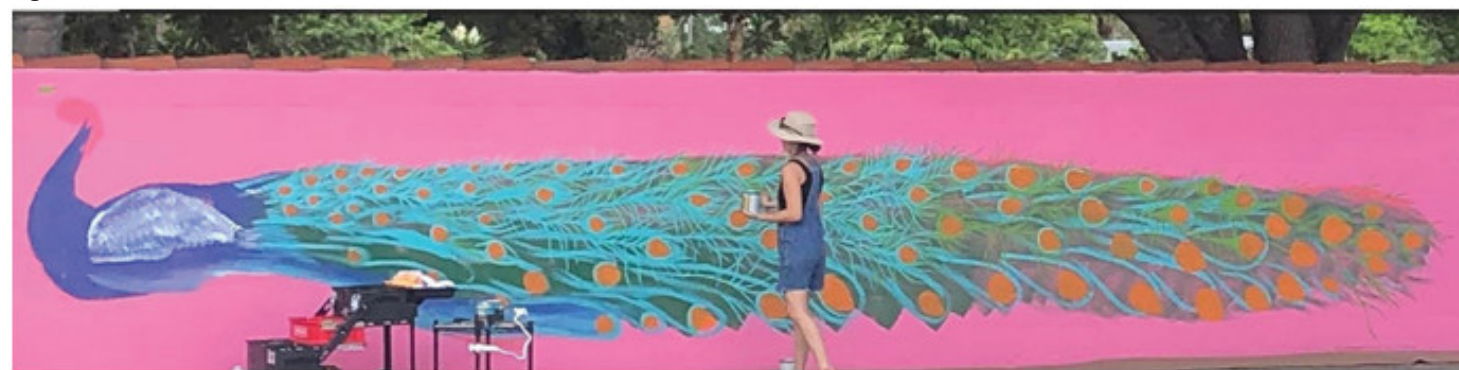
Drink
at Pinball
Arcade

Click the link or scan the QR code to check out the deals:

<https://visitstlucie.com/locals-only/>



Submitted by Larry Winter



Feeling Artsy?



You are probably familiar with the beautiful Crain House, now the Peacock House, on Orange Avenue in downtown Fort Pierce. According to TC Palm's Crystal Vander Weit, the peacocks and peahens are a legacy of Jack and Mary Lee Crain.

According to his obituary at Legacy.com, Jackson Crain was born in East St. Louis, Illinois, and was a longtime resident of

Fort Pierce. Jack attended school in St. Louis before serving in the United States Army. After being discharged, he went to work for the railroad in Missouri. While in Missouri, Jack met Mary Lee Steinhoff, who lived next door to his aunt. He married her February 9, 1952, and they moved to Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce. Jack opened Buccaneer Building & Tile Company and American Travel Agency, which he operated along with his wife, Mary Lee, for 29 years. He also served as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America.

Jack was a member of St. Anastasia Catholic Church, and had an affinity for peacocks and peahens, which he raised at his home on Orange Avenue. He also enjoyed coin collecting, traveling, and collecting knives, swords, fine art, and paintings from around the world. Jack and Mary Lee traveled around the world nine times. Jack passed away at his home on October 17, 2016. He was 90 years old. Mary Lee died in 2019.

The Crain House is now the home of The Peacock House Art Foundation. Founded in 2022, it is a not for profit organization with a charitable purpose:

- To further develop and support the Peacock Arts District of Fort Pierce and our local art community through public art exposure and art education
- To provide artists with resources, tools, exhibit opportunities and an Artist-in-Residence Program
- To bring diverse multicultural and international artists from around the world, including Miami, New York, Stockholm, Orebro, and more...
- To connect the community to welcoming and safe venues for the exploration and practice of the arts, community building and inclusion, and artistic growth and development in the city of Fort Pierce

The Foundation offers tours of the Crain estate every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11 AM, and they also offer classes for both kids and adults:

- clay & pottery classes
- Gallery Glass
- decoupage
- paper quilling
- crepe paper flower making
- mosaics
- watercolor
- yoga
- dance
- summer camp for kids ages 3-9

The Peacock House also has several venues available to host your dream event, whether you're planning a wedding, private party, corporate gathering, or special celebration, the stunning historic venue offers:

- Lush Gardens & Majestic Peacocks – A breath-

taking backdrop for any occasion

- Fine Arts Studio & Gallery – A unique, artistic atmosphere
- Elegant Historic Mansion – Timeless charm with modern amenities
- Custom Catering Options – Featuring local gourmet partners

Interested in becoming a member, sponsoring an artist in residence, or volunteering? Do you have art supplies you would like to donate? The Foundation is always looking for these:

- watercolor paints
- brushes
- fabric
- sewing supplies
- glue (any kind)
- stickers
- acrylic paint
- easels
- paint pens
- wooden shapes
- felted wool
- stained glass peices
- grout
- art journals
- scrapbooking supplies
- frames (all sizes)
- masking tape
- mirrors

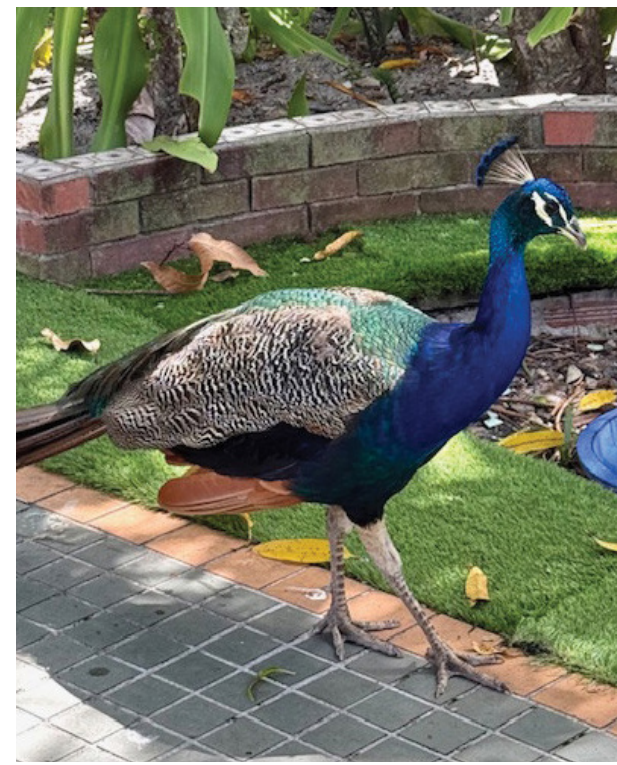
For additional information, check out the Foundation website. Click the link or scan the QR code above.

<https://www.thepeacockhouseartfoundation.com/?EventViewMode=1&EventListViewMode=2>

Or call 772-801-5729, ext. 107, between 10 AM-6 PM, Monday through Friday.

Submitted by Char Dunlap

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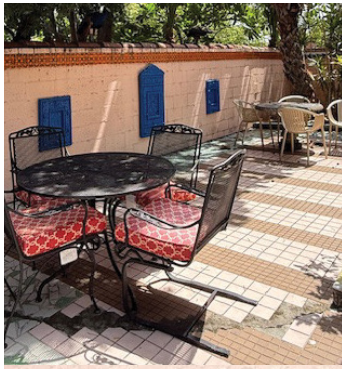
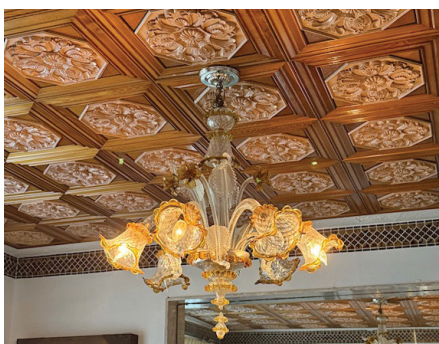




This peahen is sitting on 12 eggs!



This might be the proud papa?



Let's Plant Together, Ocean Village!

Please donate to the
Shell Hash Path Replanting Project.

Make checks
payable to
Ocean Village
POA

Mail to:
2400 S. Ocean
Drive
Fort Pierce, FL
34949

"One Action,
Many Benefits"

All donations are appreciated!

Sponsored by the Shell Hash Path Replanting Committee

• Turn to Page 7 for Shell Hash Path Order Form •

Blue Stream fiber Important Information...

If you sell your unit the TiVo/Set-Top Box boxes and plumes must be returned, but the ONT stays. The TiVo boxes and plumes can either be returned to **Blue Stream Fiber, 1982 SW Hayworth Avenue, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953** or you can call for a technician to come out to pick up the equipment, which usually incurs a fee. New owners will have to call for a new install at a cost of \$99.

Blue Stream fiber Please put the number below in your Contacts. This is the number to call for any issues with Blue Stream service.

772-242-6811





Shell Hash Path Replanting Donation Form

Checks only, please. Make payable to: Ocean Village POA

Checks, along with this form, may be dropped off at the Admin office or mailed to:

Ocean Village POA, 2400 S Ocean Dr, Fort Pierce, FL 34949

Plant Type	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Railroad Vine	\$20.00		\$
Pink Muhly Grass	\$25.00		\$
Yaupon Holly	\$50.00		\$
Coco Palm	\$65.00		\$
Silver Saw Palmetto	\$125.00		\$
You Choose - Any Amount	\$		\$
Total Amount			\$



Your Contact Information

Name					
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email					
Phone					

Thank you for contributing to our coastal restoration efforts!

Your purchase helps protect and beautify our backdune/POA area landscaping.



Railroad Vine



Pink Muhly Grass



Yaupon Holly



Coco Palm



Silver Saw Palmetto

New Pickleball Courts in OV Open for Play!

Great news for pickleball players here at Ocean Village. Our long awaited 5 new courts opened on July 2. Anticipation was high but with little fanfare, players hit the courts and that number has been growing each day! Many thanks to our Administration, Maintenance, players and community for their help and support to restore this important amenity.

The play schedule is now posted on Court Reserve. Open play times are available for both Advanced and Beginner skill levels, similar to what we had over on Cat II courts.

New this season will be a chal-

lenge court to allow for more competitive play. All are welcome to both test and improve their skill levels!

Open play will be each morning from 8 AM -12 PM. Courts will be available to reserve after 12 PM. Ladder and league play will be offered later in the season.

Court rules reminder

Please see full list of rules posted to the right.

- Absolutely no play or practice before 8 AM.

- Proper attire, including shirts and court shoes, is required at all times.

- Visible wristbands for play.

We encourage the use of quieter 14-16 mm carbon fiber-faced paddles.

Beachtree Courts (6 and 7) Reservations required on Court Reserve. Owl Paddles required for play there that can be rented from Recreation.

On July 13, pickleballers organized a PB Social, then headed over to the Tiki Bar for breakfast, Mimosas and Bloody Marys. What fun!

Stay tuned for more events that will be open to all.

*Photo Credit: Kim Kitchen
Submitted by Linda Purrazzella*

OCEAN VILLAGE PICKLEBALL

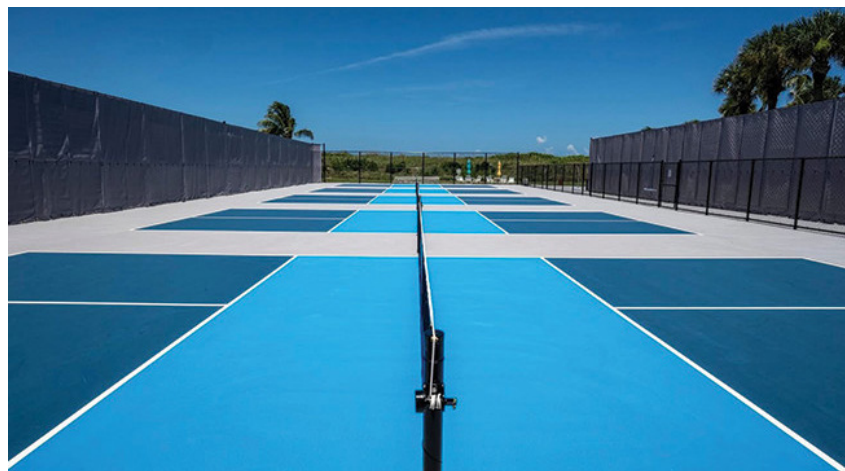


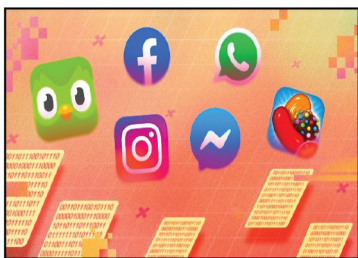
COURT RULES:

1. Absolutely no play or practice before 8 AM
2. Proper attire, including shirts and court shoes, is required at all times.
3. Courts are for pickleball use only. Unauthorized activities such as bicycles, rollerblades, skates, or skateboards are not permitted
4. Open play drop-in times, league play and special events scheduled by the Recreation Department have priority.
5. No music, food, or glass containers permitted on the courts.
6. Do not use courts when wet.
7. Pets are not allowed on the courts.
8. Smoking is prohibited on the patio, walkways, and courts.
9. OV wristband required at all times.
10. Please keep voices and noise at a respectful level to ensure an enjoyable experience for all.
11. To maintain a peaceful environment, the use of the loudest paddle types such as wooden or 1/2 thick fiberglass or graphite faced paddles are prohibited. We encourage the use of quieter 14-16mm carbon fiber-faced paddles for an improved playing experience for all. Rental paddles are available through the Recreation Department.
12. Reservations can be made same day or up to five (5) days in advance online at oceanvillage.com, by telephone at 772-429-7415 or at the Recreation office.

In case of **EMERGENCY** call **911 first**

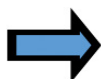
To report problems or rule violations, call FSR at **772-489-0300** or OV Security at **772-467-2901**





TECH TIPS

Owners should have received this letter via email on Monday, April 21.



The **HomePass App** is getting an upgrade—and a new name! If you have not downloaded the app to your mobile device it is a great resource for controlling your Blue Stream Fiber internet.



Setting up the Blue Stream Smart Home App allows you to manage your home network. See below for a few short steps to get you set up.



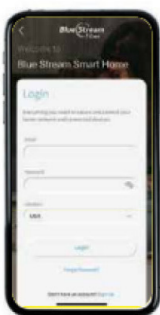
DOWNLOAD THE APP.

To get started you will want to download the App! You can search either Apple App Store or Google Play Store for Blue Stream Fiber Smart Home App.



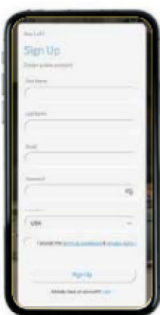
STEP 1

Once you have downloaded the app, click on the Blue Stream Smart Home App. It should look like this.



STEP 2

Select "Sign Up" towards the bottom of the screen.



STEP 3

Enter Personal Information. The password you enter here will be used to access the app.



STEP 4

If your system is plugged in, select "Yes" to continue. Then, scan the QR code from the sticker included in the Calix ONT box or select "Issues Scanning" to enter MAC address and serial number manually.



STEP 5

Click on My Network. Then, update the existing SSID and Password with the new SSID and Password and press done.

ENJOY ALL THE FEATURES OUR BLUE STREAM SMART HOME APP HAS TO OFFER!



We're excited to share that the HomePass App is getting an upgrade – and a new name!

Starting April 24, it will become the Plume Home App, your enhanced tool — powered by Blue Stream Fiber — for smarter, safer, and more seamless control over your home WiFi.

If you have automatic updates turned on, you don't need to do a thing. If not, just head to your app store on or after April 24 and tap "Update" to get the latest version.

What's New?

The updated Home App makes features easier to find and introduces new functionality:

- The Network page is now easier to access from the main menu.
- Device Freeze has been renamed Focus, allowing you to block certain apps or app categories instead of pausing the entire internet — perfect for work or study time.
- Profiles now include both people and group profiles, so you can manage devices more precisely and assign features like Focus or Traffic Boost.
- Device Time lets you monitor app and internet usage for any device tied to a profile.
- Cleaner navigation: Find what you need faster — like Speed Tests (now under Activity > Test Results), Motion events (under Live/Recent Motion), and Password & Network settings (under Settings or Network pages).

Why You'll Love It

- Smarter WiFi that blocks interference and dynamically adapts to your devices and usage patterns for a consistently strong connection throughout your living space.
- Home & device security that keeps you safe from malware and cyber threats.
- Parental controls that help limit screen time and keep your family safe online.
- More control over prioritizing streaming, video calls, or productivity apps.
- Easily set up customized guest networks with specific access permissions and time limits.

This is just one of the ways Blue Stream Fiber is delivering an even better internet experience. Look for the update on April 24 — and enjoy the latest and greatest features!

To the left are the instructions for downloading the app. You can also go to :

<https://www.bluestreamfiber.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Total-Home-Wifi.pdf>

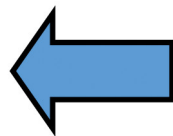
to get further instructions.

Have more questions, give Blue Stream Fiber Support a call at 772-242-6811.

Here are a few useful links:

<https://www.bluestreamfiber.com/community-welcome/>

<https://www.bluestreamfiber.com/learning-resource-hub/>



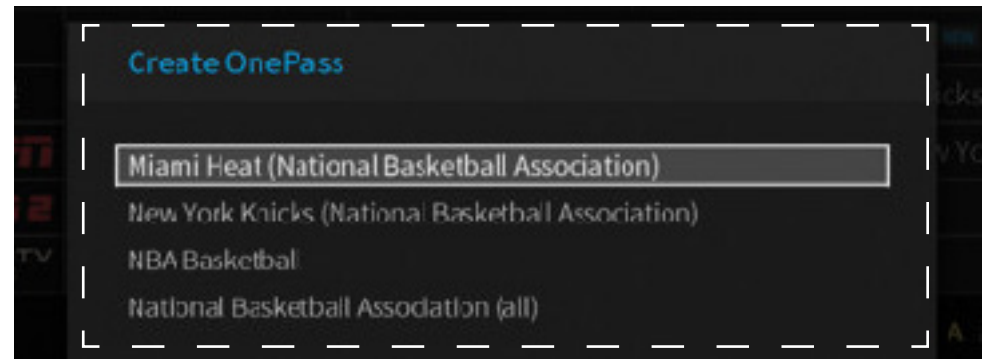


Bugs Fixed and Updated Features

Blue Stream Fiber is always looking for ways to enhance your experience, whether it's faster internet, better support, or a more seamless way to watch TV. That's why they're excited to share the latest TiVo IP software update (version 1.20), which brings a series of thoughtful enhancements designed to make your viewing experience even better.

NEW SPORTSPASS FEATURE:

Love sports? You can now follow your favorite teams and leagues just like a TV series. Plus, improved sports metadata means better coverage and easier tracking of the games you care about most.



SMARTER NAVIGATION IN THE GUIDE: Several new features make browsing and managing your content faster and more intuitive:

- **TURBO SCROLLING:** Hold down the D-PAD to scroll faster through listings.
- **CATEGORY FILTERS:** Filter the Guide by program categories like Movies, Sports, Kids, or News to narrow down your search.
- **RECORDING STATUS INDICATORS:** Easily view the status of your recordings through three indicators: In Progress, Scheduled Single Explicit Recording (single checkmark), Scheduled OnePass Recording (double checkmark).

A CLEANER, SIMPLER ON-SCREEN LOOK: Blue Stream Fiber has freshened up the video info banner, so it takes up less space on your screen while still giving you all the details you need. The homepage also has a new layout that makes it easier to spot featured shows, updates, and promotions you might be interested in.

MORE TIVO+ CHANNELS COMING SOON:

Blue Stream Fiber is continuing to grow the TiVo+ lineup with even more free channels, so there's always something new to discover.

They are excited about these updates and even more excited to keep delivering the experience you deserve. If you have any questions or need help exploring your video services, checkout their Online Learning Hub at

<https://www.bluestreamfiber.com/learning/>

Keep up to date with the latest Blue Stream Fiber news at

<https://www.bluestreamfiber.com/news-blog>

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✓ Trick Play Bug Fixed

When using trick play (rewind, fast-forward, etc.) the recordings would sometimes restart from the beginning. This feature is now enhanced, so you can enjoy your recorded shows without frustration.

AWOL July Social held



Barbara Boyle hosted AWOL's July 14 Social that was held at Carrabba's in Vero Beach.



JENSEN BEACH KITCHEN & BATH

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NEW!

Milestones



RETIREMENT



ANNIVERSARY



BIRTHDAY

Wishing a very **Happy 95th Birthday** on August 28th to Catamaran II's Lu Dunlap

Lu has been an OV owner for 42 years, first in Ocean Villas II and then in Cat II. Her husband, Jack, who passed away in 2021, was Cat II's treasurer for 16 years, and Lu has been involved in bookkeeping and data management for Cat II for even longer.

Lu still reads two newspapers every day, does a crossword, and does most of her own household chores. If you have met Lu, you'll know that she neither looks nor acts 95! Two of her five children, Nancy Scott and Char Dunlap, also live in OV.

If you would like to wish Lu a Happy Birthday, you can mail a card to her at 2400 S. Ocean Dr #7143, Fort Pierce, FL 34949.



Submit your own Milestone event. The Seaword encourages submissions of landmark birthdays, anniversaries, and resident service awards, and photos are always appreciated. Email your event information and photo to Dominique.Harrison@fs-residential.com.

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• Stop where posted

Let's all help to keep everyone safe!



Why Some FL Beaches May Be Vanishing Due To Climate Change And Sea Walls

As sea levels rise, should property owners in FL be allowed to build sea walls, which inhibits beaches around them?

Once upon a time, beaches had a natural defense against rising seas. The sand moved landward. Since then, natural ocean rhythms have sped up.

Now researchers conclude that sea level rise is expected to cause chronic shoreline retreat, affecting over 10% of the world's population in low-elevation coastal zones. As a result, coastal landscape management is taking many different routes. Local communities are doing all they can to ensure the protection of people and buildings from storm waves that come crashing to shore.

Rubble mound sea walls are often constructed along coastlines to protect inland areas and infrastructure from wave attacks and coastal flooding.

Geospatial datasets derived from satellite imagery show that 33% of the world's sandy coastline is currently hardened by structures like sea walls.

Yet when sea walls are erected to protect beach-front homes and buildings, the beach vanishes. The dynamics of coastal geology are complex. Passive erosion occurs when rising waters meet unmoving barriers like sea walls. When one portion of a beach is built up this way, water often seeks its way around the barriers to pummel the beach down the way.

In the sixth century, Roman Emperor Justinian stipulated that the shorelines were open to all. Under this legal concept of common property, the tide and submerged lands were unique. No one could hold private ownership over the air, rivers, sea, and the seashore. These shoreline features were for public use, and the state was to hold them "in trust" for the people.

That idea passed into English common law and then to the US. Today most states define the beach below the high tide line as public trust property, meaning members of the public have free access. Florida statutes, for example, describe that "the land to which the owner holds title must extend to the ordinary high watermark of the navigable water in order that riparian rights may attach."

In Justinian's time, global sea levels had been generally stable for at least 2,000 years. They remained that way until the 20th century, when humans started changing the planet's climate. Climate change is not just an environmental issue — "it's a risk multiplier," analyzes author Weston Wilson in the newsletter, *We Don't Have Time*. Indeed, coastal geologists predict at least three feet of sea level rise in this century.

Sea level rise is already impacting widely different locations like Miami, the Netherlands, Bangladesh, and the island states of the South Pacific. Each location requires a separate and regionally-appropriate adaptive response.

Most of the world's sandy beaches are "likely to face severe beach loss" by 2100, the authors of a study in *Nature* concluded. Projects to replenish eroded beaches with pumped-in sand help to ward off the effects of rising seas. Costs are projected to increase with sea level rise and with more frequent and more severe storms triggered by climate change.

Why Dunes Protect Coastal Communities Better than Sea Walls

Ultimately, when an ecosystem is either preserved, sustainably managed, or restored to provide benefits to society and to nature, positive results occur. Nature-based solutions have been proven to be a consistent, cost-effective approach to mitigate environmental hazards, including sea level rise.

Underappreciated nature-based solutions for sea level rise are dune systems like the one at Ocean Village. Sand dunes are naturally occurring dynamic coastal features which are formed by the accumulation of wind blown sand. They are the first line of defense against ocean storms and act as a buffer to protect upland property and natural habitats.

The OV coastal dunes are a highly valuable multifunctional ecosystem that occupy a unique natural niche on South Hutchinson Island.

Supported by natural coastal geomorphic processes, these coastal sand dunes provide an array of important benefits. The presence of a well-established OV dune system, beginning with immature plants in the late 1970s and expanding in size in 2005, has acted as a barrier against storm waves. Thus, the dune system has helped to protect infrastructure located landward.

They provide a flexible barrier to the movement of high tides and waves, reducing erosion. Dunes can make the difference in shoreline protection of coastal communities, as the mature dune creates a habitat for aeolian transported sediment — the movement and weathering of sand. A transverse short normal section shows that the OV installed dune grasses have captured windblown sand in several shore parallel ridges to create an elevated foredune with an undulating backdune swale.

The OV management plans of our coastal dunes

embrace the maintenance and planting of the natural vegetation, conservation of wildlife, control of visitors, the zonation of activities, and provision of amenities. It has been important to bear in mind that species richness and habitat diversity, which by their nature are highly dynamic, are greatest when a full sequence of successional stages is represented. The status of the OV dune vegetation varies section to section, and the individual Crossover sections have been monitored diligently.

Indeed, the OV coastal dunes provide direct and indirect economic benefits to the OV owners, their families, and guests. This is due to their location-specific ecosystem, which sits in relative proximity to the 1200 OV condominiums or single family homes. For this reason, as well as the unique coastal ecosystem that it provides, the OV dunes are a protected and precious environment.

That precious OV dune system, of course, has required ongoing and intensive coastal zone management. This has been needed to plan and control the complex interactions between the OV dune as a coastal resource system and its potential uses and users in systematic and sustainable ways.

The OV Beach and Dune Committee will embark on a project in autumn 2025 to add more plants to continue to support the dune system, especially after eradication of invasive wedelia over the past two years. OV owners are encouraged to donate funds to the upcoming dune plantings. In that way, owners can demonstrate pride in the protection of the most important amenity at Ocean Village.

(A previous version of this article was published on *CleanTechnica*)

Submitted by Dr. Carolyn Fortuna, Chair Beach and Dune Committee

Resources

"2025 Coastal Beach & Dune System Review at Ocean Village, South Hutchinson Island, FL"

"Coastal hardening and what it means for the world's sandy beaches," *Nature Communications*, December 2024

"Global sea-level rise in the early Holocene revealed from North Sea peats," *Nature*, March 2025

"Hard structures for coastal protection, towards greener designs," *Springer Nature*, April 2019



Photo by Dr. Carolyn Fortuna



This month the *Seaword* is introducing a new feature called **Local Life**, and the Puerto Vallarta Restaurant article below is the first submission.

In the coming months, watch for reports of new businesses, noteworthy openings and closings, and events of interest both On the Island (OTI) and Over the Bridge (OTB).

If you would like to submit an article for consideration, email it to Dominique.Harrison@fsresidential.com.



Puerto Vallarta Celebrates One-Year Anniversary on Hutchinson Island

HUTCHINSON ISLAND, FL — A flavorful fiesta is in order as one of Hutchinson Island's favorite dining spots, Puerto Vallarta, celebrates its first anniversary!

Puerto Vallarta, located just around the corner on Seaway Drive in the South Beach Shopping Center (near Seaway Market & Deli), opened its doors one year ago on August 2, 2024, bringing the vibrant taste of authentic Mexican cuisine to locals and visitors

alike. In just 12 months, the restaurant has earned a loyal following, thanks to its warm hospitality, festive atmosphere, and dishes bursting with bold flavors—from sizzling fajitas and fresh guacamole to handcrafted margaritas that have quickly become island favorites.

The restaurant is owned by a local family who also operate Cinco de Mayo in Jensen Beach. Manager Raul Orozco has worked for the family for

14 years. The island restaurant has 9 employees and is open 7 days a week.

Raul says the community's support has been overwhelming. "We are so grateful to everyone who has welcomed us with open arms. Hutchinson Island and especially Ocean Village is truly special, and we're proud to be a part of it. Ocean Village owners have

even graciously invited me to dinner at their homes."

Whether you're a regular or have yet to visit, now is the perfect time to stop by to enjoy a summer special and raise a glass to one delicious year on the island. Here's to many more!

¡Salud!

Submitted by Lara Currie



Customers' favorite drink and most often ordered meal, the Puerta Vallarta Margarita and the Fajita Grill Mix.

The Architectural Board of Review

The mission of the Architectural Board of Review is to preserve the look and feel of Ocean Village for the benefit of all owners. If your cluster has all Cape Cod blue doors like Catamaran II, the ABR is there to say no to Cat II owners who want to paint their doors black in honor of the Rolling Stones.

Because of the work the ABR does, when your family members and guests visit, they see a community where all the buildings in a cluster are in harmony with each other.

ABR meets at 1 PM on the second Monday of every month in Aruba West. Owners are welcome to attend. Applications filed with the Admin office by the Wednesday before the meeting will be considered and acted upon that day.

All applications must be signed by the owners and approved by the Cluster president. The ABR relies on our cluster presidents to make certain the work to be performed meets all applicable building standards. There's a reason for that, one that became evident recently.

Capstan is facing a major concrete restoration project. Some of the damage may be attributable to windows and sliding glass doors that were installed incorrectly, which allowed water intrusion. Adhering to current building standards can minimize such issues.

The Capstan project was a challenge for ABR. Because the damage is so widespread, treating each unit on a case-by-case basis risked delaying repairs and increasing costs to owners. Thanks to the diligence of Barbara Russell, the Capstan owner in charge of the repair project, and the capable assistance of Dominique Harrison, our Assistant General Manager, the ABR was able to craft a policy that meets the needs of all Capstan owners while assuring the work will be done correctly with all necessary documentation provided to Admin.

In another recent instance, an owner in OV III was able to secure approval for a replacement sliding patio door within a day. OV III also is in the middle of an extensive concrete repair project. For this owner, the work required altering the size of the opening

to the lanai so the existing slider could no longer be used. Once again, the members of the ABR committee were able to respond quickly so the replacement door could be installed immediately while the concrete restoration company was working on that unit.

When our General Manager, Holly Partington, came to Ocean Village, she brought with her a computer program that allows applications for ABR approval to be viewed remotely by members of the committee. This means the average time between submitting an application and getting a decision by the committee is now less than three weeks. ABR applications are available from your cluster president, the Admin office, or on the ABR page of the Ocean Village website.

Your ABR is working hard to preserve the look and feel of Ocean Village, while protecting the interests of all owners. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee, please let Holly or Dominique know.

Submitted by Steve Hanley

Ocean Village Community Channel.

Your go-to destination for information and happenings in Ocean Village.

The Community Channel is available on

CHANNEL 901 (Blue Stream Fiber subscribers only) or at

<https://live.mysmartcommunity.net/oceanvillagetv>

(Non-Blue Stream Fiber owners use this link or scan QR code)



Please stop by Recreation or the Administrative Office for advertising information and forms to submit your own slide to the Community Channel.

If you have any issues accessing **Channel 901** (Blue Stream subscribers only), please call Blue Stream Support at 772-242-6811. Choose Tech Support for TiVO (TV) and ask the tech to add Channel 901 to your line-up.



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OV August Recreation Calendar

Lifestyle, Wellness, & Recreation Dept.

Hours: Sun.-Sat. 8 AM-6 PM

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Lifestyle, Wellness, & Recreation

BELOW: CC = Community Center

Friday, August 1

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*Group Fitness:Strength 10:30 AM CC

Saturday, August 2

*Group Fitness: Cardio 10:30 AM CC

*Bingo 1 PM CC *\$1 per card

Sunday, August 3

*Mahjong 1-4 PM Aruba East

*Open Doubles Play 6-8 PM Gameroom

Monday, August 4

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*Group Fitness: Strength 10:30 AM CC

Tuesday, August 5

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Group Fitness: Cardio 10:30 AM CC

Bingo 1 PM CC\$1 per card

*Mahjong 6 PM Cayman

*Open Doubles Play 6-8 PM Gameroom

Wednesday, August 6

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*AWOL Bocce 10 AM Court A

*Group Fitness: Strength 10:30 AM CC

*Mahjong 1-4 PM Aruba East

*AWOL Gamenight 6 PM Aruba East

Thursday, August 7

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*OV Quilters 10 AM Aruba East

*Group Fitness: Pilates/ Barre 10:30 AM CC

*AWOL Mahjong 1 PM Aruba West

*Open Doubles Play 6-8PM Gameroom

Friday, August 8

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*Group Fitness:Strength 10:30 AM CC

Saturday, August 9

*Group Fitness: Cardio 10:30 AM CC

*Bingo 1 PM CC *\$1 per card

Sunday, August 10

*Mahjong 1-4 PM Aruba East

*Open Doubles Play 6-8 PM Gameroom

Monday, August 11

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*Group Fitness: Strength 10:30 AM CC

Tuesday, August 12

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Group Fitness: Cardio 10:30 AM CC

Bingo 1 PM CC\$1 per card

*Mahjong 6 PM Cayman

*Open Doubles Play 6-8 PM Gameroom

Wednesday, August 13

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*AWOL Bocce 10 AM Court A

*Group Fitness: Strength 10:30 AM CC

*Icecream Social 1 PM OVCC

*AWOL Social 3 PM Aruba East

*Mahjong 1-4 PM Aruba East

Thursday, August 14

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Group Fitness: Pilates/Barre 10:30 AM CC

*AWOL Mahjong 1 PM Aruba West

*Open Doubles Play 6-8PM Gameroom

Friday, August 15

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*Group Fitness:Strength 10:30 AM CC

Saturday, August 16

*Group Fitness: Cardio 10:30 AM CC

*Bingo 1 PM CC *\$1 per card

Sunday, August 17

*Mahjong 1-4 PM Aruba East

*Open Doubles Play 6-8 PM Gameroom

Monday, August 18

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*Group Fitness: Strength 10:30 AM CC

Tuesday, August 19

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Group Fitness: Cardio 10:30 AM CC

Bingo 1 PM CC\$1 per card

*Mahjong 6 PM Cayman

*Open Doubles Play 6-8 PM Gameroom

Wednesday, August 20

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*AWOL Bocce 10 AM Court A

*Group Fitness: Strength 10:30 AM CC

*Mahjong 1-4 PM Aruba East

*AWOL Gamenight 6 PM Aruba East

Thursday, August 21

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Group Fitness: Pilates/Barre 10:30 AM CC

*Hurricane Awareness 11 AM OVCC

*AWOL Mahjong 1 PM Aruba West

*Open Doubles Play 6-8PM Gameroom

Friday, August 22

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*Group Fitness:Strength 10:30 AM CC

Saturday, August 23

*Group Fitness: Cardio 10:30 AM CC

*Bingo 1 PM CC *\$1 per card

Sunday, August 24

*Mahjong 1-4 PM Aruba East

*Open Doubles Play 6-8 PM Gameroom

Monday, August 25

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*Group Fitness: Strength 10:30 AM CC

Tuesday, August 26

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Group Fitness: Cardio 10:30 AM CC

Bingo 1 PM CC\$1 per card

*Mahjong 6 PM Cayman

*Open Doubles Play 6-8 PM Gameroom

Wednesday, August 27

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*AWOL Bocce 10 AM Court A

*Group Fitness: Strength 10:30 AM CC

*Mahjong 1-4 PM Aruba East

*AWOL Gamenight 6 PM Aruba East

Thursday, August 28

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Group Fitness: Pilates/Barre 10:30 AM CC

*AWOL Mahjong 1 PM Aruba West

*Open Doubles Play 6-8PM Gameroom

Friday, August 29

*Yoga 7:30 AM CC

*Water Aerobics 9 AM Main Pool

*Sit N Fit 10 AM Aruba East

*Group Fitness:Strength 10:30 AM CC

*Sit N Fit Sign Ups for September: 11 AM

Recreation Office

Saturday, August 30

*Group Fitness: Cardio 10:30 AM CC

*Bingo 1 PM CC *\$1 per card

Sunday, August 31

*Mahjong 1-4 PM Aruba East

*Open Doubles Play 6-8 PM Gameroom

Recreation Activities

OVPOA TOWN HALL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH
11AM AT THE OVCC

**This Forum provides an
opportunity for:**

- Unit owners to offer feedback and ask questions regarding each proposed amendment.
- Each unit will be allotted up to three minutes to speak on each amendment.

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OV BOD MEETING
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THURSDAY
April 24 th
May 22 nd
June 26 th
July 24 th
August 28 th
September 25 th
October 23 rd
November 20 th
December 18 th

FINANCE
ARUBA WEST @ 2 PM
TUESDAY
April 29 th
May 27 th
July 1 st
July 29 th
September 2 nd
September 30 th
October 28 th
November 25 th
December 23 rd

SECURITY TASK FORCE	
ARUBA WEST @ 4 PM	
EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY	
April 2 nd	September 10 th
April 16 th	October 8 th
April 30 th	October 22 nd
May 14 th	November 5 th
May 28 th	November 19 th
June 11 th	
July 9 th	
August 13 th	

ABR
ARUBA WEST @ 1 PM
MONDAY
April 14 th
May 12 th
June 9 th
July 14 th
August 11 th
September 8 th
October 13 th
November 10 th
December 8 th

BEACH & DUNE
ARUBA EAST @ 12 PM
THURSDAY
April 10 th
May 8 th
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October 9 th
November 13 th
December 11 th

LONG RANGE PLANNING
COMMUNITY CENTER @ 11 AM
TUESDAY
April 8 th
May 13 th
June 10 th
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August 12 th
September 9 th
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November 11 th
December 9 th

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