



**June 5, 2020**

### **When It Rains, It Pours**

It is rainy season and, this year mother nature has made sure we realize it. Last week, we had 10.5 inches. As I write this, on Thursday, it is raining and the forecast is for significantly more with a flood watch in effect here in St Lucie County until, at least, 4 PM Saturday. Since yesterday morning, we have had an additional 9 inches.

Many of you have expressed concern and, rightfully so, about the high water here at OV. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, last year, we used special cameras to inspect our drainage pipes. We have cleaned out those that showed debris present and repaired those in need. We allocate funds each year to continue the process.



This week we contacted the City of Fort Pierce and requested a meeting with their stormwater engineer to better understand our two drainage outlets which they control, what they were designed to do, and potential solutions. Hopefully that will happen sometime next week. We also contacted our land surveyor and asked him to help us determine all Ocean Village owned drainage inlet and pond elevations. This will allow us to know whether the water at a flooded drain is equal to or higher than the pond it feeds. If higher, we know, it probably needs cleaned. If equal, the water has no place to go as again, it is the same level as the pond. We were able to locate an old drawing showing all drains, drainage flow and ponds. This will help in our investigation.

I know many of you are upset. We all need to remember that Ocean Village is on an extremely narrow island and was built very close to sea level. Communities along the coast from Miami through Vero Beach have experienced significant flooding. We will do our best to keep us safe and dry. We do not control mother nature. As a note, in the 46-year history of Ocean Village, there has never been a reported occurrence of flooding in any unit.

### **Covid 19 OV Rule Changes**

As restrictions are lifted and we move toward to what we consider normal, there is less and less to report. This week the Governor issued [Executive Order Number 20-139](#). The only change that affects Ocean Village, as I see it is that we can now sit at the bar at the Inn or Tiki Bar. Please review it to be up to speed. Starting next week, LWR will begin the process of providing some face to face programming, social distancing, of course. They will also announce the procedure for purchasing products. Please watch their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OVLWR/> for details as they are released.

For those of you early birds who prefer to use the Fitness Center earlier, it will begin opening at 7 AM. Sign up and occupancy procedures have not changed.

## **Chairs & Lounges Left Under Crossovers**

This is a last call reminder that Maintenance will begin removing and disposing of all chairs, lounges, and other beach equipment from under the crossovers. This is done each year starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, as hurricane season begins. If yours is still there, please remove it now. If not, it will be gone, even if locked to the posts.



## **Speaking of Hurricane Season**

Hurricane season is upon us. As I am sure you know, we have already had three named storms. Please protect your property and that of your neighbor by removing all chairs, tables, grills, etc. from your exterior decks or yards before you leave for the summer. Hurricanes, even those who only come close produce extremely high and dangerous winds. Most of these items are no match for those winds and can be deadly flying through the air.

## **Clubhouse Survey**

For those of you asking where is the latest on the survey, hopefully you participated in the Zoom meeting this afternoon. Yes, today at 1PM was the Owner Survey Results Review Meeting. Here is a link to the presentation that was given at the meeting

<https://www.oceanvillage.com/Files/Library/MEETINGPOWERPOINTFINAL.PDF>

## **In Summary**

There are many not so pleasant things going on in our country today. The Covid 19 Crisis, major flooding, and riots in our streets are the public ones we hear about every waking hour. Many of you are suffering from your own personal dilemmas. They create frustrations and inevitable, short fuses. Let's all do our best regardless of our personal situation, to treat others fairly and with respect. Most of your neighbors are just trying to live their lives in peace. Most of us in leadership positions are doing our best to meet the needs of those we serve. In times like these it is not easy. Stay safe and stay positive. We will all overcome these obstacles together and be stronger because of it.



Have a great week.

Jim Seymour, POA President