



August 2020

End of Summer Edition

In many parts of the country, summer is nearly over. We were in Holland Michigan last week for our granddaughter's wedding. In the morning, there was actually a chill in the air with temperatures getting into the low 50s. Diane even had all of the windows open. She, as I am sure many of you do, loves her fresh air. Here in Florida, a cold summer night is 68 degrees. Windows open? No, not until December. Sorry.

At Ocean Village, the summer has been quiet. Folks are staying safe, social distancing and doing what is necessary to have fun also. Covid infection rates in Florida continue to drop. Let's not get lulled into thinking this is over and letting down our guard. We need to continue to be diligent and be smart as we slowly return to normal.



Pool Life in Paradise



As we are in the hottest part of Summer, pool attendance is light and people are well behaved. Thanks for all who are doing their best to follow the rules and, make Ursula's job easier. I know, with the continual barrage regarding Covid, many tempers are short. Please respect the staff and your fellow owners. I have had to bite my tongue on various occasions. I'm sure you have too. Thanks for keeping Ocean Village our paradise.

Palm Tree Trimming

The first POA palm tree trimming of the year is scheduled for the week of September 28th, weather permitting. This is the most important one as it removes all of the coconuts which are quickly coming to maturity. Falling coconuts can damage vehicles as well as hurt if they hit us.

Also, as a reminder, please don't eat the coconuts or drink the coconut milk. Our trees have been treated for pests which are absorbed by the tree and fruit. We don't want anyone to get sick.



Board Meeting Update

There was no Workshop this month. It was a light month regarding new business so we thought we would give everyone a summer break. They will resume in September.

Yesterday was our monthly Board of Directors Meeting. We had 10 people in the live audience and another 27 who participated online. Thanks for being involved.

It had a light agenda. Approved items included: cleaning the wind sails at the Bocce courts, repairing the AC unit servicing Aruba west room, approval of a contract to survey the area of the property

surrounding the POA office, appointing members to the Building Committee, golf course greens renovation for inclusion in the 2021 budget, and the revocation of recreation privileges for several owners who are behind in paying their quarterly POA fees. A light agenda, indeed.

We continue to work on the audio problem at the meeting. With the Board social distancing, it appears that everyone speaking needs to have a microphone that can be turned on when speaking and off the rest of the time. We have asked our audio supplier to provide possible solutions for our review.

Hurricane Season – We Dodged Another One

Hurricane season is about half over. As this edition of the Summer E-Word goes to press, Laura hit Louisiana as a category 3 Hurricane, having reached category 4 status for a short time before backing off slightly. A week ago, we were in the middle of the cone of what was projected to be a tropical storm, at best.

Peak season for the east coast of Florida is September through mid October.

Let's not let our guard down and not be prepared. Make sure your outdoor furniture and anything that can blow and become projectiles are put indoors.

Make sure your hurricane kit is ready. If you need to evacuate, please shut off your water, particularly if you are in a multi-unit building.

As mentioned last month, there is always a potential for local flooding, please do not park your vehicle where water is known to accumulate due to major rains. Owners at Seascape II are welcome to park their vehicles in the restaurant parking lot until hurricane season passes. Other owners may do the same if your area typically floods.

If Windward Drive floods, chains will be put across the road at the critical flood points to prevent vehicles from driving and getting stuck on flooded roads. Please watch for them if the water becomes too deep for safe vehicle passage.

Here, again, 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. The Inn Zone in the north room of our restaurant is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, starting at 4 PM. Please drop in, see your friends, and have something to eat and drink.



We talked to Tony on Wednesday. Due to the concerns for effectively social distancing, he has decided to have no entertainment on Labor Day. Making sure people maintain proper distance and wear masks when not eating and drinking in a crowded situation is an impossible task and, he doesn't want to lose his liquor license. Tony and his crew are doing their best to support us. Let's support them in return.

Ocean Village Sewing Group Makes the News

From Guillermo Gonzalez: Congratulations to Susan Scarola and her OV sewing team for being recognized in the news (NBC local channel) for the wonderful job they do making face masks, donating to the Ft Pierce Community and more!!!

Thank you. You make us proud! The link to the news clip is:

<https://www.wptv.com/news/education/back-to-school/treasure-coast-women-donate-9-300-masks-to-nonprofits-and-teachers-as-new-school-year-begins> I'm afraid you will have to put up with the advertising to see it.

Beach and Dune Committee



An Endangered Species is Thriving Right Here on our Ocean Village Beach - By Carolyn Fortuna, Chair

Florida's beaches are important nesting areas for sea turtles, which are protected by both the Federal Endangered Species Act and the Florida Marine Protection Act. The sea turtle nesting season in Florida runs from March through October on the Atlantic coast. Most sea turtles have journeyed thousands of exhausting miles to Hutchinson Island to lay their eggs.

The state of Florida developed the Model Lighting Ordinance for Marine Turtle Protection Rule (62B-55, F.A.C.) to guide local governments in creating lighting ordinances. Please turn off outside patio lights and shield indoor lights from shining directly onto the beach; closing the drapes at night helps, too. Lights disturb nesting sea turtles and hatchlings.

If you happen to see a turtle on our Ocean Village beach, please allow plenty of space. It is against the law to touch or disturb nesting sea turtles, hatchlings, or their nests. If you approach them while they are on their way up the beach or before they have started laying, they will be scared off, and the turtles will turn around without laying their eggs. The opportunity for pictures will come when they are done laying and are on their way back to the ocean. It generally takes about 1 - 1.5 hours to nest.

While enjoying the beautiful beaches during the day, avoid disturbing marked sea turtle nests, and please take your trash with you when you leave the beach. Turtles can get tangled up in plastic debris and die.

We're hoping that the Sea Turtle Conservation walks will resume in 2021 so that you can join an authorized turtle observation. You'll be able to learn more about the sea turtles, see them nesting up close, and take pictures.

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.

Remember the following:



If you think you Can, you Can.
If you think you can't - - - (You know the drill)

Jim Seymour
Ocean Village POA President