



## President's Message - Charlie Sell

The following is a Q&A with the editor and the DCPOA president.

**Editor:** The Master Board and the Office have been communicating to residents extensively via email. Are you reaching everybody in the community this way?

**Charlie:** *In order to ensure all owners receive important mass communication from our management staff, we continue to encourage everyone to register for the website at [www.condominiumassociates.com](http://www.condominiumassociates.com).*

*We have about 80% cooperation in the community so far and we are still spreading the word. We've had plenty of positive feedback about our communications and want to make sure everyone is included. Unfortunately duplication in the posting of signs is still required to reach everyone.*

**Editor:** Having *Currents by the Cay* online connects with our residents who haven't yet or are unable to return. Is there something special you would like to say to them?

**Charlie:** *We miss the residents that have not been able to return to DC. We especially miss our Canadian and European residents and friends. Stay healthy and we look forward to seeing you on the property soon.*

**Editor:** The extensive new street paving looks really nice. How did the project go this summer?

**Charlie:** *I was not looking forward to the paving and sealing project. We were delayed on our first start date because the city was very slow in getting our permits since permitting was heavily backed up due to Covid-19. When we finally received our permits it was already July and the start of the rainy season. Residents were given lots of information about the process with regular updates. Everything went smoothly in the end with only some minor inconveniences.*

**Editor:** The ongoing business of maintaining a community of this size, in addition to a vast nature preserve, doesn't stop because of Covid-19. What projects have you worked on that you would like to highlight?

**Charlie:** *Yes, there are always projects here at DC. This summer we had to replace the filtration system in the front pond. It's under the control of Swift Mud with regular inspections dictated. A contract was set up for regular beach raking and it seems to be going well. The Board approved a car vacuum for the car wash area. However, it took us four months to get it and once again, we are waiting for city permitting for the electrical work necessary. I learned a lot about fencing requirements and solutions for our pools and what would make the insurance companies happy. They require fences for safety in order to renew our coverage at a reasonable price.*

**Editor:** There are nice new seating areas in the bandstand on the east end of Spoonbill Lake and it's a great use of space. How did this come about?

**Charlie:** *We have had this beautiful area for a long time and it's never used. With the help of Van Williams we purchased heavy-duty concrete tables and benches. It's a good spot from which to view the sunset over Spoonbill Lake and just to visit with neighbors. It's nice to see it being used.*



**Editor:** As a resident, Dolphin Cay feels like a really secure place to live. Nevertheless, you continue to make improvements. What enhancements have you made recently?

**Charlie:** *Recently we invited the City of St. Petersburg Police Department to review our property for security. As a result of that assessment, we made some modifications and enhancements. Our gatehouse security staff is now securing the license number, make and model of vehicles entering the property. Information is also recorded with our new cameras for all vehicles entering and leaving the property. We have improved the lighting around the gatehouse so the guards have better visibility of what's going on around them.*

**Editor:** Any last words you want to leave us with?

**Charlie:** *I know everyone is saying it has been a tough year and we are all anxious for good things to happen next year. We have been very lucky with only one case of the virus reported on the property.*

*I want to thank the Board and building presidents for helping to put rules in effect that would help us contain things. Those rules are still in effect until the numbers in the county get better.*

*I would be remiss if I didn't mention the great and tireless effort put in by our management team led by Sue Ortiz, our property manager.*

*Regardless of what happens next year, we will continue to do the right things to protect the health and safety of our residents.*

## Community Association Manager - Susan Ortiz, LCAM

First, I would like to thank all the residents that have so warmly welcomed me to my new "home" at Dolphin Cay. And what a whirlwind it has been. From pandemic to paving, it has been quite a ride so far!

So many of you have cooperated and expressed your appreciation during this unprecedented time. I appreciate your continued support and hope for a return of our normal, everyday lives **soon**. In the meantime, please abide by the emergency contractor rules still in place and continue to follow CDC guidelines. We will get through this!

Please also make sure the office has your **current mailing address on file** and that you are a **registered user of the website provided by Condominium Associates at [www.condominiumassociates.com](http://www.condominiumassociates.com)** .

Once registered, you will receive all email communications from the Office. We are entering budget and annual meeting preparation season soon, so watch for future mailings with information regarding budgets and board elections.

As you may know, Dolphin Cay will no longer be able to acquire general liability insurance unless the pools are fenced in. The Board worked very hard to find the most aesthetically pleasing choices for fencing, but it was not an easy task.



The choices presented were carefully reviewed for color, cost, and placement. But the actual fence specifications were mandated by code. The fence installment has begun and the photo below is of Osprey Pointe's pool which has just been completed.



Once all fencing has been fully installed, we hope to utilize the beautiful landscaping elements of Dolphin Cay to help hide as much of them as possible.

It is important to note insurance rates are going up everywhere, but we strive to keep our costs in line by making the best possible decisions based on the choices available to us.

I wish you and your families a healthy and happy holiday season. There is so much to be thankful for, especially in this beautiful community. 2021 will be here before you know it and I cannot wait until that time when it will be safe to actually see everyone's face!

*Sue*

## A Community Farewell

Ralph, our faithful mailman, has provided us personal and professional mail service for nearly 10 years. He has interacted with each of us at some point on the 'sensitive' subject of our mail and always did his best to deliver it accurately and on time.

But these years of conscientiousness and continuity will come to an end on December 29<sup>th</sup>, the day Ralph has chosen to end his career and retire.

Change can be difficult, but for Ralph it's a welcome and new beginning. We all wish him the best!



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Jobe	B-306	Harmon
Jardon	C-305	Clark
Mains	C-602	Patel
Suleiman	D-107	Dynham/Leonard
Hanke	D-208	Harris
Carlson	D-209	La Bare
Dinkheller/Brown	D-301	Browder
Iannello	E-601	Quattrochi
Holmes	F-301	Perry
Johnson	F-401	Garcia
Heitzinger	F-405	Davidov/Lerbs
Shaffer	F-602	Walli/De Regnier
Adams	Lot 13	James
Thomas/Smith	Lot 28	Yoos
Henitz/Untutis	Lot 47	Piantz

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## Now... About Our Mangrove Neighbors ...

### the Raccoons ...

Originally raccoons lived in the tropics but over time they moved north up the continent, successfully adapting to new territories and expanding their diet. Here are samples of raccoon sounds you might hear:

[https://www.soundboard.com/sb/raccoon\\_sounds\\_audio](https://www.soundboard.com/sb/raccoon_sounds_audio)

Raccoons have a highly developed sense of touch considered to be superior to other non-primate mammals. The five toes on a raccoon's front paws are extremely dexterous, functioning essentially as five little fingers which allow it to grasp and manipulate food. The name raccoon is derived from the Algonquin Indians and translates to "he scratches with his hands".



Raccoons have been spotted in the springtime, also outside of the mangroves. One myth is if they are seen out in the daytime, they must be rabid. Not necessarily so. Although they are nocturnal, it is quite common for a healthy animal to venture out during the day if it is hungry or its den has been destroyed. Frequently, the mother raccoons nursing kits will be forced to search for food and water night and day.

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### ... and the shore-line Ospreys

The Osprey is perhaps the bird most emblematic of Dolphin Cay and its distinctive call is familiar to us all. For a close-up view of an Osprey and to hear its call click here:

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Osprey/sounds#>

The Osprey is often seen flying over the water, hovering, and then plunging feet-first to catch fish in its talons. They are unusual among hawks in possessing a reversible outer toe that allows them to grasp with two toes in front and two behind. Barbed pads on the soles of the birds' feet help them grip slippery fish. When flying with prey, an Osprey lines up its catch head first for less wind resistance.



An Osprey may log more than 160,000 migration miles during its 15-to-20-year lifetime. During 13 days in 2008, [one Osprey flew 2,700 miles](#) from Martha's Vineyard to French Guiana, South America.

The name "Osprey" made its first appearance around 1460, via the Medieval Latin phrase for "bird of prey" (*avis prede*) as they are excellent anglers, with a success rate in catching prey in 1 of every 4 dives, sometimes as high as 70 percent.

# Committee & Organization Reports

## Architectural Review Committee - Cliff Allen

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is fundamental to evaluate proposed renovations to Dolphin Cay properties in order to uphold standards of safety, structural integrity, appearance, and conformity.

Condominium and single family home residents must submit a Request for Improvements before a project starts. Forms are obtained from the office.

To expedite the ARC assessment, please provide as much detail as possible on changes, their location, engineering, and brochure specifics about materials. For condominium floor coverings, a sample of the covering and underlayment must be provided to the Office.

The ARC works with management to keep up to date on materials and techniques for renovations. Request forms are updated as needed. For example, there is a new requirement for waterproofing membranes required to be laid down on deck and balcony flooring. You can obtain the most current Request Forms from the Office and they can also be seen in the updated online Resident Information Packet at [www.dolphincay.com](http://www.dolphincay.com).

The ARC and the Management Office do not like to recommend a person, a company or a product, although if we are aware of a problem we will pass that information to you. The best recommendations come from your neighbors.

## Library Report - Teresa Johnson

I asked for feedback and the following titles have been rated by our patrons and are found in our library:

### READERS' PICKS

**FICTION:** **A Gentleman In Moscow** by Amor Towles, **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins, **The Passengers** by John Marrs, **This Is How It Always Is** by Laurie Frankel

**HISTORICAL FICTION:** **A Long Petal of the Sea** by Isabel Allende, **Women in the Castle** by Jessica Shattuck

**NONFICTION:** **Say Nothing** by Patrick Radden Keefe, **The Devil in the White City** by Erik Larsen, **A Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf**, by John Muir



**NEW:** St. Petersburg's waterfront with extensive park system and modern skyline belie some hidden historical treasures nearby. We have 2 copies of the **Historic St. Petersburg Self-Guided Tour** book, available for a 48-hour loan. Follow one of the many clearly marked routes, stroll at your own pace and read anecdotes about the early beginnings and the past glory days in these neighborhoods and historic structures. Check out the Florida area of the Travel section today.

During the month of December the Christmas and seasonally themed books will be on display to check out. And thank you all for the numerous donations.



## **Social Committee - Mary Pat Byrne and Karen Hardwick**

As a Social Committee observing CDC guidelines, we are not planning any formal gatherings for Dolphin Cay for the near future. When we come up with an event that can incorporate social distancing which we can sponsor, we will send out a notice and post it in all buildings. Other events, such as the Shoreline Cleanup, will be coming up and perhaps a Beach Bonfire, with dates yet to be determined. Stay tuned! We hope everyone can find ways to be with friends and family in a safe way.

## **Dolphin Cay Golfers - John Kall**

Open to all Residents! You're invited to a golf gathering every Thursday at Links at Greenfield Plantation, an 18 hole public course in Bradenton. We have an early start of 8 a.m. Please contact me for more information and ride sharing options at (727) 867-9628.



## **Health & Fitness Committee - Raoul Baumel**

Currently only Residents are welcome to use our Fitness Center and with just a few restrictions. The cardio (north) room can be used by up to two people at a time. Four machines are available. The weight (south) room welcomes only one person at a time. In both rooms, please clean the equipment with sanitary wipes before and after use. It's a good idea to reserve your day and time using the reservation sheets on the clipboard at the main entrance. When you leave, please remember to close the blinds. Even with these restrictions, our Fitness Center is a great place to help you stay healthy and in shape.

## **Tennis Committee - Marc Weintraub**



We have three gorgeous Har-Tru tennis courts here at Dolphin Cay for the use of residents together with their guests. We also have a thriving and growing group of fun-loving players of all levels that reside here at Dolphin Cay. You can sign up for courts on the bulletin board between courts two and three. There is also a list of residents that like to play posted on the bulletin board. If you are looking for some tennis buddies, please contact anyone on that list or just give me a call at (304) 549-7488 and I'll be happy to match you up with someone.

When we beat Covid-19 we will start back to having some sort of weekly Clinic with a coach that will come to us here at Dolphin Cay. Finally, please note that each year we have to resurface our beautiful courts. That process takes one week. This year, we will close the courts for resurfacing Monday, November 30th and will reopen on Monday, December 7th. Happy Holidays to all!

## **Beach Committee - Laura Bivona**

There is a new volunteer beach committee helping to maintain the beach in between the contracted machine rakings. If you would like to participate, please contact Laura Bivona for updates at [LauraBivona56@gmail.com](mailto:LauraBivona56@gmail.com).



## Public Communications Report

- Ron Johnson

If you were sent this issue by another resident or had to be told where to go to find it, you need to have your email address added to the Management mailing list. You will receive not only the *Currents by the Cay* but more importantly, you will be informed about critical official announcements from the Office and the Master Board. You always have the option not to include your email address in the annual Dolphin Cay Directory.

At our website [www.dolphincay.com](http://www.dolphincay.com), all residents can find the latest version of the Resident Information Packet, current and past the Calendar of Events, and the DCPOA Contractor Rules. Owners may select Homeowners Login to find your profile, account information, guest registration form, and payment history. You will also see your Association data, agendas, financials, property related and governing documents, minutes, etc.

[ronjohnstpete@gmail.com](mailto:ronjohnstpete@gmail.com)

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## The Recycling Corner

Good intentions without proper awareness can have dire consequences:

**Entire batches may be destroyed by just placing a plastic bag full of recycling into the bin.**



**Single family homes** are serviced by the city, following Pinellas County practices.

[https://www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/recycling-directory/pdf/recycling\\_directory.pdf](https://www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/recycling-directory/pdf/recycling_directory.pdf)

**Condos** must use an outside contractor, CONEX, with somewhat differing guidelines.

[https://0201.nccdn.net/1\\_2/000/000/155/9c6/Single-Stream-Guidelines-PDF.pdf](https://0201.nccdn.net/1_2/000/000/155/9c6/Single-Stream-Guidelines-PDF.pdf)

**NO** garbage bags or plastic bags of any kind

**NO** bottle caps, wine tops, jar lids

**NO** shrink wrap or Saran wrap

**NO** cups or straws

**NO** dry cleaning bags or hangers

Place only **loose, clean, dry items** in the bin and **NOTHING smaller than “a fist”**

**WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**



# Currently *Beyond the Cay* Open Air Activities

## Citrus Grove Fruit - Self Picking! November 27<sup>th</sup> through April

Have you ever picked your own oranges? Ever



tried a sweet, juicy Honeybell? January time frame is the Honeybell season, and navel oranges and grapefruit and other citrus go well beyond that. In nearby Ruskin, one location to pick your own is Dooley Farms. Get out and visit nature where our local citrus grows. Check out:

[www.dooleygroves.com/](http://www.dooleygroves.com/)

## Self-Guided Tour of Historic Downtown St. Petersburg

Please read the Library Report regarding this and for checking out this Tour Guide book.

<https://preservetheburg.org/walkingtours/>



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## SHINE Mural Festival – St. Petersburg



A truly Open Air art tour is free and available year round to all by just strolling the streets of St. Petersburg and admiring the murals found on buildings everywhere. This year's festival is

over but even more murals were added to color and enhance otherwise blank spaces. For more information on the artists or to just download the guide map, go to:

<https://stpeteartsalliance.org/shine-mural-festival/>



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And now, this issue's ...

## *FLORIDA FACTS*

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### **These Streets Have Stories to Tell!**

Florida's history stretches back to the last glacial period, with indigenous people settling the state over 14,000 years ago. European discovery and settlement by the Spanish occurred in the 16th century, nearly a hundred years before the English founded Jamestown.

This rich history is part of what users of the **Florida Stories** app will experience. Florida Stories is a free app with over thirty-five walking tours of communities across Florida, from Pensacola down to the Florida Keys. This app allows anyone to learn about some of Florida's most historically rich and culturally diverse communities. To see how to download this app and to learn more, go to the Florida Humanities site:

<https://floridahumanities.org/programs/florida-stories/>

## **Walking Tours Currently Available for Download**



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