



Message From The Editor

- Ron Johnson

This abbreviated Spring 2020 version, without the usual Organization, Committee and Association input, and will be “online only”.

Definitely one person has been busier than ever during this shutdown and that is our hardworking President. A personal interview with him follows:

President’s Message - Charlie Sell

Editor: Charlie, how about if we try this new interview approach to the President’s Message in this issue of *Currents by the Cay*?

Charlie: Ron, I’m going to like this format since there is a lot happening in our city and Dolphin Cay during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Editor: Our property manager has moved on. Would you give us a look at what took place behind the scenes to hire a manager in this gap?

Charlie: Yes, Ryan, our manager for five years, announced he was going to take a regional manager job with First Service. We all wish him well. Many thanks to our search committee, Katie MacReynolds, Julie Webster, and Steve McAuliffe who spent many hours reviewing resumes submitted to them by Condominium Associates.

We have hired a new property manager, Sue Ortiz. In the interim, she has been working part time here,

while still performing her full time job at Condominium Associates as a regional manager. Sue comes to us with 20 years of experience in property management and already feels at home and is anxious to concentrate on Dolphin Cay matters. Sue came on board as full- time manager May 14th.

Editor: You have been complying with the city, county and state requirements. Could you highlight examples of the additional steps the Board has taken?

Charlie: In addition to CDC guidelines and those issued by our governments, since April 2nd we have been allowing what were deemed “essential contractors only” on our property. Beginning May 18th, we are allowing contractors to resume ongoing projects which had been interrupted. From June 1st, new projects can be started. All contractors will be required to wear masks when inside the buildings and in public areas and will be asked by the gatehouse to show their masks for entry. Residents are required to meet the contractors in the lobby and escort them up to verify compliance. Contractors or the resident must clean up all public areas at the end of the day. As always, elevator pads must be up.

Our Board will continue to monitor required regulations, adapt, and make changes when appropriate. But limiting the potential for spread of contamination remains our first priority. Tennis guests from outside are currently not allowed.

Hand sanitizers have been placed throughout the property and cleaning personnel have increased cleaning of chairs, tables, railings and doorknobs.

Fortunately, we have no reported cases of Covid-19 on our property. It is a combination of smart residence compliance, good Board action, and a bit of luck. I would like to congratulate our residents for complying with the various requirements during this time.

Editor: I'm sure we've all said, "We couldn't be trapped in a more beautiful place". Would you highlight the amenities that are available to us and any restrictions that still apply?

Charlie: *In short, it is indeed better to be trapped here than in other areas of the country. Although our pools and gym were closed, we have 88 acres of property with a vast area for us to escape outside and wander in. I see residents out walking, biking, fishing, and talking (with appropriate social distancing!). I'm sure the dogs want this to be over too so they don't have to walk so much! Residents may still play tennis and the Library which has a popular following, has remained open. The Fitness Center will reopen Tuesday, May 19th to residents only and on a sign-up basis. The sign-up sheet and user regulations will be posted inside the double door entrance on Monday, May 18th.*

It came as great news that the pools were allowed to be reopened on April 30th with some additional rules for their use beyond the mandated 50% person limit. The rules have been posted at each table with spray sanitizer and paper towels. Please keep in mind that the Osprey Pool is for Osprey residents and their guests only.

Editor: Street repaving will be coming up in July. Could you explain the reasons we need to make this investment in our streets.

Charlie: *Last year we had core samples of the paving taken throughout Dolphin Cay. We were told everything was in good shape except Osprey Drive. We attempted to repave Osprey Drive last year but the contractor didn't pan out. This year we have a new contractor, a new plan, and a better price. We will start in July at Antigua, who will be paying for their own work. Thereafter, the*

contractor will pave the butterfly garden parking, seal the Casino parking, seal and patch the tennis court parking, pave Osprey Drive, seal and patch all of Osprey's parking paid for by Osprey Pointe, seal the Dolphin Cay entrance, then the nonconforming lot, in that order.

During the road repairs, there will be people controlling traffic flow but your patience and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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

Charlie: *During the past weeks we have all had some challenges here and there in Dolphin Cay but we have been able to weather them together in our neighborhood tradition. THANKS everyone!*

From the Front Office

- Andrea Fitzpatrick



As I finish my first eight months as administrative assistant at Dolphin Cay, I find myself reflecting on my time here. It has definitely been a delightful working environment, with some challenges, which are always welcome! The last few months have been particularly challenging as everyone has had to adapt to a new way of life. Also, we said goodbye to the property manager, Ryan Howard, and said hello to the new manager Sue Ortiz. She has done a great job acclimating quickly to Dolphin Cay.

Library Report - Teresa Johnson

Usually, being the first line of communication for the office, there are a few key topics that arise on a regular basis. First would be contract work that has to be approved by the ARC committee. Most any type of work that needs to be done on a unit requires forms, product information, schematics from the contractor, etc. All documentation required for approval is included in the Resident Information Packet and must be turned in all at the same time. Partial ARC submissions will not be accepted by the office.

Another frequent subject that comes up is the need for elevator pads. As most deliveries and contract work require elevator pads it is important that the office have at least one business day notice to alert the maintenance staff. Failure to follow this procedure could result in delay or denial of contractor or delivery entry.

One aspect of working at Dolphin Cay that I have really enjoyed is getting to know the residents. They have truly made me feel welcome. I have also enjoyed just taking in the views, especially during my lunch breaks. What a truly beautiful piece of property. Overall, my time here so far at Dolphin Cay has been one of enjoyment.



Since new material is rotating into the library all of the time, let's talk about the numbers this time:

Over 700 Fiction titles are to be found either on the shelves or in pull-out drawers, including 100 Historical Fiction novels. This category of fiction has a story woven around factual historical events. Our team has recently compiled a list for easy reference to guide you through the maze of subjects for historical storylines.

Also there are over 100 Narrative Nonfiction titles. These are the tales told as memoirs or in story format but are true events that took place.

Our Travel section continues to expand with the newest material out there. What a fantastic time to be an armchair traveler or get ahead of the game and plan your future escapes when life returns to normal!

The puzzle collection has grown by leaps and bounds, thanks to generous donations. Puzzles provide great rainy day relief and a colorful diversion on a gray day.

A couple dozen all time classic films can be found in the DVD movie collection. Visit the library and see what you can discover there.

When you leave your keys or sunglasses behind, but they are no longer there, check with the office.

We are missing several books which we purchase for the residents, either incorrectly signed out by visitors or not signed out at all. Procedures for using the library are clearly posted there for all to read and follow. And PLEASE return any books which you have at home collecting dust to the basket marked **RETURNS**. The time consuming task of mailing late reminders could be alleviated.

Thank you for using the library!

The Recycling Corner

Recycling programs vary somewhat from one locality to the next, even within Dolphin Cay! Good intentions without proper awareness have dire consequences. Entire batches may be destroyed by just placing a plastic bag full of recycling into the bin. These links explain further and in more details. Please **click on yours** and read the details:

The **single family homes** in Dolphin Cay are serviced by the city, which follows Pinellas County practices.

https://www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/recycling-directory/pdf/recycling_directory.pdf

The **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

Across the board, however, **one consistent message** is clear:

NO garbage bags,

NO plastic grocery bags,

NO shrink wrap,

NO Saran wrap,

NO plastic cups or straws

NO dry cleaning bags.

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

Still confused about whether to recycle an item or not?

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT !



Now...About Our Mangrove Neighbor Chuck-will's-widow

Listen at dusk and at night for the rolling, seemingly endless call of the Chuck-will's-widow. If you are lucky and have a keen eye, by day they can be found resting motionless on the ground or on a horizontal branch. This is the largest nightjar in North America, but their dappled brown plumage makes them blend in perfectly to dry woodlands of the Southeast (or in our case, the mangroves).



The Chuck-will's-widow's most apparent behavior is its incessant calling at night - the most typical experience people have with these birds. They do most of their foraging at dusk and dawn - though during full moons or under streetlights, when visibility is good, they may forage much of the night.

They are buoyant and maneuverable in flight, catching flying insects with a short dive or chase followed by a snap of the bill.

Listen now: <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2017/04/hardy30.mp3>



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Departing	Unit/Lot	New Residents
Donoghue/Petrou	A-109	King
Jobe	B-306	TBD
Thomas	B-502	Jobe
Williams/Coffin	B-108	Eschenroeder/MacKenzie
Hanke	D-208	TBD
Suleiman	D-107	Dunham/Leonard
Carlson	D-209	TBD
Mueller	D-607	Fabelman/Falk
Lewis	E-101	DeCoursey/Whang
Saunders	E-107	Ji-Man
Johnson	E-108	Tyson
Brown	E-110	Hunsucker
Haramboure/Simpson	E-405	Johnson
Duggal	E-602	Hohmann

Currently *Beyond the Cay*

This is the time of year our local sea turtle trackers begin performing their night time lighting surveys for 14 days on St. Pete Beach. Several Dolphin Cay residents are volunteers for the nonprofit organization, and two are listed as supervisors on the permit with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, deputized by the city ordinance officer to survey and report where non-compliant lighting sources are found.

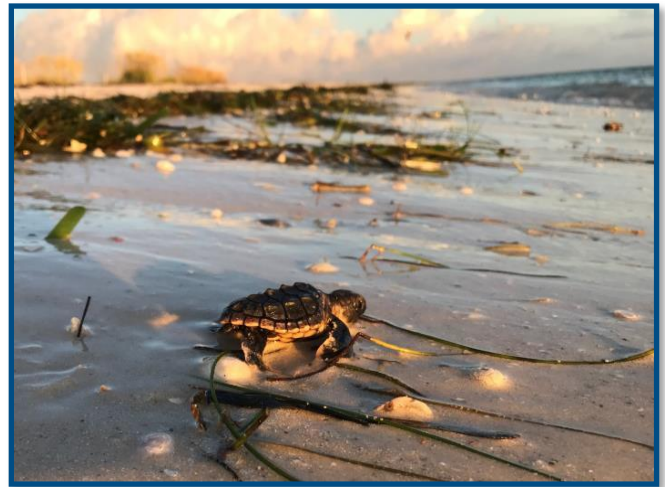
Any disruptive lighting, as in lights which are too high, too bright, not red or amber in color, etc. must be photographed and noted with the address and owner's information so the City Ordinance Officer can notify those in violation. In July the task is repeated to confirm all offensive lighting was properly dealt with. With the constant turnover in beach properties, this is an ongoing annual exercise.

This photograph, submitted by Tracy Andrews, illustrates both the offending white light across the street from the beach and the safe amber colored light directly on the beach:



But just why is this effort necessary? Because sea turtles' eyes process light differently than humans and can be disoriented by bright, white lights when coming onto the beach to nest, and when the new hatchlings are to head out to the water, where just the reflection of moonlight and starlight should naturally lead them.

Despite these efforts, it is inevitable that there will be emergency calls for volunteers to respond to rescue hatchlings found in swimming pools, carpools under condos, outdoor restaurants and bars and other



locations that are often using bright lights at night.

Adopting a turtle nest is a great way to help this organization out. A plaque with the donor's name and a personal message will be placed beside the nest. The donor will receive photos of the nest, its location information, and, once the eggs hatch, a Nest Adoption Certificate stating the hatch date, number of eggs and the hatching success of that nest.

More information can be found at www.seaturtletrackers.org or speak to our dynamic Dolphin Cay resident Tracy Andrews directly.

And now, this issue's ...

FLORIDA FACTS



The Alliance for Bayway Communities (ABC) is an advocacy organization of community association representatives looking out for the interests of those who live along Pinellas Bayway. Our Dolphin Cay representative, Ken Wolfe, provided this summary of issues with impact for Dolphin Cay residents, which were addressed during Florida's recent 2020 legislative session.

Vacation Rentals

The permission for allowing Airbnb and others was to be broadened in two state bills but ABC was instrumental in amending both by adding language protecting Community Associations and eliminating problematic language stating that vacation rentals are residential in nature and that owners have a constitutional right to rent their property in such a way. Fortunately neither **HB 1011** nor **SB 1128** passed in either Chamber of the Legislature. Community Associations may continue to operate their neighborhood as they deem proper.

FIGA Cap for Condominiums

Since its inception almost 50 years ago, the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association (FIGA), a non-profit organization (similar to FDIC) protects policyholders should the insurance carrier become insolvent and is liquidated, resulting in no further financial obligation to its customers. The FIGA limit for condominium units in the case of a total loss has been \$100,000 per unit multiplied by the number of units, which leaves our associations significantly short. **HB 529** was passed that raises that limit to \$200,000 per unit but this bill has not yet been approved by the Governor and would be effective 7/1/2020.

Emotional Support Animals (ESA)

SB 1084, also pending action by the Governor, reflects new HUD ESA guidelines* from 1/28/2020, addressing people seeking to take advantage of the current ESA system and would be effective 7/1/2020. HUD considers an ESA in the category of "assistance animals", which are **not pets**. They are animals that are trained do work, perform tasks, assist, and/or provide therapeutic emotional support for individuals with disabilities. ADA defines "disability" as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits at least one major life activity.

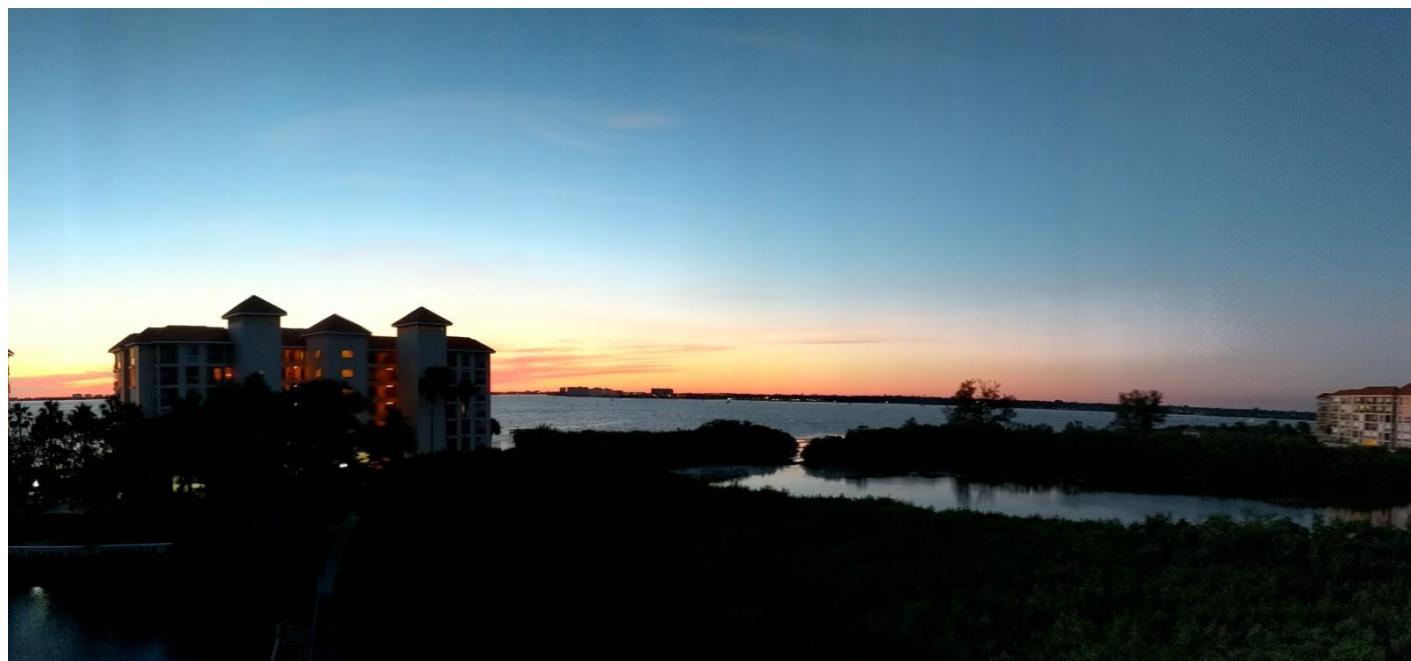
Telemedicine providers would require **personal knowledge of an individual's disability** to certify ESA documentation, and out-of-state providers would have to **see the patient in person at least once** to certify ESA. This bill also explicitly states that **certificates purchased on-line for a fee do not, on their own, constitute verification** that the individual has a disability.

* The full text: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PA/documents/HUDAsstAnimalNC1-28-2020.pdf>

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Leaving Your Unit for an Extended Time?

- **Remove all items from the balconies, decks and courtyards in case of high wind or hurricane.**
- **Turn off the water supply** (the primary and hot water valves are located above the water heater).
- Turn off circuit breaker for the electric water heater.
- Ensure the air conditioning unit is operational and serviced to avoid an unexpected shutdown and subsequent mold damage. Ensure the A/C drain line is clear and pour a capful of vinegar in the line.
- Leave some water in the dishwasher to keep the pump moist. Run the garbage disposal to ensure it is empty, and cover its drain.
- Cover the toilet and tank with plastic wrap to keep water from evaporating and drying out the tank parts.
- Disconnect TV, stereo, and computer from the electric outlets or switch off power bars since lightning can cause damage through these connections.
- Close and lock your sliding glass doors. Close your drapes, liners, and shutters to prevent sunlight from fading items and to maintain a more constant temperature.
- Leave closet doors and kitchen cabinets open to allow air to circulate.
- Notify the Post Office to hold or forward your mail and stop any newspaper delivery.
- **Ensure that a unit key is made accessible to board members via the Association lockbox.**
- **Ensure that the Office has your forwarding address and an emergency contact name and telephone number.**
- If you leave your car in your assigned parking space, **leave a car key in the Association lockbox or on your kitchen counter.** Notify the office as to the location of the key in case it needs to be moved.



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