

CURRENTS BY THE CAY

THE DOLPHIN CAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2019

President's Message - Charlie Sell

May reminds me of how fast the winter months have gone. Luckily, the months will go just as fast until your return.

A few items we have planned:

- Replace the Casino front and back doors.
- Replace the Sylvester Date Palm on the Promenade Walkway.
- Complete some painting and sidewalk repairs.
- Install car charging stations at the tennis court and butterfly garden parking lots.

Please consult the checklist of important tasks in this newsletter if you will be away from Dolphin Cay during the hurricane season. We were very lucky when Hurricane Irma hit us, but we need to prepare every year to keep everyone and everything safe.

Have a wonderful summer here or wherever your travels take you. See you in the fall!

Community Association Manager - Ryan Howard, LCAM

We have lost a lot of good people this past year. People who loved this community and are missed every day. People who moved in

10, 15, 25 years ago and never left. We still have numerous original residents and they might move from a house to a condo or from building to building, but it says something when people look to move, but they are definitely not leaving Dolphin Cay.

In the recent months, we have had new residents, new vendors, and had to do several interviews for a couple of staff positions throughout the property. Going through these exercises and meeting people who are new to the community is always a healthy reminder of what we have built over the last 25 years. The compliments pour in while they look in amazement at the beauty of Dolphin Cay. For most, they cannot believe a property like this exists in St Petersburg and this is the first time they are discovering it. As beautiful as it may be, I hope you take a minute to not only appreciate the aesthetic value of Dolphin Cay but also see the value in the people of this community.

We recently had a Board Certification Course where 20 Board members were present. We may disagree on minor things but is rare to see such a large group of people all working towards a common goal of community. My coworkers outside of Dolphin Cay do not believe me when I tell them I've only sent one violation in the last year, or that we do not need dog stations because people have common decency and sense of pride in the community, or that I

rarely deal with a delinquency and it usually only requires a phone call to resolve.

I could go on and on. It cannot be measured; you cannot put a dollar amount on it. A sense of community is something we may feel is lacking in society today, but when you

drive up to the gatehouse, you should know you are coming home to something better.

In my opinion, Dolphin Cay is a prime example of what other associations should strive to be every day.

Water- A list of cautions for the good of you and your neighbors

- We have had a few water leaks this month at Dolphin Cay. The issue lately has been the protocol and procedure for reporting these water leaks, rather than responsibility. Owners should know that they must contact the Management Office immediately as stated in 718.111 of the Dolphin Cay By-Laws. The Association Manager's 'Winter 2017' *Currents by the Cay* article went into some of the details related to this topic. Past issues can be found at dolphincay.com. If residents do not contact the Management Office, they could be held responsible for the entire cost of any repairs.
 - From Dolphin Cay By-Laws:

All reconstruction work after a property loss must be undertaken by the association except as otherwise authorized in this section. A unit owner may undertake reconstruction work on portions of the unit with the prior written consent of the board of administration. However, such work may be conditioned upon the approval of the repair methods, the qualifications of the proposed contractor, or the contract that is used for that purpose. A unit owner must obtain all required governmental permits and approvals before commencing reconstruction.
- Turn off the water to your entire home when you are away. This is easy and prevents damage to your home or your neighbors'.
- Air conditioners have drains that can become clogged and leak water into your home. To prevent this from happening, pour a cup of bleach or vinegar into the access opening in the drain line near the AC unit every month to kill any algae, mold, or mildew that has formed in the pipe. For help on the specifics of this process, contact your air conditioner repair company.
- Washing machines have hoses that can develop leaks as they age. These can be easily replaced with sturdier material, just to make sure the old ones do not break and leak water into your home.
- To detect any water leak before it becomes a problem, purchase and place several water alarms in your home. This alarm can detect as little as 1/32 inch of water and produces a loud 110 dB alarm that can be heard throughout the home and by your neighbors to provide an effective early warning system. The water alarm can be placed directly on floors: near water heaters, refrigerators or dishwashers, next to washing machines, under sinks, close to air conditioner drain tubes, near toilets, or wherever there is a risk of water damage. Let your neighbors know to take action if they hear your alarm.

These water alarms are inexpensive and available from many stores including Lowes, Home Depot, and Amazon.



COMINGS & GOINGS

Joanne Crotteau



Departing	Unit/Lot	New Residents
Eastman	A-107	Smith
Leone	A-307	Fischer
Aber	A-406	Gale
Park	B-401	Rodgers
Doiron	D-206	Osborne
Cohen	D-403	Campbell
McKenzie	E-404	O'Brien
Dimas	E-210	Pace
Pews	F-605	Messamore
Pfauser	G-304	Barkman
Rohner	Lot #10	Helbig

Please remember Hurricane Irma!

Many absent residents left items outside on their balconies and patios that needed to be moved before the hurricane arrived here in Dolphin Cay. Many, many hours were spent by neighbors and staff moving furniture and plants inside and keeping everyone and the property safe. There were also some problems with finding keys to apartments so that this emergency work could be performed. Make sure the office has access to your key while you are away!

If you are planning to be away from your Dolphin Cay home:

- Ensure that the Management Office has your non-Dolphin Cay address, phone number, and an emergency contact name and telephone number.
- **Make sure to leave a key to your home in your DCPOA building lockbox in case of emergency.**
- **Turn off the water supply to your unit (the valve may be located in the utility closet).** Turn off the circuit breaker for the water heater.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery.
- **Your automobile may be left in your assigned parking space. Leave a car key in your apartment in case of a need to move your vehicle. Notify the office as to the location of the key.**
- Leave the air conditioner on and set appropriately to prevent mildew.
- Remove perishables from the refrigerator. Turn the refrigerator off (optional), place an open box of baking soda inside, and leave the refrigerator door ajar.
- **To prevent problems from strong winds and hurricanes, remove all items from the balconies and the entrance courtyard.**
- Close and lock all doors and windows. Close window coverings.
- Leave all closet doors and kitchen cabinets open to allow air to circulate.

COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Architectural Review Committee - Cliff Allen

A reminder to all who are planning on doing some renovations this year - PLEASE fill out the proper forms in the management office located in the Casino. The office has all the necessary forms.

We realize how difficult it can be to get a contractor to commit to a certain date, but we need time to go over your request BEFORE construction begins.

There are three signatures that are needed before your project is approved - a building or homeowner representative, an ARC representative, and someone from Property Management. Some requests may need a committee meeting to take place before the request can be answered. Please keep this in mind when submitting your forms.

Work is allowed only Monday through Friday and not on holidays or weekends. If you should have any questions about improvements or the process involved, please contact the management office.

As a reminder, if you are having work done on your home/condo and you are not here to oversee the work, PLEASE have a neighbor/friend check in on the job. This can greatly reduce the number of complaints sent to the office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Building & Structures Committee - Chuck Grimm

No Report.

Governance Committee

No Report.

Landscaping Committee - Henri Tackett

Spring is here and the beds are showing their seasonal changes. ProCare fertilized the sod throughout the community and performed seasonal spraying for weed control as the various vines and weed types start to accelerate growth.

Many plants are pruned during this time of year to encourage renewed growth and enhance their appearance. Flower bed changes are due in May for all common areas as well as each Association. However, the Lake triangle and front entrance beds were just recently completed since those flowers were already in decline. The triangle received coleus and the front received yellow lantana. The two pots at the gatehouse exit were replaced with dipladenia and the bougainvillea potted plants were fertilized.

Winter sod replacement (from rabbit damage) was completed in the usual areas along the preserves and boardwalks where the rabbits typically feast. As most of you know, if the coyotes come during the winter months, the rabbit population declines. With very few coyotes the past two winters, the rabbits remain plentiful. ProCare also took care of a few other areas needing sod replacement.



The failing duranta plants were removed at the back of the Casino area. They were not recovering from whitefly insects and instead of replacing them, the flower beds were expanded. The dead Christmas palm

was also replaced at the north end of the upper level; although smaller than the other palms, it was replaced to maintain balance.

A few other plant changes were made. The gatehouse oak tree liriopse was replaced with minima jasmine and along Osprey Drive ground cover and plantings were installed to see what will survive. The Lake received some new fakahatchee and the beach pool lantana was replaced with purple queen. The Lake Nora Grant Ixora are being monitored along with a couple of beds on the Serpentine

Walkway. Check out the agapanthus under the oak tree (across from the tennis parking lot). They are in full bloom and are lovely this time of year.



The Butterfly Garden received

some new plantings of perennial penta, lantana and a few guara, plus a cassia tree. Thanks to Ruth Finzer for providing a list of plants and working with ProCare in selecting the varieties of plants known to attract butterflies. The few existing milkweed plants were pruned to boost healthy growth. These plants are vital to monarch butterflies' growth and development as well as supporting their populations, and incredible migration. Additional plantings will be considered since it is a great way to help other pollinators too, as milkweed provides

nectar resources to a diverse suite of bees and butterflies.

The Master Board approved the replacement of the sylvester date palm on the promenade



walkway that was removed in early January. ProCare located a palm matching in size and

shape, and plans are in motion to deliver and install as soon as possible. All the sylvester palms down the promenade were recently trimmed in readiness for hurricane season. Community palm and tree trimming will continue over the next several months as it does each year at this time.

Hopefully you've noticed the royal palms were freshly painted. It has been many years since the last cleaning and painting of the lower portion of their trunks. A total of 57 royals were re-painted; 33 on Association property and 24 on common property. The process promotes their overall health and helps to protect the lower portion from insects and mildew. And it enhances their appearance.

Library Report - Teresa Johnson



Patronage of our community library is on the rise which is really encouraging to the

volunteers who work to keep it interesting and organized.

Our book shopping trips have allowed us to really expand the selection of reading materials. Dolphin Cay resident author John Vanek's "DEROS" and now "Miracles" are also available to check out.

Or, do you rarely find the time to read a good book? There are audio book alternatives which allow you to multi-task while at home or listen to on long road trips. You will find a shelf full in the library. There is also a fun selection of puzzles for all ages for rainy summer days and don't forget the lovely collection of children's books.

Please continue to sign out your choices and upon return sign them back in and place any donations that fit the posted criteria in the basket/drawers for this purpose.

And thanks for the excellent donations recently!

Social Committee - Stacy Stenholm

Happy Spring everyone! The Dolphin Cay Social Committee plans events to bring us together as a community and provide opportunities for



residents to meet neighbors and friends. In 2019, we are 14 members strong, and are always

looking for people who would like to join our committee.

This year, we hope you were able to attend one of these fun events:

- November Fall Festival Party
- December Shoreline Cleanup
- January Movie Night
- January Concert and Bonfire at Cat's Point Beach
- February Movie Night
- February OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Program) Eckerd College Presentation
- March Bingo in the Casino
- March Mardi Gras Party in the Casino
- April Concert on the Lake at the Casino
- April Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- April Concert and Bonfire on the Beach

On Friday, July 26, the Social Committee will be hosting a casual cocktail party from 5 pm to 7 pm. We will also be planning a summer shoreline cleanup, and a May car wash benefitting the Sea Turtle Trackers.

Our committee has Dolphin Cay Long Sleeve T-Shirts for sale. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, contact Eileen Morello at (727)867-4872.

If you would like to receive Dolphin Cay Social Events emails, let us know by emailing sstenholm@aol.com. If you do not wish to receive Social Committee emails, contact us and we will remove you from our list.

The Social Committee is so thankful for Stacy Stenholm who designs all our posters and announcements and sends them out to the community, to our Secretary Judi Donoher, our Treasurer Sharon Phillips, and all dedicated committee members.

The Social Committee is always looking for new members. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 4pm in the Card Room. If you would like to join our group, email Karen Hardwick at KSHardwick59@gmail.com or Mary Pat Byrne at MPByrne2222@gmail.com. Also, please email us if you have ideas for social activities you would like to see at Dolphin Cay next year.

Health & Fitness Committee - Raoul Baumel

Residents continue to use the well-equipped and attractive Fitness Center. If you have not visited, come and see what fine equipment we offer.

The Fitness Center at the Casino is open daily from approximately 7am until 11pm. Please feel free to use our equipment and updated facilities during those hours.

Reminder: When you leave the Center, please close the blinds, turn off the TV and radio, and place all equipment in the proper place.

This is a very popular amenity with our residents and guests, and we appreciate the management and maintenance staff for keeping everything tidy and in good repair.

The Damsels of Dolphin Cay - Mary Pat Byrne and Kathy Chucan

The Damsels of Dolphin Cay is a social club with membership open to all women of Dolphin Cay. Our annual meeting is in January, where women can join for \$20 annually. In 2019 we have a membership of about sixty.

Each month, we ask one or two members to work together to plan an event or outing for members.

This year, we had fifty women attend our annual meeting and luncheon in the Casino on January 9.

In February, Laura Bivona and Lynda Culley planned a docent-led tour of the new James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art followed by a catered lunch.

In March, Lois DonCarlos and Mary Pat Byrne planned a tour of “Jewels of the Imagination,”

at the Museum of Fine Arts followed by lunch at the MFA cafe.



In April we toured the “Art in Bloom,” exhibit at the MFA followed by lunch at Fresco’s Waterfront Bistro.

Damsels would like to thank Stacy Stenholm for

communication leadership and execution, and Lois DonCarlos, our dedicated and meticulous treasurer, and Dorothy Unruh and Elizabeth Bowser for their thoughtful service in Damsels Tears and Cheers.

We will have a sign-up sheet at our meeting in January and are encouraging hostesses to take a month. It is never too early to begin thinking about interesting outings for the women of Dolphin Cay.

Public Communications Committee - Sue Carlson

Have you checked the Dolphin Cay website lately? We post photos, *Currents by the Cay* (current and past editions), a map with a link to area information, as well as a link to the Dolphin Cay/ Condo Associates website where you can check your personal account. We have also added the Dolphin Cay calendar of events to the website. www.dolphincay.com



Also online are the *Dolphin Cay Resident Information Packet* and the *DCPOA Contractor Rules*. Please use the links online to find a copy of this important information.

FYI: This is my last newsletter as Editor. Thanks for your support for the past four years!

NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS

Antigua - Steve McAuliffe

Hello Spring...

Your Board of Directors has several upgraded, and needed, improvements planned for our

building in the coming months. We will be modernizing the garage and hallways with LED lights, purchasing new lobby exterior doors, updating the elevator cab panels, and replacing the existing terra cotta tile on the lobby level and first floor loggia.

Our 2019 social activities haven't missed a beat with several *Third Thirsty Thursday* events, a *Retro Party* with Bill Breaden donning his chef's hat, *Vinoy Brunch* (pictured), and



Farewell Parties for Barbara Leone and Carla and Dave Aber (hosted by Lynn Lenihan). Continued

thanks to the energy of Terilyn and Tom Bloniarz and the social committee's many volunteers for providing such wonderful camaraderie.

We are very fortunate and grateful to have Bobbi continuing to take such excellent care of our building... a true Antigua asset.

Slowly but surely, the butterfly garden is beginning to receive needed plantings to revive this special place, and once again attract beautiful butterflies.

Warm greetings to our new residents, Walter and Elizabeth Smith (107) and Cynthia and William Fischer (307). Welcome to the Antigua family.

Pretty soon many of our dear friends and neighbors will be heading north for the summer. We wish you many new and fun adventures in the months to come.

Bermuda

No Report.

Curacao - Susan Kuehn

At the Curacao Annual Board meeting in March, Julie Webster and Joe Ganci were elected to the Board. Julie was nominated as Vice President, with Joe continuing as Treasurer, but now as a Board member. We thank Bob Lachnicht and Bud Hilderbrand for their years of service. At the April meeting, Tim Bonsper was nominated and accepted the vacant fifth position, taking on the role of Secretary.

At the May meeting the Board will discuss the replacement of the corridor lights with LED lights, replacement of the garage sprinkler pipes and PVC pipe straps, remediation of the breakout wall and consequently renewal of stucco.

Please remember to advise your truck deliveries to park on the southeast side of the entrance driveway.

Despite the breezeway living up to its name and being breezy, the Valentine and St Patrick socials were enjoyed by all who attended. The April Picnic Social saw a change of venue down at the beach grill area, another fun time of eating and sharing.

We extend a special thank you to Sue Carlson for all her dedication and hard work in publishing Currents by the Cay for the last four years.

Dominica - Sue Carlson

Dominica continues to maintain and update our beautiful building. This quarter's projects include curbing near the garage entrance and exit and a consultant to study and recommend any updates to our elevators. We will also be changing the lights on the walkways and at everyone's front doors. The current lights are now discontinued, and the new lights will use less energy and last longer.

The Social Committee's monthly socials are on the last Friday of the month on the first-floor patio or in the lobby, depending on the weather. Watch for the fliers for time and place. Please join us and get to know your neighbors.

Eleuthera, Fernandina, and Guadeloupe - Teresa Johnson

If you were not able to make it to the Osprey Pointe Annual Meeting on March 19th, here is a summary of what took place.

Charlie Sell, our Association President, recapped the events of the past year while the votes were being counted for the next Board's make-up. (Rick Corwin, John Ebert, Katie McReynolds, and Ken Wolfe will serve two-year terms.)

The accomplishments over the past year were many. The Bayway Initiative that our Association signed on to ensures the best internet quality currently available and lower individual bills. No more going seasonal! Each of the three buildings received new double front doors which open easily to let larger deliveries through. Osprey Drive was patched and repaired in areas, and the power-washing of algae and subsequent painting of the lowest levels of each building was a necessary and successful endeavor. Roof repairs attributed to damage from Hurricane Irma have been completed. All buildings received some fresh and colorful plants in areas, and some of the Osprey pool chairs were newly powder-coated and the mesh seats and backs were replaced. Also, the pool bathrooms were painted, and the success of the recycling program warranted the addition of more containers.

Posters explaining our contractor regulations on what is accepted as recyclable, which varies from the city collection and what you may be used to, are posted. Please read to familiarize

yourself with the program and its restrictions here.

Single Family Homes - Van Williams

We would like to welcome our newest homeowners Leonard and Shareen Helbig who have purchased the home on lot 10.

Just a warning to pet owners: small pets may be in danger of being grabbed by a predator bird or animal even if you have six-foot fencing. Please be sure and keep an eye on your pets, especially at night.

Have a wonderful summer!



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