



# Ocean Harbor Watch

## The Ocean Harbor Newsletter



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## A Sad Announcement from our Manager

*Andrea asked that the following sad, late-breaking announcement be shared with you:*

It's with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of Patricia "Trish" Gaither. Trish passed peacefully Saturday January 23rd surrounded by loved ones. One of the last things Trish said to me was how much she had enjoyed working at Ocean Harbor and how much she loved the people who worked and lived there. She will be missed by so many. Goodbye my friend.



Andrea Favalon

## Welcome to Ocean Harbor Watch

Welcome to the fourth edition of *Ocean Harbor Watch*, Ocean Harbor's newsletter. The picture on the front cover was taken by Kay Fogelson from Building A. Feel free to submit *your* photograph related to Ocean Harbor. It might grace the front page of a future edition of *Ocean Harbor Watch*.



A lot has been going on at Ocean Harbor and a lot of that is due to the hard work of many Ocean Harbor volunteers. In this issue you will see progress on many fronts; the fitness center pilot, landscaping initiatives and numerous social activities, to name a few. The Communications Committee plans to roll out a user-friendly Ocean Harbor Website in early February.

We hope this newsletter informs you of the many exciting things going on here at Ocean Harbor as well as some of the serious things that we at Ocean Harbor need to address. Your Board President and Treasurer will outline some of these in their columns below.

Roger Shulze and Denise DeChristoforo  
Editors

## President's Column

Over the course of the next few weeks, the Board will be addressing a vitally important and long overdue updating of our 20-year-old condominium documents. The "Condominium Documents" actually consist of three separate components.

The Articles of Incorporation provide for the existence of the Condominium Association as a corporate body and the By-Laws spell out the powers of the Association as well as the duties of the Board of Directors and the procedural requirements for meetings. The third component, the Declaration of Condominium, describes the responsibilities of the Association and individual unit owners; outlines what and where the common elements are and how they are maintained; addresses insurance requirements, finances and many other matters relating to the overall functioning of the Association and the general management of the complex.

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In short, these documents are the legally required "rules of the road" that affect virtually every aspect of condo living at Ocean Harbor. Our attorney, Joe Adams, is recognized as a leading authority on Florida Condominium Law and has assisted over 100 condominium associations in updating documents. Amending these documents requires approval of the Association membership and, as such, it makes sense to involve owners in the process as much as practicable.

More information will follow regarding owner participation once we receive the first draft.

John George, President

## Treasurer's Update

Ocean Harbor Treasurer, Ed Boerman will be making a presentation of OH finances on January 26 that is open to all owners. Covid-19 restrictions will require us to meet outside in groups of 20 or less. Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby of each building for 9:30 AM and 1 PM presentations, with more times available if needed. We will meet at BLDG A's under-the-building parking closest to the pool where social distance seating will be available. Masks are required. If you have any specific questions, please email them prior to the meetings to [ed@boerman.com](mailto:ed@boerman.com) so the answers can be given to all meetings groups. The agenda will include: Current Financial Position, 2021 Budget, Reserve Fund Projections, and Funding Future Capital projects.

Ed Boerman, Treasurer

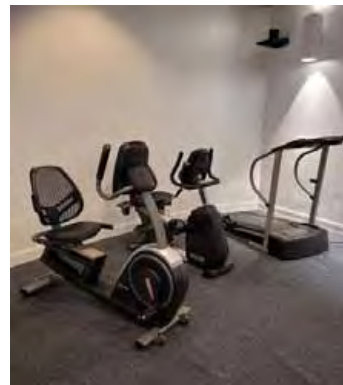
## Roof Replacement Update

Ocean Harbor Director Ron Morgan reports that the roofing project has now been completed. This is a welcome reduction in time

frame from the earlier projection of a February completion date.

Many thanks to Ron for following the roofing project and providing updates to the Ocean Harbor community!

## Fitness Center Pilot Update - 2021



As most of you know, our fitness center pilot received some equipment right before it was shut down for Covid. I'm happy to say the center is available for use again and according to the

many sign-in sheets, there are quite a few fitness buffs!

If you are new to Ocean Harbor or to the Fitness Center Pilot, you must first sign a waiver with Andrea in the office. She will give you the door code at that time. A list of rules is on both doors to the area. Light switches are inconveniently located on the far side of the room closest to the door that leads out to the tennis courts. There are two large fans in there also to help keep you cool.



The sign-in sheets are strictly for gathering information on usage and equipment we would like to see purchased in the future. As you will see, we are space-limited. We are also limited

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by liability restrictions from the insurance company. Some of you have asked for free weights and a weight bench. Unfortunately, these are not allowed at this time. Currently we have 2 recumbent bikes, a treadmill and a universal machine. There are also yoga mats, bands and 2 medicine balls for core work.

There are cleaning products in the center to use after you are finished with each piece of equipment. If you notice we need something, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Please continue to sign-in when you work out so we can see what machines are used most and what you would like me to research. All the equipment was purchased through donations so we are thankful to have such generous neighbors! We continue to take donations of any amount and those need to be given to the office. Checks need to be made out to Mary Moyer and marked "Fitness Area" in the memo. Cash is always accepted as well. I will confirm receipt of all donations.

Thank you so much to all who have contributed and to everyone using the center! Happy New Year to everyone here at Ocean Harbor!

Mary Moyer, [Moyerm40@gmail.com](mailto:Moyerm40@gmail.com)

## Landscape Committee Column

Our landscape company, Karras Lawns, has been very busy spreading rock and mulch, planting trees and planting shrubs. They have

more mulch to spread and one more tree to plant. They will also be replacing a number of oyster plants that had a fungus. All of the plantings are a very nice addition to the Ocean Harbor landscape.



## Adopt a Garden Volunteers

In the last edition of the *Ocean Harbor Watch* we invited members of the Ocean Harbor family to adopt a garden. No experience or a green thumb is necessary. All that is needed is an interest in weeding and reporting any plant problems. We are delighted to report that we have volunteers!



- Ron Smith & Nancy Hanson  
Guardhouse Gardens
- Bette Van Ert  
Triangular Garden at Building A
- Rooney Hall  
Bayside Garden at Building A

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- Mary Moyer  
Gardenia and Beach Sunflower  
Gardens at Building B
- Sandy George & Barb Shulze  
Front Island

There are still lots of garden areas that hope that they too will be adopted and cared for. If interested, call Barb Shulze at 248-709-7654.

Gardening tools will be provided.

Sandy George and Barb Shulze  
Landscape Committee Co-chairs

## Ocean Harbor Yacht Club Update

Welcome back Ocean Harbor boaters and Happy New Year! The OHYC is currently figuring out a safe way to continue “Docktails” this season so you can meet new members and greet each other in the new year. Watch for flyers in the elevators – always a fun time!



Our annual meeting will be held on February 2 at 10:30 poolside, weather permitting.

There are currently no slips for sale but there potentially may be soon. If you are interested in purchasing a slip or have questions about the Yacht Club, please contact Joe Hallberg.

Now that the weather is getting nicer, we wish you happy and safe boating!

Joe Hallberg, President OHYC,  
Jw.hallberg@gmail.com

## Social Committee's Column

Join us for Lucky  
Ball Bingo poolside  
Tuesday, January  
26 at 3 pm



We are excited to share that a new poolside Tiki Bar will be open at all events. The Tiki Bar will offer a drink of the day, beer and wine with a suggested donation. Our thanks to Rit & Pat Kahmer and Ed & Jan Boerman for their hard work in designing and building the portable Tiki Bar as well as our many volunteers who assisted in the project.

## Weekly Activities

Weekly Activities are off to a great start offering something for everyone including Golf, Tennis, Pickle ball, Yoga and Eccentrics for all levels. Weekly activities are held outdoors. Time and details can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the flyers located in the elevators.

## Upcoming Poolside Performances

We hope you will join us for our upcoming performances. The new Tiki Bar will be open and packaged snacks will be provided. Please feel free to bring your own. Events are weather dependent and will be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate.

Thursday, February 18 - Kat Orlando Duo -  
5:30 to 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 11 - Two Hands One Man  
Band - 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday, March 23 - Real Deal Dueling Pianos  
- 5:30 to 7:30 pm

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## ***Girl Meets Boy Pool-Side Performance***

Ocean Harbor's first social event of the season, sponsored by the Social Committee, was held last Thursday, January 21 at the pool. The popular award-winning local duo *Girl Meets Boy* played at the event.

The performance and poolside party was well-attended. Everyone enjoyed the music and dancing. The new Tiki Bar got a good workout. Thanks to *Girl Meets Boy* for a wonderful performance and (*editor's note*) thanks to the Social Committee for its great job sponsoring this wonderful event!

Pictures of this fun time are shown on page 7 of this newsletter. They were taken by Jodi Richhart and posted on Scuttlebutt.

Denise DeChristoforo and Jan Boerman  
Social Committee Co-chairs

## **Fort Myers Beach News**

### **Big Carlos Pass Bridge**

The Lee County Department of Transportation will hold a hybrid public hearing on the Big Carlos Pass Bridge Project on Thursday,

January 28 at 6:00 pm. State and county officials have partnered together on the project and will present alternatives for rehabilitating or replacing the bridge. In mid December, the Lee Board of County Commissioners approved a fixed span bridge on the Gulf side of the



existing bridge as the preferred alternative. You may attend the meeting in person or join online. Those attending will have the opportunity to review project

displays and speak to project team managers. If interested visit

<http://bigcarlosbridgeproject.com> for details.

### **Estero Boulevard Construction Update**

Construction continues with work taking place from Lazy Way Street (near the local laundromat and car wash) and continues to the end of the island near Big Carlos Pass Bridge. Crews are busy building sidewalks and completing the final stretch of road construction. Currently, traffic often remains congested near the Church of Ascension area. The project is on schedule to be completed by the end of 2021.

FMB is planning significant improvements to Bay Oaks Community Center, Time Square and Bay Side Park. The town secured a \$10 million loan for all three projects. Discussion is ongoing and improvements will be significant.

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Town Hall is currently closed to the public due to Covid 19. Services are being conducted by email or phone (239) 765-0202

## Fort Myers Beach Art Association

Don't miss the FMBAA Winter Juried Art Show "Beyond Boundaries" taking place now until February 11. The gallery is open Mon-Sat from 10 am to 3 pm. Or, visit the show online at <http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com>.

### Announcing the Ocean Harbor Website Redesign

The Communications Committee has been busy redesigning the Ocean Harbor website. The new website is user friendly and offers a complete listing of important documents and information such as new owner and renters packets, vehicle and bicycle decals, insurance documents, entrance gate access, guest parking passes and much more.

You will now have at your finger tips an updated OH calendar with all scheduled meetings and events; easy access to our owners portal, and a fun gallery. A website tutorial will be on hand to display new features. Most importantly, a pop up will prompt viewers to read and access critical and timely information.

The launch of the new site is expected to take place in early February. An email will be sent to owners on the exact date of the new website release. Be sure to check it out!

Denise DeChristoforo

### Virtual Bulletin Board

Ocean Harbor Condo for sale by owner -  
Unit 502A

4745 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach,  
FL 33931

Ocean view condo facing southwest – lots of  
sunlight brightens unit all day.  
Spectacular sunsets.

Many updates including new air conditioning,  
water heater, and lighting.

Move-in ready at \$520,000.

Shown by appointment only – contact Tony  
617-872-0174.

Are you a dog sitter or a dog walker?

There are many of us at Ocean Harbor who have dogs. We love our four-pawed friends, of course, but once in a while we need to leave our dogs when we go away for a while.

Golfing on Wednesdays at Whiskey Creek is a good example.

If this is something you would like to do, please contact [roger.shulze@gmail.com](mailto:roger.shulze@gmail.com) or at 248-7653-6711 and we'll make sure your ad is posted in the next *Ocean Harbor Watch*.

I want to rent a condo, preferably in Building A, from April 30, 2021 to September 1, 2021 while my unit (1505A) is being remodeled.

Terry Carling-Kelly, cell 312-543-1566, email [terryck@gertck.com](mailto:terryck@gertck.com) or [terryck@aol.com](mailto:terryck@aol.com)

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THURSDAY, JAN 21 - 5:30 PM  
**GIRL MEETS BOY**  
POPULAR AWARD WINNING LOCAL DUO





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DON'T MISS OUR COVID FRIENDLY POOLSIDE

# UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

ALL EVENTS WEATHER PERMITTING  
EVENTS WILL BE RESCHEDULED IF WEATHER DOES NOT COOPERATE



THURSDAY, JAN 21 – 5:30 PM

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THURSDAY, FEB 18 – 5:30PM

## KAT ORLANDO DUO

DETROIT 2019 MUSIC AWARD

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS  
RENTERS /GUESTS

SIGN UP SHEETS  
LOCATED BY ELEVATORS  
\$15 PP -- PLACE  
PAYMENTS IN BLUE LOCK  
BOX NEAR MAIN OFFICE

THURSDAY, MARCH 11  
JOSEPH PARTICKA – 5 PM  
**TWO HANDS  
ONE MAN BAND**



TUESDAY, MARCH 23 – 5:30 PM  
**DUELING PIANOS**



HIGH ENERGY - LOTS OF AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Questions? Denise DeChristoforo Unit 502A

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## WEEKLY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

POOLSIDE - BRING A MAT - 9 AM  
SUGGESTED DONATION \$10

CLASSES START FEB. 1 - ALL LEVELS WELCOMED

**YOGA**

**TENNIS**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

TENNIS COURTS - 8:30 AM TO 10:30 AM  
INTERESTED? CALL DENISE (508) 942-1671

\*\*\*ALL COURTS OPEN AFTER SCHEDULED PLAY\*\*\*

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY**

PICKLEBALL COURTS - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
ALL LEVELS OF PLAYERS WELCOMED - BEGINNERS COURT AVAILABLE

\*\*\*ALL COURTS OPEN AFTER SCHEDULED PLAY\*\*\*

**PICKLE  
BALL**

**ECCENTRICS  
EXERCISE**

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

9 AM POOLSIDE - BRING TOWEL/EXERCISE MAT  
CLASSES BEGIN FEB. 4 - DONATION SUGGESTED

**WEDNESDAY**

WHISKEY CREEK GOLF COURSE - FORT MYERS  
12:30 PM TEE OFF

SIGN UP SHEET AND DETAILS BY ELEVATORS

**GOLF**

**OPEN TO ALL OWNERS/RENTERS**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

JAN (603) 605-5722 OR DENISE (508) 942-1671