

# **VILLA TOWERS NEWS**

#### WINTER EDITION

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## 'Tis the Season to be Jolly at Villa Towers

A festive group met on November 28th to trim our trees and brighten our building for all to enjoy. Many thanks to those pictured here and those who were behind-the-scenes helpers! Well done team!







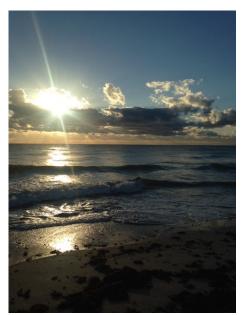








Photos by Sue Perrett



## **Budget Meeting**

Villa Towers budget meeting took place on November 12 at 3pm. The board approved the budget and the association members (unit owners) voted 33 to 4 to continue full funding of reserves. The board of directors also approved having a reserve study completed in 2015 to ensure reserves are adequately funded.

Reminder: In an effort to save cost, coupon books will not be used this year to pay association dues in 2015. Please continue to remit your dues at the 1st of each month. Checks received after the 10th of the month will be assessed the \$25 late fee.

Photo by Cathy Newman

## **Board Openings**

There is presently one vacant position on the Villa Towers board of directors, and two more positions will be opening up in January 2015, as both Mike Leach and Maria Palumbo are completing one-year terms. If you are interested in being a candidate for the board, please complete a form indicating your intent to run and submit with a short bio, which will be sent out to all association members before the annual meeting. Pursuant to 718.112(2)(d) 3b of the Florida Statute all new board members must submit a certification that they have either read the association's documents or that they have satisfactorily completed a 3-hour course prior to or within a short period after taking office. This information was sent out together with the annual meeting schedule.





**Strong winds**—This year's hurricane season officially ended on November 30th and fortunately it was a quiet season. However, recent strong winds damaged one of our light fixtures!

Photo by Annette Holt



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## **Friendly Reminders**

Keeping Villa Towers safe and enjoyable for all

#### Renters & unattended guests—

If you plan to rent your unit, seasonal or longterm, there is paperwork that must be submitted to the board prior to your tenant's arrival at Villa Towers. This applies to all new tenants, repeat seasonal renters, and "grandfathered" seasonal renters. New renters must submit to and clear a security background check and an interview with the board in order to be approved. Late applications may result in a delay in the occupancy of your unit.

Also, please be reminded that all unattended overnight guests (family and friends) must be reported (on the designated form) to the board prior to the occupancy of your unit. Unattended overnight guests are limited to 30 days per unit per calendar year.



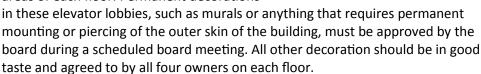
#### Personal items—

Do not leave or store personal items in any of the common areas. Unauthorized items will be removed and discarded. Unwanted items left in the lobby for others to take "for free" will also be removed and discarded. Items offered should be posted on the bulletin board in the card room with a photo and contact information. Donations for decorating common areas (including plants, furniture and accessories) must not be installed until vetted through the board during a scheduled board meeting.

#### **Decorations**—

There was a fire alarm one night in late November and, although it was a false alarm, it presents an opportunity to remind ourselves of some fire safety rules. Common walkways and stairwells may not be used to store personal items, such as beach chairs, coolers, carts, shoes, decorations, etc. In addition to obstructing the walkways in the event of an evacuation, since our building is constantly battered by strong winds, these items can also become projectiles potentially causing injury and damage. Decorations must be limited to the partially enclosed elevator

areas of each floor. Permanent decorations



Please limit what you place in the elevator lobbies as these items must all be removed and stored indoors in the event of a hurricane. Please identify which owner(s) on your floor will be responsible for



Photos by Maria Palumbo & Cathy Gill

#### **News Around Town**

**Results of the Novemeber 11, 2014 Florida election**: Gov Rick Scott was reelected and Pat Murphy also remains as representative of District 18, which covers Singer Island.





To view what is happening in Riviera Beach watch RBTV, which can be seen on AT&T Universe channel 99 or on Comcast channel 18. Also, both Riviera Beach Mayor Thomas Masters and Council person Dawn Pardo have newsletters online to keep citizens informed.

The annual toy drive by Dawn Pardo, city council person for Singer Island is collecting books this year rather than toys. People donated educational books on December 4th at Johnny Longboats. These books will be given to children in the Riviera Beach community. Her program is called "Books Come to Life" and will be augmented by a read-aloud program on RBTV.



Buddy's and Max and Eddie's Cucina on Beach Court are scheduled to be demolished soon to build a parking garage for the Ocean Mall. Also, on

PGA Blvd. at the intracoastal, *Panama Hatties* has closed its doors to make way for a new complex proposed to have condominiums, hotel, restaurants and a marina. The site is awaiting permits in order to proceed. Finally, a new gathering place called *Harbourside Place* opened on December 4 in Jupiter. It boasts family activities and live music, restaurants, shops, and a marina. Visit <a href="harboursideplace.com">harboursideplace.com</a> for more information.

The annual holiday boat parade took place on Saturday, December 6, 2014. It was viewed from Peanut Island up to the Jupiter Lighthouse on the intracoastal.

Carol and Cathy reupholstering benches for the lobby





Photo by Annette Holt



**City Place** in West Palm Beach is aglow with festive lighting and a spectacular Christmas tree.

Photo by Carolyn Gill

#### Friends We've Yet to Meet Units For Sale: PHD, 727, & 729

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