



VILLA TOWERS NEWS

FALL EDITION

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Hurricane Irma landed Sept. 10

Photos by Cathy Gill

From the Board of Directors

Fall is upon us—the days are getting shorter, the presence of turtle nests is dwindling and hurricane season is almost over. Phew!

On September 10th, 2017, Hurricane Irma arrived affecting all of Florida in some respect. Once again, Villa Towers was spared any extensive damage, which was limited to:

- 5 to 6 trees downed
- fence sections down in two areas
- some exit lights on walkways blown down
- paint peeled off by pool area
- large amount of sand in the pool
- shutters were blown off of two units

The power was off for three days and there were some problems with our generator that is now being addressed.

Because of the power outage, all food left in refrigerators and freezers must be discarded. Please arrange for this to be done if you have not already done so.

Luckily there were no flooding or beach erosion issues and our beach is actually better than ever with additional dunes being created. This can only help us in our attempt to get an improved flood zone designation with our submitted LOMR (Letter of Map Revision). We have already supplied FEMA with the current status of our property in this regard.

We tried to keep owners abreast of the situation with updates posted to villatowers.net and by replying to texts and emails as best we could with power and internet outages.



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Many thanks to our Board members and volunteers who helped secure our building for Irma—especially **Tom Bernat**, who employed our new Armor Screen system, along with **Rob Saari**, secured our new canopies to prevent them from getting ripped, secured many owner’s shutters that were poorly secured, and cut down coconuts from all but our two tallest trees! And, after the storm Tom replaced the exit lights that were blown off or broken, as well as anything else that needed to be done. **Again, thank you Tom! You are definitely our volunteer of the year!**

Also, many thanks to those who helped clean up our gardens, including **Maria Kaliniak** and **Carol Bernat**.

For more hurricane wrap-up, please [see page 4 for COASI’s overview](#).

The Board recently reviewed our hurricane issues to determine what can be done to facilitate this process in the future. Hurricane preparation is every owner’s responsibility. Had this hurricane packed higher winds, many of our units could have been breached. A letter has gone out to owners who are insufficiently prepared, requiring immediate attention to shutters and doors. We all depend on each other’s preparation.

Contacting the Board—Email villatowers@att.net. Approved BOD meeting minutes are available at villatowers.net. Login and select Board of Directors.

Assessment Reminder

Due October 30th, 2017

30s: \$358; 27s/28s: \$338; 29s: \$197

Thank you

New Armor Screen installed around the first level



Photos by Rob Saari



Don Sheldon

Don passed away on May 23rd, 2017. He served on the Villa Towers Board of Directors; in 2002 and again as President for four years, from 2011 through January 2014. Among many contributions during his tenure, Don worked to settle a long-standing property line issue with Villas on the Ocean, thereby increasing Villa Towers' green areas and parking lot in 2002. A priority of his was beautifying our landscaping, donating orchids, plants and trees. He also designed our current Villa Towers logo (logo evolution at right).



Nance Brittis

Nance passed away on May 27th, 2017 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. She will be fondly remembered and missed by all of us at Villa Towers.

Friendly Reminders— Regarding Renters & Guests

Annual renters: Please remember to send in the annual lease renewal prior to the renewal date.

Seasonal renters: Please send in rental forms prior to renters coming. First-time renters must submit \$100 for a one-time security check. Repeat renters are not required to undergo subsequent checks.



Guest/family visitors in your absence: Please send in the Guest/Family form before your guests arrive.

Forms are available from our website, villatowers.net, and must be submitted to the Board of Directors, attention Cathy Newman.

We appreciate your cooperation with these requests, as a way to ensure all occupants in our building are here appropriately and with your permission.



News Around the Island

The new **Singer Island Post Office** located in the Ocean Mall is now open.

Mark Your Calendar

Assessment due October 30th, 2017
Annual Meeting: January 25th, 2018



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Submissions & comments welcome!
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COASI Update from Wayne Perrett —

“We definitely dodged a bullet.”

Our beloved Villa Towers and Singer Island are recovering well from Hurricane Irma. Following mandatory evacuation, gas shortages, and curfews, we can be thankful to have been spared from disaster when so many people are suffering devastation and the loss of homes and businesses along the Gulf Coast, in the Keys, the Caribbean, and Houston. Thankfully, the loss of power and AC was the worst outcome for most of us. A lesser issue facing Singer Island residents and businesses was lingering cable/wifi outages.

Six days after Hurricane Irma, most of the neighborhoods on the island had restored power (81% of Riviera Beach residents and businesses lost power during the storm.) Among the biggest community challenges of the storm was the condemnation of the "Singer Yacht Club Condo" property after a wall blew out and the seawall breached allowing water to invade the facility. Demolition of the property is set to begin soon. The future of the site will be a new beautiful gateway community to Singer Island.

The most visible sign of Irma here was the damage to the landscaping - sheered palm trees, fronds everywhere, downed trees and bushes. The wind and salt air caused the leaves of trees and shrubs to turn dark and “crunchy,” just like autumn leaves up north.

Some of the Singer Island resorts had restored-power and re-opened after 1-2 weeks. Recovery efforts and reopening dates were delayed for the Hilton Singer Island Oceanfront, Palm Beach Shores Resort and Vacation Villas, and Marriott's Ocean Pointe.

Our beach, Phil Foster Park, and the John D. MacArthur Beach State Park reopened quickly. There were erosion issues along the beach, especially by the pump house at the inlet and along Palm Beach Shores, as well as further north by a few of the other high-rises. Sand blew into Villa Towers and many other beachfront properties, throughout parking lots, in swimming pools, across Ocean Drive, and along the walking path in Palm Beach Shores. We had a couple of our palms uprooted.

Our friends at the Loggerhead Marine life Center Sea turtle Hospital reopened after about a week following Irma. During that time, they took in dozens of rescued sea turtle-hatchlings from local beach-goers. Prior to the hurricane, 12 sea turtle-patients were evacuated to the Georgia Aquarium.



Photo by Cathy Gill

Multiple storms in the Atlantic have contributed a lot of vegetation to the beach. Once hurricane and turtle seasons are over, the beach can be raked by tractor.



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*Our self-serve owner website
is available 24/7*

www.villatowers.net

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Wayne Perrett is our representative with [COASI](#)
(Community Officers' Association of Singer Island)



For upcoming events around town, [click here](#).