



VILLA TOWERS NEWS

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Photo by Cathy Gill

April Board of Directors Meeting

On April 15, 2015, the Board of Directors met. The following motions were accepted:

- Motion was made by Mike Leach to accept the assessment for concrete repairs and walkways painting in the amount of \$125,619.00. Vote to accept unanimous.
- Motion made by Mike Leach to bring Cathy Gill onto Board to fill vacancy due to Tom Newman stepping off in February. Vote to accept unanimous.

Reminder to all owners: Concrete assessment money is due by 6/15/15, providing 60 days notice from the day of the meeting. The amounts due are: 30 stack—\$2,801, 27 & 28 stack—2,657, and 29 stack—\$1,548. Concrete repair work will begin mid June and is estimated to take a minimum of 30 days to complete, but no longer than 60 days.

Cathy Gill, #328, has been an owner with her husband, Don, since Sep 2011, although her ties to the condo go all the way back to 1979 when her parents bought in Villa Towers. She is now a full time Florida resident, having recently moved from NJ. She is currently on the newsletter and directory committee.

Many thanks to Tom Newman, who served as President and Secretary and spearheaded many of the upgrade and maintenance projects that were completed last year. Our Sep 2014 newsletter highlighted many of his initiatives. Both Tom and his wife, Cathy, are a positive force in our Villa Towers community.



*Bob Hellmuth, Tom Holt, Mike Leach, Cathy Gill
Attending by phone: Maria Palumbo*

Welcome to Our New Friend

729 Elizabeth Gittins from Stewardsville, NJ
(formerly Guido Visconti)

For Sale: 429

This just in!

Singer Island –

One of *"Florida's sexy, secluded off-shore islands"*
New York Post, 3/24/15—See page 5 for details.

Projects completed & ongoing

ELEVATORS:

- The elevators are regularly inspected to ensure safety. Reported noises are under review.

COMMON AREAS:

- Pool area—The doors to the bathrooms have been replaced and painted. Light switches have been changed from timer controlled to motion detection.
- Lobby—All doors off the lobby have been replaced and repainted.
- Beach Walkway—The step to the beach has been replaced with a gradual ramp that looks great and eases access to the beach.



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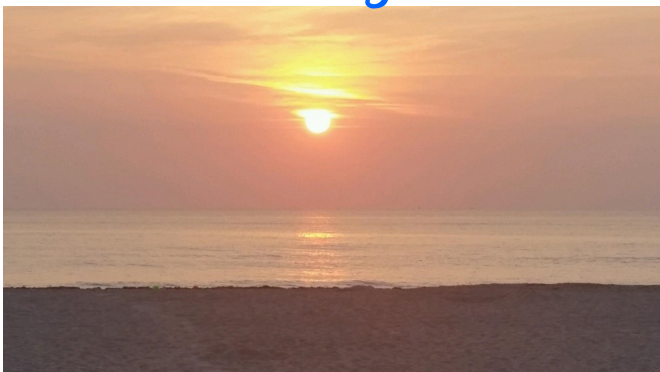
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Always Be Vigilant! Recent vandalism on the island, including a few vehicles in Villa Towers' parking lot that were broken into, reinforces the need to stay alert. Don't store valuables in your car and don't let in anyone in the building that you do not know. Please make sure the entrance door closes tightly behind you for the safety of all.

Reminder for Turtle Season! No light should be visible from the beach from March 1 to October 31. Violators can be fined for non-compliance.

Reminder for Hurricane Season! As hurricane season approaches remember to close shutters and/or bring in your furniture if you are going to be away. Please also remind your renters and guests.

Singer Island—From Sunrise to Sunset



Photos by Joe Filippelli

Going green @ Villa Towers



Photos by Dave Jemo



Don Gill & Dave Jemo



Barbara & Bob Hellmuth



Ed & Betsey Damutz



Nancy Brittis



Linda Jemo & Annette Holt



Betsey Damutz & Susan Hoffman



Sue & Wayne Perrett



Good-bye to long-time friends and renters, Linda & Dave Jemo

A swimmer with distinction

Photo by Tony's daughter, Irene Ferrera



Tony Falcone was swimming in the deep end for the first time this winter. For this he was awarded a medal of honor by renter, Sharon Gascic. Congrats!

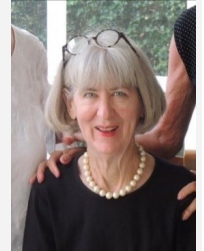
While you were swimming ...



...two spikes emerged along the beach pathway and we're still waiting to see whether they will flower!



Dee Anne Dyke



Villa Towers recently lost friend and long-time resident, Dee Anne Dyke. She moved to Villa Towers in 1999 and served on the board of directors from 2001 to 2014 as Secretary. During her tenure, she was involved in several large initiatives including the concrete restoration and subsequent redecorating of the lobby. She also generously donated the palm tree planted by the barbecue area for all to enjoy. She shared her home (#429) with her beloved cat, Nell. Dee Anne and Don Sheldon (#PHB) were co-owners of "Etc.", a shop located in Northwood in West Palm Beach. Dee Anne will be missed at Villa Towers.



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Information for our Golf Enthusiasts

We are lucky to have so many golf courses near us to enjoy. As we enter our off season, the cost of playing golf becomes more affordable. All offer significant savings off-season. Rates vary quite a bit among the courses, with Abacoa and North Palm Beach being the most expensive. However, both are beautiful and challenging courses. Palm Beach Gardens recently underwent a large renovation and is also a beautiful course with frequent spotting of our interesting Florida wildlife. Lone Pine and Lake Worth are probably the most reasonable.

For those golfers who prefer a shorter course, two Par 3 courses are listed here, both of which are beautiful as well as fun to play. The *Palm Beach Par 3* is wedged between the ocean on the east and the intercoastal on the west, affording amazing views and some lovely breezes. They also have a beautiful clubhouse offering breakfast, lunch and dinner with outstanding views of the ocean. Not a bad way to enjoy our summer months ahead!

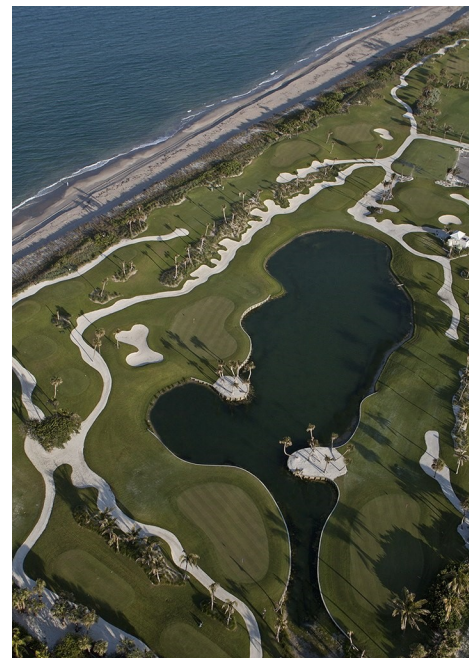


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Palm Beach Par 3

PUBLIC AREA GOLF COURSES—18 HOLE (from north to south)

- **The Golf Club of Jupiter** 561-747-6262—1800 Central Blvd., Jupiter
- **Abacoa Golf Club** 561-622-0036—105 Barbados Dr., Jupiter
- **North Palm Beach Golf Course** 561-691-3433—951 US#1, North Palm Beach
- **Palm Beach Gardens Golf Course** 561-626-7888—11401 Northlake Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens
- **Lone Pine Golf Club** 561-842-2376—6251 N. Military Trail, WPB
- **West Palm Beach Golf Course** 561-822-1591—7001 Parker Ave., WPB
- **Village Golf Club** 561-793-1400—122 Country Club Dr., Royal Palm Beach
- **Lake Worth Golf Course** 561-582-9713—One 7th Ave. North, Lake Worth

PAR 3 COURSES

- **Jupiter Dunes** 561-746-665—401 N. A1A, Jupiter
- **Palm Beach Par 3** 561-547-0598—2345 S. Ocean Blvd. Palm Beach



FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN A “MINI” GAME!

- **Lighthouse Cove Adventure** A1A in Jupiter-offers 2-18 hole miniature golf courses, plus food and drinks including beer and wine. Open 10 am to 11 pm 561-203-7965.
- **Adventure Mini Golf** 6585 Military Trail, Lake Worth- 2-18 hole miniature courses. 561-968-1111.



Enjoy!

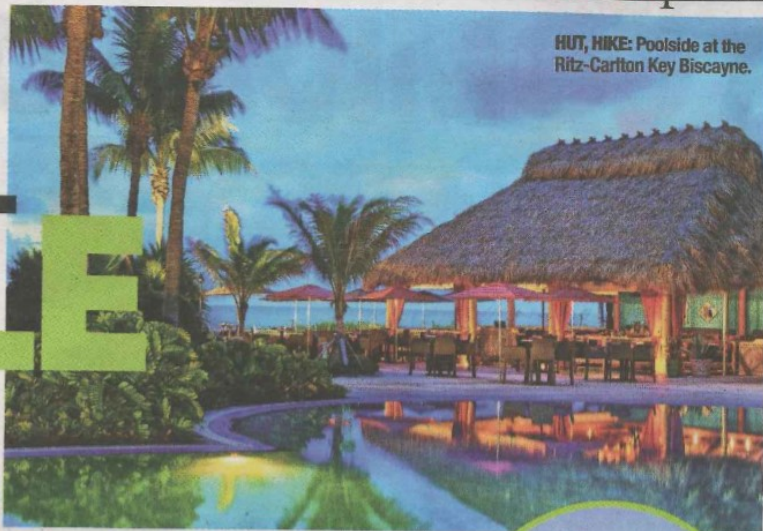
Information for Any Activity Enthusiasts

- **Slides! Rapids Water Park** 561-848-6272—6566 North Military Trail, Riviera Beach.
This park is very popular with all age groups who like huge water slides! A full day of fun!
- **Fishing! Blue Heron Fleet Deep Sea Drift Fishing** 561-844-3573—389 Blue Heron Blvd. and 561-747-1200—Jupiter Inlet, behind *Jetty's* restaurant.
- **Dining! “Tides 41”** Floating Dining Restaurant 561-420-0456—Docked at Riviera Beach Marina. Lunch and sunset cruises.

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FLORIDA SPECIAL!

WELL ISLE BE



HUT, HIKE: Poolside at the Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne.

Ric Storal

Florida's sexy, secluded off-shore islands

By BETH LANDMAN

AT the tail end of a punishing winter, an island's sun and seclusion provide the perfect relief. Florida has a wealth of retreats off the mainland that offer the perfect balance of action and relaxation. Here are five Sunshine State isles to check out now.

FISHER ISLAND

You instantly feel privileged stepping off the 7½-minute ferry ride from South Beach onto this intensely private property. The 15-key Fisher Island Club (from \$1,150, fisherislandclub.com) underwent a recent \$60 million renovation, with villas and historic cottages now boasting light stone floors, restored chandeliers and patios equipped with Jacuzzis. The beach club has also been given an update and the spa is sprucing up. Guests are given golf carts to cruise around the 216-acre island—to head to the general store, drive along the coast or hit the links. If you prefer tennis, there are courts of every surface that were good enough for Serena Williams to practice on this winter.

KEY BISCAIYNE

About a half-hour southwest of South Beach, Key Biscayne has served as a retreat for men as disparate as President Nixon and Brad Pitt. From the Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne (from \$499, ritzcarlton.com), take a 2-mile run or bike ride past Crandon Park to the oldest lighthouse in Florida and

climb to the top for a spectacular view of the island. The hotel boasts the largest tennis center of any Ritz-Carlton in the world, as well as separate pools for families and adults, and a beautifully appointed spa. Oceanfront dining options at the hotel include the casual Mexican Cantina and romantic Italian Cioppino, while the lobby has a new marketplace café. Club level service has been upgraded this year, so there's food and beverages provided throughout the day.

can watch baby turtles hatch on the beach and scramble to the ocean, or try flying via a futuristic jet-pack that propels you up to 30 feet above or below the water's surface. It's worth going off-property, to Riviera Beach, on Thursday nights for Sunset Celebration, where local bands and vendors gather.

LONGBOAT KEY

There are few things more magical than doing morning



HIGH THERE: Singer Island's Palm Beach Marriott.

looking the sea and a large marina. The property has six restaurants and two lounges of its own, but if you want to venture off property, there is complimentary shuttle service to St. Armands Circle, a collection of 130 galleries, shops, restaurants and bars just 10 minutes away. Also close by is the Mote Marine Aquarium and the Ringling Museum. Where else can you find a hybrid of fine art and circus memorabilia?

MARCO ISLAND

East Coasters can only marvel at the sheer width of white powder beaches on this 24-square-mile island, a short drive from Naples. The Marco Island Marriott (from \$669, marcoislandmarriott.com) has an optimal vantage point at the center of a 3-mile crescent of sand; since it was built before the Carter Wetlands act, there's no sea grass or boardwalk to separate you from the Gulf. The hotel takes advantage of its exotic feel, lining the beach with grass huts and positioning rooms to gaze over the vast panorama. Don't miss para-sailing, which takes you 300 feet in the air and offers a bird's-eye vista, or a Wave-Runner tour of the surrounding 10,000 islands.

BUBBLE BURST: Jacuzzi privately at Fisher Island Club.



SINGER ISLAND

Originally purchased by Paris Singer, son of sewing machine creator Isaac Singer, this peninsula is just 3 miles from North Palm Beach and close to the new Harbour-side complex, where Tiger Woods' first eatery is due in May. The Palm Beach Marriott Singer Island Resort (from \$429, marriott.com) is an all-suite resort with a tony spa, waterfront restaurant and creative activities. Beginning this month, you

asanas on the beach while watching dolphins frolic in the water, but if yoga isn't for you, there are lots of other physical pursuits on this barrier island surrounded by the Gulf of Mexico and Sarasota Bay, about a half-mile from downtown Sarasota. The Resort at Longboat Key Club (from \$499; longboatkeyclub.com), the island's premier hotel, offers 50 fitness classes each week, a 9½-mile jogging and biking path, two golf courses, tennis, a pool over-