



Photos by Cathy Newman

From the Board of Directors

Above: The holiday decorating team gave us a festive makeover indoors and outdoors.

“The season” is in full swing, restaurants are busy, traffic is heavier and friendships are renewed between owners and renters here at Villa Towers.

Many of you attended the Annual Meeting on January 25th where the 2018 Board of Directors was confirmed. Three of the four open positions were filled by Mike Leach, Rob Saari and Cathy Gill who accepted new two-year terms. Bob Hellmuth remains on the Board with one year left in his two-year term. There is one open position. Bob invited anyone who is interested to contact any of the Board members.



Bob Hellmuth



Cathy Gill



Rob Saari



Mike Leach

Bob thanked Cathy Newman for her two years of contributions as a Board member. Cathy led many initiatives, such as acquiring and implementing our new hurricane preparation system, renovating our elevators and main lobby, and was a key player in the



Kim Hetrick

investigation of solutions to our recent flood insurance challenge. She also ensured our guests and renters were vetted and everyone transitioned smoothly into Villa Towers. Cathy will continue to support the board and owners through various committees.

Kim Hetrick has volunteered to take on the day-to-day activities that Cathy oversaw, particularly the processing of rental and owner forms. All required forms are available on the owner website, villatowers.net, and should be submitted to: kimhetrick.realtor@gmail.com.

Our flood zone evaluation progress was also reviewed, including the initial favorable rating and the timeline for it to become official.

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** R to L in photo above: Joe & Janice Cavagna, Barbara Leach, Jackie Yetran, Dante Brittis, Barbara Hellmuth, Diana Bello, Bob Yetran, Sue & Wayne Perrett, Debbie Saari, Chris Giordano, Bob Hellmuth, Nate Horvath, and Tom Newman, and behind the camera, Cathy Newman.*

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As information is available, it is posted on our website. There is a new Insurance page where documents will be posted when available. Please refer to the site for the latest information.

At the Budget meeting on November 20, 2017, Joe Cavagna presented the recent Reserve Study highlights on behalf of the Financial committee consisting of Mike Leach, Treasurer, and Don Gill. The proposed budget was accepted by the Board. The adopted budget and reserve study are available on villatowers.net.

March 1st marks the start of **2018 turtle nesting season**. Please familiarize yourself with the [rules](#).

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



Projects around Villa Towers—

Repairs and Improvements

We have just finished concrete repairs to areas in need. These areas will soon be primed and painted.



- The fence that was blown down by hurricane Irma was repaired by **Rob Saari** and is now back in place.
- The small window in the west stairway door, smashed on New Year’s Eve (cause unknown), has been replaced.
- The flowers in our front entrance post that were ruined by Irma have been replaced by **Maria Kaliniak** and look lovely.
- The poolside clock was replaced after the last one broke.
- A new statue stands in the west entrance garden, It was donated by **Chris and Hal Couch**.

Any suggestions for building improvements should be sent to Villa Towers Board for review.

Welcome to Our New Friends

PHC Robert (Bobby) & Irene Ferrara from Armonk, NY (formerly Don Sheldon)



VILLA TOWERS NEWS

Submissions & comments welcome!
Committee: *Cathy Gill, Cathy Newman, Maria Palumbo, Diana Bello & Sue Perrett*



Helen Fraser

Helen passed away peacefully in her home on February 12th, 2018. She and husband, Bill, wintered at Villa Towers as owners of #328 for most of their retirement years. She was the

unofficial assistant and typist for Board activities, newsletters, and “history” papers Bill wrote. She will be missed.

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Super Bowl 2018



Around the Island —

Ocean Mall Restaurants

- **Mulligan's** restaurant recently opened. It has a Tiki bar atmosphere with casual dining. mulligansbeachhouse.com/singer-island/ 561-629-5442
- **Johnny Longboats** has a new owner with plans to expand it's entranceway to create a Sushi Bar. johnnylongboats.com/ 561-249-2795



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Password VILLATOWERS3640



Our self-serve owner website
is available 24/7

www.villatowers.net

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*Santa Grinch made a
guest appearance!
(aka Rob Saari)*



COASI meeting – January 20, 2018

The COASI meeting agenda consisted of the state of Singer Island (review of 2017) presented by Dawn Pardo. Riviera Beach Mayor Masters also gave a very brief update on new activities. Highlights of the discussion are outlined below.

Hurricane IRMA

- Caused numerous power outages. FPL is making investment in hardening the electrical lines on the island.
- Beaches took a beating. Prior to Irma the city had invested in renourishment/refurbishment with bushes, etc. Awaiting beach claims from FEMA to refurbish again.
- In addition, there is a \$30M bill in the state for beach renourishment around Florida. Singer Island is low on the list as we are considered a dune project area. New bill introduced in legislature (\$50M) asking for dune project areas (big projects) specifically to get them out of the way to allow money for smaller projects year over year.



Ocean Mall

- New property management. Their objective is to rebrand the mall as 'Ocean Walk' with a big anchor
- Mulligan's seafood and grill to open in February
- Negotiations with other business
- Planning family ocean mall area
- New island scaping
- Greenmarket planned



New Condos on Singer Island

- Vista Blue – Ribbon cutting March/April
- 5000 – Construction started, to be completed by 2019
- Singer Island Yacht Club leveled. Approval of a 135 unit resident facility (2 towers/8 stories with sight line to ocean)
- Amrit – City has not issued permit due to valuation of project but it is expected soon
- Property values on Singer Island continue to escalate



Other

- Submerged lands permit granted
- Sober home issue: Many homes are leaving Singer Island as the City found loopholes to put pressure on them to leave. Many have relocated to the west coast of Florida.

Riviera Beach Mayor Masters update

- Riviera Beach Urgent Care is now open 24/7
- Office of Veteran Affairs – one of few in US and is under the office of the Mayor

FPL working in Villa Towers parking lot

Events in the area

Palm Beach Shores **St. Patrick's Day Parade**—starts at 11am on Sat., March 17th. Party and BBQ to follow at the community center.

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



Holiday Cheer!

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