



# VILLA TOWERS NEWS

HOLIDAY EDITION

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Photo by Cathy Newman. Caption on page 3.

*Happy Holidays!*

## Highlights from Board of Directors Meetings

**Budget Meeting**—The Budget meeting was held on November 18th with many owners present and others represented by proxy totaling 35 owners, thus meeting a quorum to conduct business. The motion to accept the 2016 proposed budget, distributed to members prior to the meeting, was passed as follows: 34 In favor, 1 Abstention, 0 Against.

**Finance Committee**—The Board would like to thank the finance committee, led by Joe Cavagna and assisted by Don Gill, for carefully reviewing the 2015 Reserve Study, breaking it down into a helpful summary, and making recommendations to the Board. All suggestions were adopted.



Don Gill & Joe Cavagna, Finance



Bob Hellmuth, President

**Board Changes**—Tom Holt chaired his final Board meeting on November 18th. Tom was President for one year and a Board member since he and Annette moved to Villa Towers in 2011. (See more on page 2). With Tom's departure, Bob Hellmuth was officially appointed President. Bob invited owners to call rather than email him when they want to contact him. The open Board position will be filled by Rob Saari (429) after his appointment was unanimously accepted.

**Board Nominations**—Those wishing to serve on the Board are asked to submit their nomination to Cathy Gill, Secretary, using the form emailed to all recently. If anyone needs a form, please

email [cathygill@gmail.com](mailto:cathygill@gmail.com). **All nominations are due by Dec. 18th** in order to be part of the slate that will be presented for vote at the Annual meeting on January 28, 2016.

**Maintenance Fees**—Beginning January 1, 2016 your monthly fees are: \$610 for the 30s, \$335 for the 29s, \$577 for the 28s and \$577 for the 27s.

### Mark Your Calendar

**Candidates for BOD Elections**

**Deadline—**

Friday, Dec. 18, 2015

**Annual Meeting/Elections—**

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016



# Thank You to Tom & Annette Party

On Nov. 23, 2015, the residents of Villa Towers had a farewell party for Annette and Tom Holt. Tom and Annette have been owners of 527 since 2011. Soon after, Tom became a member of the Board and has been instrumental in keeping our building in great shape ever since. From Jan. 2014, he held the position of Vice President and stepped up to President in Sept., 2014.

Annette was also involved in many facets of our community, especially gardening, decorating for all holidays and feeding us all extremely well at our parties and happy hours! Both Tom and Annette have contributed enormous amounts of time and spirit to enhance our community. They will be living in Palm City, where they bought a house. We will all surely miss them and wish them well. We hope they'll visit us often.



Annette & Tom with dessert!



Newest Board member, Rob Saari, gave Tom the gift of coolness (and hair)



Bob Hoffman & Susan Fel



Dorothy & Jim McCullough, Tony & Louisa Falcone, Chris Giordano, Nate Horvath



Debbie Saari & Mike Leach



Tom Newman & Don Gill



Sue & Wayne Perrett, Pattie Hetrick, Anna & Ulrich Wingens, Kim Hetrick



Janice & Joe Cavagna, Wayne Perrett, Susan Hoffman, Ulrich Wingens



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## Summer 2015 Wrap Up

**Hurricane Season**—With the official hurricane season for the Atlantic coast being from May 1 to November 30, the 2015 season has ended. This season saw 11 named storms with the majority under a category 3. None made landfall in Florida so the season had no impact on south Florida. The last 10 years have been mild in Florida since the last major storm in 2005, when *Wilma* came in from the west coast of Florida, crossed the state, and went out through Jupiter.

**Turtle Season**—From March 1- October 31 turtle season rules the beach. Now that the nests have hatched, lighting and beach raking can resume.

### Welcome to Our New Friends

- 527 Szczepan & Maria Kaliniak** from Fords, NJ (formerly Holt)
- 329 Bill Frank & Debi Culotta** from Palm Beach Shores, FL (formerly Rogers Estate)

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## Holiday Season Trimming

On Sat. 11/28, the annual decorating for Christmas took place in and around our building. As always our very adept volunteer owners did a great job providing a beautifully decorated tree in both the lobby and card room. And thanks to Bob Yetran, Joe Cavagna, and Tom Newman we have Christmas lights at our front door and gate entrances. Thanks to all who helped create a festive look!



**Celebrating a job well done!** Barbara Hellmuth, Jackie Yetran, Barbara & Mike Leach, Janice Cavagna, Don Sheldon



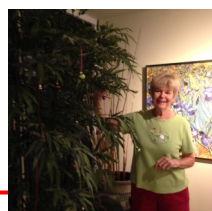
**Card Room Tree Aglow**—Janice Cavagna, Sue Perrett, Barbara Leach



**Lobby Tree Trimming**—Kim Hetrick, Barbara Hellmuth, Jackie Yetran, Cathy Newman, Susan Hoffman



**Page 1 Group Photo:** Joe & Janice Cavagna, Mike & Barbara Leach, Barbara Hellmuth, Bob & Jackie Yetran, Don Sheldon, Tom Newman



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# Area News Bulletin Board



**SOS! Fire!** On Oct. 28th a 26-foot boat caught fire in the Palm Beach Inlet and sank. The two people onboard jumped to safety and were rescued uninjured. It was very visible from Villa Towers as you can see from this photo taken by Annette Holt.

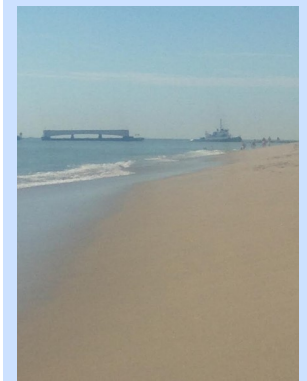
**Baseball Stadium Coming to WPB** — Palm Beach Co. approved the building of a \$144 million stadium hoping to bring the *Houston Astros* and *Washington Nationals* to West Palm Beach for spring training in 2017. The stadium, along with training facilities and a new city park, are to be built on 160 acres at the southeast corner of 45th St. and Haverhill Rd.

**Vista Blue**, our new neighbor north of the Hilton, has broken ground with few buyers so far. It is expected to be completed in 2017.



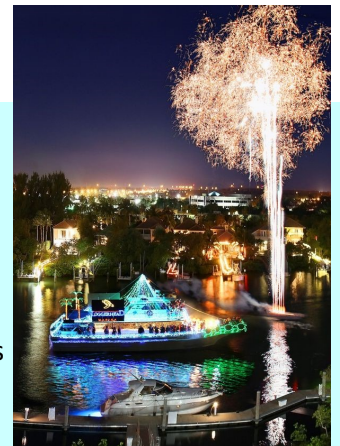
**SOS! Whale in trouble.** On Oct 8, a pygmy whale was spotted struggling in the water off Singer Island. Biologists took it to the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in Ft. Pierce to be checked out.

A later article reported that it was actually a melon-headed whale. The whale was very thin and in poor condition, and a decision was made to euthanize the animal. Sadly, a plastic bag was found in his stomach but it was too late to save it.



**Flagler Memorial Bridge Replacement Project**—Recently, Cathy Newman captured this photo of a section of the bridge being towed into the port by a tug.

On Dec. 5, 2015, the annual **North Palm Beach Boat Parade** occurred along the intracoastal, starting at Peanut Island and ending at Jupiter lighthouse. This fun event includes up to 40 extravagantly decorated boats. *Toys For Tots* are collected by tug boats moored at various docks on the route. Photo: [Palm Beach Post](#).



## Places of Interest

**Harbourside Place**—It's been a year since Harbourside Place opened in Jupiter and the area seems to be well received. There are quite a few nice restaurants, such as *Bravo! Cucina Italiana*, *Tommy Bahama*, *deep blu grille*, *Calaveras Cantina*, *Too Bizarre*, and *Tiger Woods restaurant*, *The Woods Jupiter*. Some have waterfront seating, as well as indoor. Also some casual places: *BurgerFi*, *Another Broken Egg Cafe*, and *Coffee Culture Cafe*. There are also retail shops, docks for boats and a Riverwalk that runs along the intracoastal extending to south of Indiantown Rd., 2-1/2 miles overall. An amphitheater offers music on Friday and Saturday evenings. [Website](#)

**Doris Italian Market & Bakery**—A new gourmet Italian market is scheduled to open soon in North Palm Beach on Rt. 1, just south of PGA Blvd. near Carrabba's restaurant in the *Shoppes at City Centre* plaza. This will be their 5th location. They advertise "the finest meats in town" and have bakery items at reasonable prices. Catering is also available. [Website](#)

## Helpful Links

- [Singer Island Pulse](#). News, contact info, local gov, realty info, classifieds
- [Palm Beach Post online](#)