



# VILLA TOWERS NEWS

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Photo by Cathy Gill

## 2016 Villa Towers Annual Meeting

The Villa Towers Condominium Association Annual Meeting was held on January 28, 2016, with a quorum present: 21 members and 8 proxy votes, totaling 29.

Bob Hellmuth, unit #730, was the only board member automatically continuing his term. Mike Leach, unit #428, submitted his name for a new one-year term, and Cathy Gill, unit #328 and Rob Saari, unit #429, who were both appointed to the board in 2015, submitted their names for two-year terms. Maria Palumbo resigned from the board after two years of service. With one vacant spot remaining, Bob Hellmuth appointed Cathy Newman to the board to fulfill the responsibilities formerly assigned to Maria. Thus we begin the year with a full five member board.

Bob Hellmuth thanked Maria Palumbo for her outstanding contribution while serving on the Villa Towers Board.

Treasurer, Mike Leach, reported that as of Dec 31, 2015, there is \$217,844 in the reserve account. We finished the operating year under budget. Within 90 days of the annual meeting all owners will receive a copy of the 2015 financial report.

**Contacting the Board**—Please email [villatowers@att.net](mailto:villatowers@att.net).

### The 2016 board is as follows:

- President . . . . .* **Bob Hellmuth**
- Treasurer . . . . .* **Mike Leach**
- Secretary . . . . .* **Cathy Gill**
- Member at large . . . . .* **Rob Saari**
- Member at large . . . . .* **Cathy Newman**

## In other news

Susan Hoffman and Diana Bello attended a recent Community Officers Association of Singer Island (COASI) meeting. Susan provided owners at the with a summary during the annual meeting, including:

### Insurance—Who pays for what?

Recent events, including an electrical fire in the Phoenix Towers and owner-caused water damage in the Martinique, made insurance a hot topic. In very general terms, owners are responsible for everything *inside* their unit and building



insurance covers events *outside* of the units. It is each owners responsibility to contact their own agent to understand what is covered and what is not.

It was suggested that owners take photos of their contents and keep in a safe place, and that *every time* units are unoccupied for more than a day, the:

- The **water is turned off**, and
- The **air conditioning is left on** to prevent mold.

It was also noted that owners can add 'loss of unit' insurance to cover the cost of a hotel or other rental fees while their unit is unavailable, if desired.

# Meet the Board of Directors for 2016

## Bob Hellmuth - President

Bob and his wife, Barbara, have been together 30 years with 6 children between them. Bob is a Penn State graduate with a B.S. in Engineering. Bob was in the US Military, RA, for 7 years, Combat Engineer, Airbourne, Germany, Viet Nam Vet, and retired as Captain. He spent 35 years in Finance Securities, with Reynolds, Dean Witter, and Morgan Stanley, and retired as Sr.

V.P.S. Florida Region. An avid golfer, he is a member of Bear Lakes C.C. for 23 years. He has lived on Singer Island for 27 years, and at Villa Towers for 11 years.



## Mike Leach - Treasurer

Mike and wife, Barbara have lived at Villa Towers since March, 1997. They have one daughter and 3 teenage grandchildren who live in Tennessee. Mike's professional background consists of 25 years in civil engineering, including 5 years in condominium management. This will be his third time serving on our board in the past 17 years. As our Treasurer, Mike "will closely watch all monies coming in and going out."



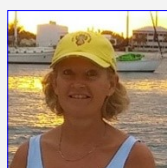
## Rob Saari - Member at large

Rob and his wife, Debbie, recently moved into Villa Towers in July 2015. Their journey to Florida began when, after dating for a year, they decided to escape the winter blues of Michigan and move to the South Florida area—that was 20 years ago and they've been married for 12 of those years. Rob's



background is in restaurant and bar management, which he's been doing for 20 years, along with 5 years in Real Estate sales and management.

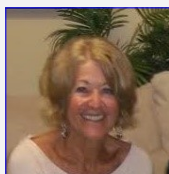
## Cathy Gill - Secretary



Cathy was appointed to the board in April 2015, having just moved to Florida full time with her husband, Don. Recently from NJ and originally from Toronto, they have two children working in NYC and Philadelphia. Cathy has an Economics degree from Western University and has worked in marketing and consulting throughout her career, mostly in the telecom industry. She is currently working for Express Scripts. In addition to being Secretary, Cathy also produces the Villa Towers newsletter with the communications committee.

## Cathy Newman - Member at large

Cathy has been a Villa Towers owner for more than 30 years and a full-time resident since August 2004. Married to Tom Newman (Past President) for 48+ years, they have 3 children and 6 grandchildren living in Ohio, Chicago and San Francisco. She is a Registered Nurse, now retired after 40 years of working in ER and Critical Care areas of various hospitals in N.Y., Pa., Del., and Md. She also worked part time for Hospice of Palm Beach for 2 years. She will be overseeing rentals and sales and is involved with several condo committees.



## Board of Directors Contact Information

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**WiFi is available in card room**  
Password VILLATOWERS3640

## Reminders—

*A form must be submitted to the board for:*



**Elevator Pads**—When you are expecting a large delivery, pads must be installed in the service elevator (north elevator). The delivery company is responsible for any damage they may cause.

**Guests or Renters**—In advance, advise who is coming, when and for how long. Limitations on guests and renters are outlined in your owner binder. These limitations help us to comply with regulations and to maintain a pleasant, safe environment for all. Guests and renters must sign in when they arrive.

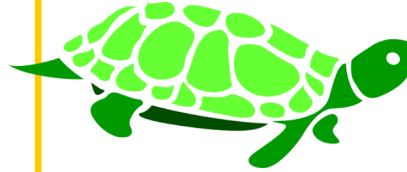
**Contractors**—As with guests and renters, a form must be submitted prior to work beginning. All contractors must sign in. Note: Many projects, especially those requiring structural changes to your unit must be approved by the board prior to work beginning and often permits are required from the City of Riviera Beach.



**Pet Approval**—Please see your owner binder for details. Pet approval is at the discretion of the board. Renters and guests may not bring pets.

**Frequently used forms are available** in the bottom right cubicle of the white boxes in the lobby. Other forms are in the blue book on the top of the cubicles. Most are also in your owner binder.

**Questions?** Email [villatowers@att.net](mailto:villatowers@att.net)



## Turtle Nesting Season Begins March 1st

Please keep night lighting in units low and keep shades drawn. Fines are imposed for non-compliance so be sure to familiarize yourself with turtle regulations.

## Report on the Elevators—

*From Bob Hellmuth, Feb 25, 2016*

Myself, Mike Leach and Rob Saari met on Tuesday with the Florida Sales Manager and the South Florida Service Manager for KONE Elevator Co. At my



request, also attending were our Insurance adjuster and his elevator expert. My current expectation is that the north elevator will be back in service this week and that all bills for both elevators except for one \$2500 deductible will be covered by insurance.

For everyone's information, those of us working on the elevator operation and the decorating committee working on cosmetic renovation of the elevators are completely separate. Nothing has been delayed in any way for decorating.

Getting the elevators up and running properly are of course our first priority.

Update Feb 29: North elevator is working.

## Election 2016 - City of Riviera Beach

Presidential preference primary elections: **March 15, 2016**

Polling place: **Phil Foster Park Marine Center, 900 E. Blue Heron Blvd., Open 7 am to 7 pm**

More info: [www.pbcelections.org](http://www.pbcelections.org)

### Mayor

Thomas A. Masters  
Billie Brooks

### Council District 1

Bruce A. Guyton  
Lynne L. Hubbard  
Tradrick McCoy  
Horace L. Towns

### Council District 3

Sylvia Lee Blue  
Tonya Davis Johnson  
Tommy Lee Walker

### Council District 5

Terence "TD" Davis  
Elizabeth Pertee Robinson

# Area News Bulletin Board



## Get involved; Get informed with Singer Island Civic Association (SICA) —

According to their [website](#), “SICA was formed in 1967 by a group of citizens, like you, with the objective of fostering a spirit of goodwill and cooperation for the mutual benefit of the residents of Singer Island and the community in which they reside.” It is open to anyone, dues are \$50 per annum. Their website is [singerislandcivic.org](http://singerislandcivic.org) where you can read about activities on Singer Island and sign up for a free eNewsletter.

## Learning about our environment

Enjoy an educational outing just minutes away:

### Manatee Lagoon Center—An FPL Eco-Discovery Center— NOW OPEN



6000 N. Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. [www.visitmanateelagoon.com](http://www.visitmanateelagoon.com)

**Loggerhead Marinelife Center**—14200 U.S. Highway, Juno Beach. 561-627-8280 [www.marinelife.org](http://www.marinelife.org)

**McArthur Beach State Park**—10900 Jack Nicklaus Dr, North Palm Beach. Nature Center: 561-624-6952 [www.macarthurbeach.org](http://www.macarthurbeach.org)

## Eat Where the Locals Eat

**Lake Park Diner**—405 N US 1, Lake Park Clean with tasty home-style cooking at a very reasonable price. They have only been open for about three months serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**Giovanni's Ristorante**—3900 Northlake Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, in the Home Depot and True Treasures plaza. “Quaint, unassuming bistro popular for its sizable plates of old-world Italian fare.” [Website](#)

**Camilla's Pizza**—927 Park Ave, Lake Park Popular with locals who enjoy their square pizzas. Catering is also available. [Facebook page](#)

**The Brass Ring Pub**—200 US 1, North Palm Beach Ever popular with “the best burgers in Palm Beach County.” [brassringpub.rkorsen.com](http://brassringpub.rkorsen.com)

Let us know where you like to dine so we can share with owners! Send an email to [cathygill@gmail.com](mailto:cathygill@gmail.com)

## Zika virus comes to Florida –

On Feb 2, 2016 Florida governor Rick Scott declared a state public health emergency due to the Zika virus,



which is spreading through mosquito bites, blood

transfusions and sexual intercourse. Home owners are asked to remove any standing water and individuals are to use insect repellent to avoid being bitten by the mosquito. The greatest harm seems to be to pregnant women as the virus seems to cause birth defect (microcephaly). At the present time there is no vaccine. Flu-like symptoms are reported. See: [floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/zika-virus/](http://floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/zika-virus/)

## Helpful Links

- [Singer Island Pulse](#)
- [Palm Beach Post online](#)



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# Super Bowl 50 Party



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**Clockwise from top left:** Tom & Cathy Newman; Shirley Filippelli & Hal Couch; Jacki Yetran, Betsey & Ed Damutz; Shirley & Joe Filippelli, Ron & Karen Wetherell, Jacki Yetran & Ed Damutz; Renters Sharon & Jerry Gascic; Renters Pat & Bob Gillen; Wayne Perrett; Ron & Karen Wetherell