



VILLA TOWERS NEWS

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Photo by Cathy Gill

From the Board of Directors

The Board has met several times over the past few months, often with strong owner attendance. Special thanks to Bob Yetran who has managed many of our repair projects, and Tom Newman who has overseen the review of our locks and generator. Please take the time to read about additional volunteer efforts on the Committees page. Without a contracted management company we rely on our volunteer board and owners to efficiently and affordably manage Villa Towers. Recent updates are as follows:

Fire Alarm Stations & Unit Horns—High winds tripped a fire alarm pull because it had become loose due to corrosion. All stations were installed in 1972. All were reviewed after this issue and it was decided that all should be replaced, thereby taking advantage of a bulk discount and avoiding repeat disruption. This is part of the reserve budget. The annual fire alarm test was conducted in May to ensure the horns in all units are in good working condition. Two horns were found to be not working and will be replaced with the stations.

Trash Chute—This continues to be an issue. Estimates are being sought to replace part of the chute. PLEASE use the chute with care or carry trash to the garbage room.

Telephone Lines—We will enjoy a monthly savings with the replacement of two AT&T phone lines in the elevators with wireless alarm circuits that will be monitored by the elevator company at a lower rate.

Generator—Our back-up generator is being evaluated to determine the best course for replacing rusted parts. This is in reserve budget and is within the estimated life of the generator.

Beach Cleaning During Turtle Season—As tractors are not permitted during turtle season and traditional raking companies have been unreliable, we have decided to use Interklean, our maintenance company, to rake the beach on a 'as requested' basis until tractor cleaning can be resumed.

Owner Late Fee—The fee for late payment was raised from \$25 to \$50/month.

Comcast Cable—Due to corrosion, cable was recently replaced in the 30 stack, supervised by Karen Wetherell.

Doors & Locks—The back doors have been replaced and repainted as needed, as part of the restoration project. Locks on all doors were serviced by a locksmith to ensure continued smooth operation.

Contacting the Board—Email villatowers@att.net. Approved BOD meeting minutes are available upon request.

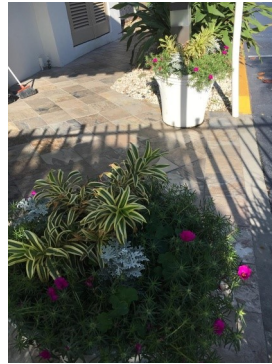
Committee Activities Page

Gardening

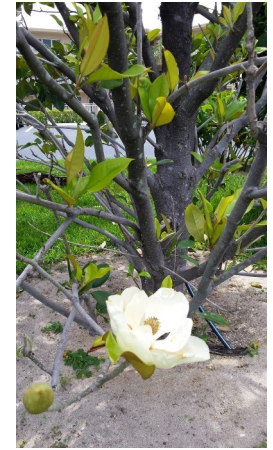
Photos by Barb Hellmuth & Cathy Newman



This garden has been brought back to life by Barb Hellmuth and Maria Kaliniak! Nice!



Our front entrance pots are thriving thanks to Christine Couch!



First bloom from our beautiful magnolia tree planted by Don Sheldon in memory of Dee Anne Dyke last year.

Decorating

The decorating committee is investigating and gathering proposals for two projects: 1. Refurbishing the interior cabs of our elevators, and 2. Replacing the floor in the billiard room.

Both of these projects are involved and we are taking our time to ensure we have a good results with minimal cost. The billiard room floor replacement is included in our current budget. The cost of the elevators is in our reserve account for elevator repairs.

No work will begin until we are sure all is well mechanically. The elevators have been working well since the recent repairs so we are starting to move forward again. We have received three proposals for each project and are continue to explore other options.



We will keep you updated on any future decisions.

We have also replaced the weathered umbrellas

around the pool with beautiful, durable new ones at a very reasonable cost. For those who enjoy the summer here—whether living or visiting—a shady spot by the pool awaits! Please remember to close umbrellas when not in use.

Social

See page 5 for the latest social committee event



Communications

An updated Owners Directory was included with your newsletter email.

Contributors welcome! This committee welcomes new members and article and photo contributions at any time. We usually publish the newsletter 3 to 4 times per year.



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Reminders—

Concrete Follow-up—Notify the board at villatowers@att.net asap if leaks or cracks are detected.

Trash/Garbage Chute—Always use with care. No oversized items, such as pizza boxes. When in doubt, carry your trash to the bins. The chute is old and needs a little (a lot of) TLC!

Laundry Facilities—Use the recommended amount of soap per manufacturer guidelines and no more! Soap can build up in the line, block the return air and back up, which recently occurred on one of our floors.



Condo Keys—All owners, especially *new* owners, must make sure the BOD has a copy of your new keys if you change your locks. The Board must have access to all units in case of emergency.

Pest Control—Currently Villa Towers contracts with Petra Pest Control to spray all common areas in and around the building. If you wish to use the same service for your unit at a cost of \$125/year, call directly at 1-772-223-1544 (Mr. Mack). Or you can contact another pest control company.



The most common pests found in units are ants and palmetto bugs.

In general, it is important not to have standing water in or around your balcony as it can be a breeding ground for mosquitos. And it's a good idea to block access to your balcony water drain when storm shutters are closed so that birds cannot enter your balcony. This can be easily done with plastic mesh that still allows for water drainage if needed.

Questions? Email villatowers@att.net

Hurricane Preparedness



The Florida hurricane season officially starts June 1st and ends November 30th. However, this year we already had our first named storm, Alex, in January.

The 2016 season prediction is for 13 named storms, 6 hurricanes, and 2 major hurricanes (defined as winds over 110 MPH).

It is responsibility of all owners to secure their unit and close shutters. Owners who are absent should make arrangements to have their unit checked and secure. All personal property must be removed from common walkways and elevator landings on each floor to avoid causing injury or damage as they can become airborne. The board and volunteers will not be responsible for owner's personal items in these areas.

Residents should have the recommended supplies on hand, including batteries, canned goods, medications, fresh water, and a hard-wired phone and/or they should have an evacuation plan and a full tank of gas prior to the hurricane's arrival.

Owners who choose to stay in their unit need to know emergency services may not be able to assist them during a storm. Refer to condo governing docs updates August 2014 - Blue sheets "Hurricane Plan" for all to review. Especially the section: PREPARATION: INDIVIDUALS.

www.palmbeachpost.com, www.readypbc.gov
www.pbcgov.com and www.pbcgov.org
[National Hurricane Center](http://NationalHurricaneCenter.com)



Election 2016 City of Riviera Beach

March 15, 2016 Results

- Mayor**—Rev. Thomas Masters, incumbent (57% of votes)
- District 1**—Lynne Hubbard (After a run-off election in May)
- District 2**—KaHamba Miller Anderson
- District 3**—Tonya Davis Johnson, new (40%)
- District 4**—Dawn Pardo, incumbent (Singer Island)
- District 5**—Terence "TD" Davis, incumbent (66%)

Welcome to Our New Friends

1130 Frank & Mary Bolognino from Halfmoon, NY (formerly Simon)

For sale—Unit 329



WiFi is available in card room
Password VILLATOWERS3640

Area News Bulletin Board

On the Cultural Scene – 2016/17 Live Performance Season

Kravis Center www.kravis.org

701 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach. 561-832-7469 or 1-800-572-8471

Box office hours: Summer M-F 10 am to 5 pm, Season M-S 10 am to 5 pm

Calendar May 2016 to May 2017: Membership starts at \$75 per annum

Kravis Center includes Dreyfoos Hall, Rinker Playhouse, and Gosman Amphitheater venues

Performances include concerts, opera, Broadway series plays, and ballet.



Maltz Jupiter Theatre www.jupitertheatre.org

1001 E. Indiantown Rd., Jupiter. 561-575-2223 or 1-800-445-1666

Box office hours: M-F 10 am to 6 pm, Sat 10 am to 2 pm. Closed Sunday.

Season subscription from \$242 for \$294 for 4 or 5 plays. Season: Nov 2016 to Apr 2017

Shows scheduled include: *Gypsy*, *The Producers*, *Me and My Girl*, *Disgraced*, and *The Audience*.



For more information on events around the area, please see:

www.palmbeachdailynews.com, eventful.com/westpalmbeach and www.FloridaWeekly.com

Turtle Nesting Has Begun

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



[Marine turtle and lights regulations](#)

Helpful Links

- [Singer Island Pulse](#)
- [Palm Beach Post online](#)
- [COASI](#) - Condominium Owners Assoc. of Singer Island
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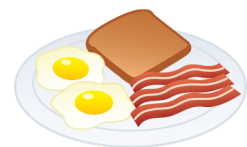
Bountiful Breakfast

Lazy Loggerhead—6 Van Kessel Parkway (in Carlin Park), Jupiter “Serving breakfast and lunch on Jupiter Beach since 1998.” www.lazyloggerheadcafe.com

Paris in Town, Le Café—11460 US 1 at PGA, North Palm Beach “A taste of France in the Palm Beaches.” www.parisintown.com

Sailfish Marina—98 Lake Drive, Palm Beach Shores “Delightful Florida seafood with a view to match.” www.sailfishmarina.com

Avocado Grill—125 Datura St, West Palm Beach “Featuring unique twists to contemporary and traditional dishes, our farm-to-table, fresh plate creations have been delighting diners and food critics alike since opening in October 2014.” www.avocadogrillwpb.com



Let us know where you like to dine so we can share with owners! Send an email to cathygill@gmail.com

April 18

Italian Dinner Night

VT Social
Committee

The first Italian dinner night was a great success, thanks to the wonderful people that not only participated with delicious variety of Italian food but also enjoyed each other. Even Andrea Boccelli showed up, thanks to the Wetherells! Because of the great turnout to this event, we will organize many more with different themes. - Joe Filippelli



Photos by Cathy Newman & Sue Perrett



Clockwise from top left: Dante Brittis, Hal & Christine Couch, Bob Yetran, Cathy & Tom Newman, Nancy Brittis; Joe Filippelli; Delicious dinner selections; Barbara & Mike Leach, Susan & Bob Hoffman, Barbara Hellmuth; Tony Capasso, Shirley & Joe Filippelli, Karen & Ron Wetherell with their son, Diane Capasso; Jerry & Sharon Gascic, Chris Giordano, Nate Horvath, Wayne Perrett