



# VILLA TOWERS NEWS

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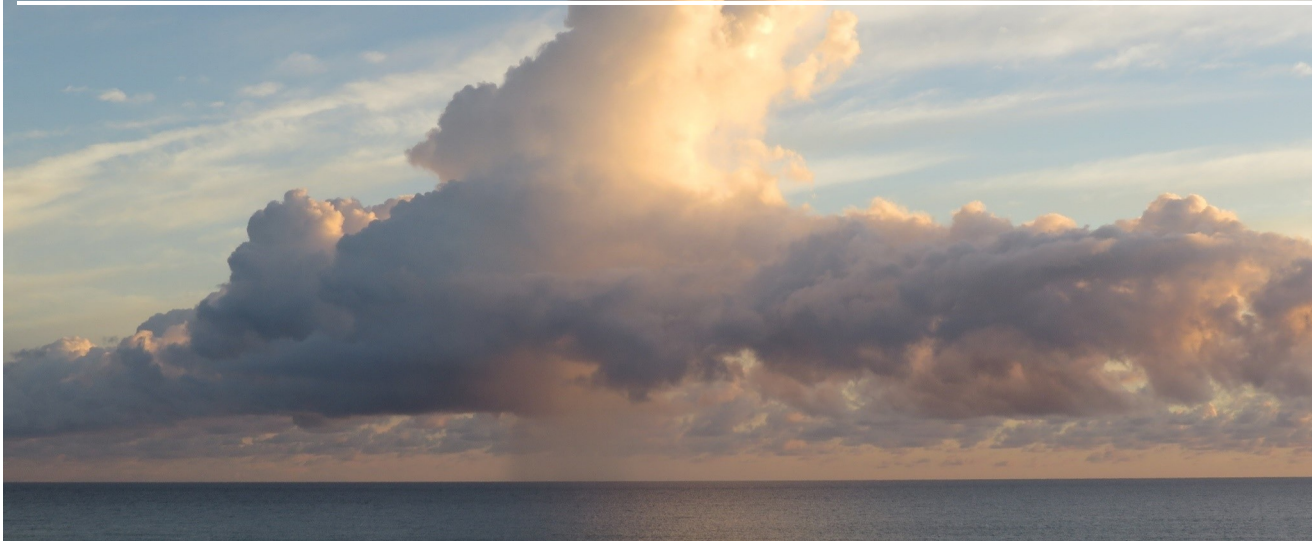


Photo by Maria Palumbo

## Highlights from Board of Directors Meetings

**Concrete Repair Project**—The largest Villa Towers project this year has been the concrete repair project. Crews began removing damaged areas on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and worked steadily throughout the summer. At this point, the project is substantially completed. The contractor expects to be finished by mid to late September. Upon completion of the concrete work, walkway painting will commence.

Mike Leach has overseen this project throughout the summer and Tom Holt was involved on a daily basis. Photos of various stages and areas are provided on page 2.

**Air Conditioning**—A new air conditioner was installed in May. City inspection was completed and passed on June 17<sup>th</sup>. A new duct and vent to lobby was installed to improve air flow and quality.

**Landscaping**—Annual pruning for hurricane preparation was completed in June. One of our palm trees on the east side was diagnosed with gamoderma. The palm was removed to minimize spreading of the disease. The dune planting has been pruned and the pathway maintained.

**Entrance Security Door Codes**—Building security is the responsibility of every owner. Giving your code to renters, visitors, contractors should be kept to a minimum and door codes should be changed frequently. If your door code has not been changed recently (or ever!), please contact Cathy Gill with a new 3-digit code and she will update your code. All codes consist of 3 digits that are fixed + 3 digits that you can choose.

**Volunteer(s) Needed**—We need a volunteer(s) to review and discuss the cleaning needs of Villa Towers with the Board of Directors. Jairo works from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please contact Mike Leach.

**Decorating Update**—See page 3.

**Guides for Community Associations**—Owners may be interested in reading two guides: "[The Florida Legislature's 2015 Amendments to Laws Affecting Community Associations](#)" and "[Budget and Reserve Schedules - a self training manual](#)," published by the Dept. of Business and Professional Regulations.

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

*Thank you.*

### Mark Your Calendar

**Finance Committee Meeting**—Early Nov.

**Budget Meeting**—TBD

**Candidates for BOD Elections Deadline**—  
Fri. Dec. 18 (More info to follow)

**Annual Meeting/Elections**—  
Thu. Jan. 28, 2016

# Erika Fizzled Out Before Reaching Florida



Photo by Annette Holt

Florida recently found itself in the “cone of uncertainty” as weather people plotted tropical storm Erika’s path and strength. Fortunately Erika was downgraded and was a non-event for Floridians. The Board and summer residents were preparing common areas for the storm and all residents were reminded to close shutters and prepare their own units.

### Preparing for a Hurricane—

Owners should ensure their hurricane shutters are always functional and closed whenever they are away especially during hurricane season, unless an arrangement has been made with others to close them before a storm.

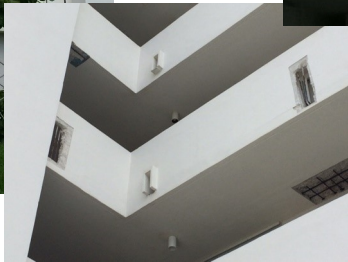
Take time to familiarize yourself with what can happen during a hurricane, how to prepare, and what to do when a storm strikes. There are many resources. Here are just a few: [Florida State Dept of Health](http://Florida State Dept of Health), [FEMA Hurricane](http://FEMA Hurricane), [National Weather Service](http://National Weather Service), and a helpful local guide [Publix.com/storm](http://Publix.com/storm).

*Tom Holt preparing the building in anticipation of tropical storm Erika.*

# Villa Towers Concrete Repair



Photo by Cathy Gill & Maria Palumbo & Annette Holt



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## A Fresh New Look

Our lobby and elevator area have a new look, thanks to the decorating committee. Mirrors that had begun to corrode were removed, a new vent for air conditioning was installed, tiles were cleaned, doors replaced, and everything was given a fresh coat of paint. A new rug and furniture was purchased and reviewed by all. Final recommendations were made to the Board for approval.

Committee members included: Barb Leach, Sue Perrett, Barbara Hellmuth, Annette Holt, Cathy Newman, Jackie Yetran, Cathy Gill and Maria Palumbo. We were fortunate to get professional advice from interior decorator, Mercedes Hess, a relative of Jackie Yetran, gratis! We hope you like it!



### Reminders & Tips

**Please think of our pipes ...** No paper towels, feminine products, cleaning wipes, or dental floss in toilets. Many of these products are not biodegradable. Use the trash chute. Once again a service was hired to clean and drain the pipes.

**Parking ...** Our snowbirds will be returning soon so please park in your own spot or guest parking, unless you have permission from the owner.

#### Remember to ...

- ✓ Change your smoke alarm batteries once a year.
- ✓ Change air conditioning filters frequently for more efficiency.



### Welcome to Our New Friends

**429 Rob & Debbie Saari** (recently from Palm Beach Shores, originally from Michigan)

**For Sale: 329**

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



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Photos by Cathy Newman



# Change is all around us

## Construction Projects Around Singer Island

Construction has started on a new residential condo called **The Blue**, which is located between the Hilton and the Marriott Beach Resort and Spa. The building will be 18 floors with 58 units.

The **Amrit** property (between the Marriott Ocean Palms and Tiara), which has been idle since the 2008 economic crash, is now planning to start construction in early 2016. It will be called a **Wellness Resort & Spa** with two towers of 20 floors each, consisting of 150 resort hotel rooms and 209 resort hotel suites.

After a long hiatus, **Ocean Mall** is resuming their renovation with construction of the middle building now under way. The proposal shows this building's appearance is the same as the other two (pictured).

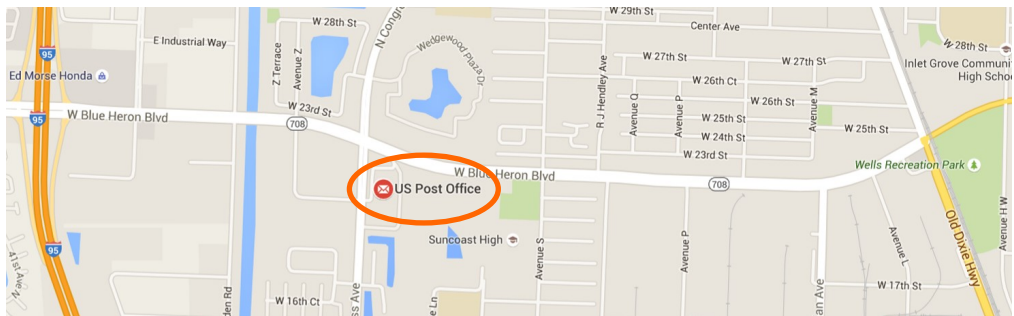


### New Restaurant

**Capt. Jack's Island Grill**—located on the north side of Blue Heron Blvd. “Fast, fresh, delicious” food to eat in or take out.  
[www.captjacks.menu](http://www.captjacks.menu)

## Singer Island Post Office Closed

The Singer Island Post Office that was conveniently located in Bank of America closed its doors earlier this summer. Faced with rising costs and declining volumes of mail, the Postal Service has been closing post offices where it makes sense. The Singer Island office is about 3.5 miles from Riviera Beach's main post office on Blue Heron Blvd. and Congress Ave. on the southeast corner.



## Riviera Beach Marina Update

The \$375 million marina redevelopment has expanded to tentatively include a three-story public market for local farmers and fisherman, and to offer local artisans small retail space.

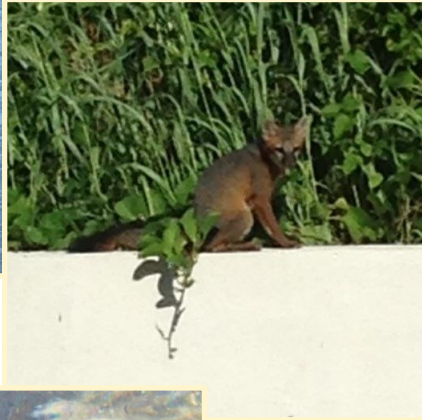


The redevelopment project is composed of a two-story convention center, marina upgrades, and bicentennial park, as well as residential, hotel, commercial and office space to be built in phases over 10 years. The first phase broke ground last year with Newcomb Hall and the Tiki Bar demolition. The marina facilities have been upgraded as part of this first phase.

The project is being funded by federal, county, private and grant monies to both the city of Riviera Beach and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). For more information: [RBCRA marina project](#).



# Villa Towers Flora & Fauna



◀ A lovely magnolia gem tree, donated by Don Sheldon, has been placed in the green area of our parking lot in memory of Villa Towers resident, Dee Anne Dyke.



△ This beautiful fox stopped along the east wall for a long stare at residents by the pool.



△ Throughout the summer newborn turtles made their way to the sea along our beach.



A diseased palm ▶ tree was removed.



△ Owners & guests clockwise from front left: Donna (guest), Janice & Joe Cavagna, Cathy Gill, Annette & Tom Holt (Cheers!), Bob & Barbara Hellmuth, Cathy Newman, Allison (guest)

And the widest beach  
▽ we've seen in years!

