

CURRENTS BY THE CAY

THE DOLPHIN CAY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2019

President's Message - Charlie Sell

Every day when I drive into Dolphin Cay I am amazed at our gem of a property.

I know that I sometimes take the beauty of our



property for granted. When working with vendors and guests on the property, Ryan and I are frequently told what a beautiful property we have and how well we take care of it.

It starts with our entrance plantings and the newly renovated gatehouse and continues with our tennis courts that are some of the finest clay courts in the city. Thanks to Mike for keeping them pristine every morning. Driving around the property, I am impressed with the character and planting of each building and that each

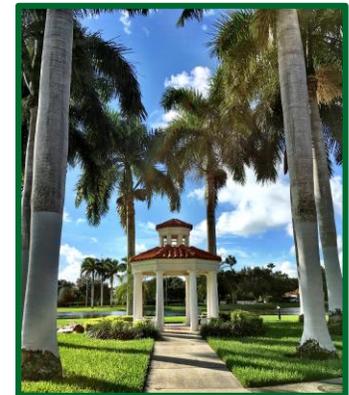


building takes pride in maintaining their property. The pools stand out and are ready to use every morning thanks to Mike and Tony. The plantings around the pool and casino area enhance the area.

A walk down to the beach confirms we are making progress converting it from rocks and shells to a real sandy beach.

The property looks good and we continue to make progress to keep it up to your expectations. Unfortunately, the weather and Mother Nature have not been cooperating. I walk the area almost every

day and I know we have we have more work to do. I am not worried about the trees and the plantings because Henri Tackett and her Landscape Committee



continue to look after them. I am concerned about the weeds and grass. We are working with our partner Pro Care to get it under control. They are spraying the bad areas and we will sod areas that don't come back. We just have to be patient. In the meantime, continue to love and enjoy our wonderful property.

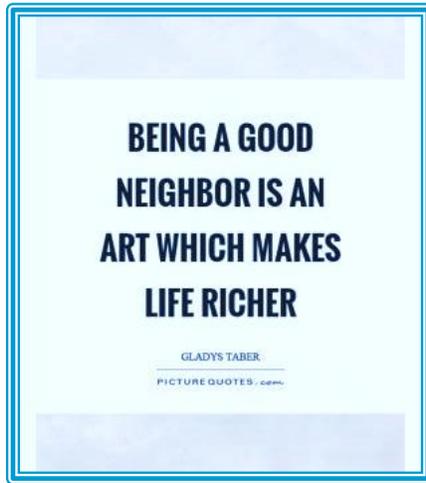
An additional thank you to Sue Carlson who spends countless hours putting together our newsletter.

Community Association Manager - Ryan Howard, LCAM

Expectations: we all have them in life. We expect our family, friends, and neighbors to act a certain way and when they don't, we tend to become angry.

These expectations are not limited to just those who we know, but also vendors, guests, and just about everyone we encounter or depend upon. Anger is not an emotion that feels good at all and usually brings out the worst in ourselves. It can sometimes blind us and keep us from making choices that show compassion and understanding.

One of the keys I've learned in order to avoid anger, is to transform my habit of expectations. This does not mean that we allow people to run all over us, our community, or the people we care about. It means I know that no one can read each other's mind and



their reason for doing what they do usually has nothing to do with me.

The only way you are going to resolve conflict is by making a choice to get closer and put forth an honest effort to remedy the situation together, as neighbors. This means effective communication and two-way listening. Anger prevents this and stops people from honestly listening.

If you can transform your expectations and reduce your opportunities to get angry, you will make better choices about how you relate to the people around you and in turn, you will see a difference in how they relate to you. Growth is never by mere chance, it is the result of forces working together.

Here's to everyone being good neighbors at Dolphin Cay!

COMINGS & GOINGS
Joanne Crotteau

| Departing Residents | Unit/Lot | New Residents |
|---------------------|----------|---------------|
| Emerson | A-106 | Dochoda |
| Wells | A-206 | Muller |
| Bilen | A-407 | Leach |
| Debrowsky | B-405 | SonSon |
| Billers | B-608 | Cohen |
| MacReynolds | B-101 | Wells |
| Annino | D-603 | Bivona |
| Bivona | D-304 | Franzetti |
| Stewart | D-208 | Hanke |
| KE & KF Holding | F-205 | Gonsette |





Have you upgraded your Spectrum Account?

Dolphin Cay Property Owners Association (DCPOA) has signed an agreement with Spectrum for a bulk renewal discount. When calling Spectrum, be sure to tell the representative that there is a new bulk agreement for your association.

The agreement includes:

- Internet with WiFi (100 mbps) including modem
- TV Select with Digi Tier 1 and 2 including 2 basic receivers
- Showtime

Call Spectrum at 855-222-0102 for questions and changes to your current service. There may be charges for other equipment or installation. Make sure to specify that you are asking for the new bulk agreement with Dolphin Cay Property Owners Association.

DCPOA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, at 6pm in the Casino

Please turn in your proxy before the meeting. If a quorum is not reached, the process would need to be rescheduled costing the association funds for an additional mailing.

Annual meetings are also held for each association. Check your mail for information or contact the office.

located in the Casino. The office has all the necessary forms.

We realize how difficult it can be to get a contractor to commit to a certain date, but we need time to go over your request BEFORE construction begins.

There are three signatures that are needed before your project is approved - a building or homeowner representative, an ARC representative, and someone from Property Management. Some requests may need a committee meeting to take place before the request can be answered. Please keep this in mind when submitting your forms.

Work is allowed only Monday through Friday and not on holidays or weekends. If you should have any questions about improvements or the process involved, please contact the management office.

As a reminder, if you are having work done on your home/condo and you are not here to oversee the work, PLEASE have a neighbor/friend check in on the job. This can greatly reduce the number of complaints sent to the office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Architectural Review Committee - Cliff Allen

A reminder to all who are planning on doing some renovations this year - PLEASE fill out the proper forms in the management office



Building & Structures Committee - Chuck Grimm

No Report.

Governance Committee - Teresa Johnson (Acting Chair)

Perhaps a little history of this committee is in order. When the developers of Dolphin Cay, JMC Communities of St. Petersburg, Inc., relinquished control of the property in 1996, the Board appointed the Rules Committee, with the charge to revise the existing “Blue Book of Rules,” written by JMC. In 1998 the name was changed to Governance. Over the years, the Committee revised that booklet, and it eventually became part of the *Resident Information Packet*, which all new residents of Dolphin Cay receive along with the condo documents. Bob Melby, who recently passed away, was the first Chair and on the committee for the following 22 years as the longest standing member. We are thankful for his community service.

Landscaping Committee - Henri Tackett

As part of the Fall/Winter season, flower bed changes were completed throughout the community along with the annual mulching. There were several notable issues that transpired over the last couple of months.

In November, ProCare notified us that the Sugarcane Mosaic virus was identified in several areas of sod within the community. This virus is a turf disease that typically becomes active in the fall months. It’s been active in southern Pinellas County on and off for several years. ProCare immediately took action in treating the affected areas and performed the necessary steps to suppress the disease. They also monitor for other problems, such as grubs, Brown Patch Fungus or TARR

(Take-all-root rot) that are all turf issues active during fall and winter months. All of these have affected our community turf in the past. In 2015 we had a rash of these issues around Spoonbill Lake and other areas throughout DC. It took several months for ProCare to contain the diseases and even with multiple treatments, there were areas where the sod had to be replaced. Current issues are not as severe as they were in 2015 and ProCare continues to monitor and treat areas of concern.

In mid-November, ProCare began to treat and monitor one of the Sylvester Date palms along the promenade walkway. Some of you may have noticed at the northeast end of the promenade, there was a palm showing signs of dead and browning fronds. ProCare applied treatments and nutrients as the symptoms indicated one of two known types of terminal palm diseases. A sample was taken to the University of Florida – Plant Diagnostic Center where it was identified as Lethal Yellowing and Texas Phoenix Palm Decline (TPPD) diseases. It could not be saved and was taken down Jan 7. DCPOA Board requested ProCare provide suggestions and options regarding replacement.

Also in November, residents noticed the change to the Australian Pines at the BBQ area. ProCare examined the area and determined one of the six pine trees was struck by lightning. They reported it was in a severe state of decline and recommended removal. The tree is at the northeast corner and scheduled for removal Jan 22. A replacement cannot be planted as the Australian Pine is prohibited since it is classified as an invasive plant species in Florida. This is due to documented environmental damage it causes and provides little or no native wildlife habitat. The heights and shallow root system are concerns as the trees tend to uproot and topple during high winds and Dolphin Cay has been fortunate so far.

Library Report - Teresa Johnson



For the benefit of old and new library patrons, this is a good time

to review our policies. The Lending Policy assumes a reasonable number of books and a borrowing period, out of fairness to others, of no more than 3 months.

Our travel section has expanded and been updated considerably and there is a now a 30-day limit on new travel guide books and a few other titles where indicated on the book cover.

Concerning outstanding returns, there are a number of books which have been properly signed out but not returned in the last couple years. Please come by and check the sign out sheets for the titles you or a family member may still have out.

Our Donation Policy is posted above the donations basket and details the current practice. Thank you for limiting any appropriate donations to 5 per day.

The library has a small budget and may honor individual requests for titles with community appeal; there is a list for this purpose above the returns basket.

Please feel welcome to explore our shelves and use the materials. Check out the newest arrivals we shop for periodically on the book truck! Group members working towards our patrons' enjoyment include Kathy Chucan, Beth Corwin, Martha Monagan-Hart and Linda Murphy. Thank you all!

Social Committee - Stacy Stenholm

Happy New Year Everybody! The Social Committee has begun planning events to bring

us to together as a community and we hope you will use these opportunities to meet neighbors and make new friends. The Social Committee is thrilled to announce that Mary Pat Byrne and Karen Hardwick will be Co-Chairing the Social Committee, as Tammy Allen steps down as the Chairperson. Many special thanks to Tammy for all her years as the leader of our Social Committee.

The Social Committee hosted the Fall Festival Party on Sunday, November 11, where everyone brought an appetizer to share and BYOB. The Party was well attended and gave folks a chance to re-connect with their returning neighbors and meet some of our new Dolphin Cay residents.

We had Shoreline Clean Up on Saturday, December 8. Everyone met in the Casino to get an area assignment, pick up trash bags & tools, and of course, some donuts and coffee for the energy. Thank you to those who participated- it really does help keep our community beautiful.

We will have OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Program) at Eckerd College coming to talk to Dolphin Cay residents about the programs they offer on Thursday, February 21 at 7pm. OLLI is designed for people age 50-plus and open to all adult learners across Pinellas County. OLLI classes include topics in biography, culture, film and television, Florida studies, history, theatre, science, visual arts, daytrips across the Tampa Bay area and selected international study travel. The Social Committee will provide cookies and coffee. Watch for emails, fliers and posters for more details.

Save the Date of Sunday, March 3, 5-7pm when the Social Committee will be hosting a Mardi Gras Party in the Casino. The event will be catered by Orange Blossom Catering and will be limited to 100 residents. We will also have a 50/50 Drawing. We are in the pricing, planning, and booking stages, so the date is subject to change. Watch for emails, flyers and posters as plans are finalized.

The Dolphin Cay Social Committee would like to host another Dolphin Cay Arts and Crafts Show. We need to find out if we would have enough artists within the community that would commit to show their artwork on Sunday, March 31st from 1pm to 3pm in the Casino. We need at least 10 artists to commit for the Committee to move forward with organizing this event. Please contact Stacy Stenholm at ssstenholm@aol.com or call (727)698-1766 if you would like to participate.

Back by popular demand is “Concert on the Lake at the Casino” on Sunday, April 7 from 4-6pm. Our residents will be able to sit back and enjoyed some Jazz with Bryan Hughes and “That Pack.” The jazz quartet plays old school music with a contemporary feel. Their past concert generated a tremendous amount of positive feedback when they were here in 2016.

Dolphin Cay’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 20 at 9am at the Casino. If you’ve been to this event in the past, then you know what great fun it is! A sign-up sheet will be in the Casino on April 1, so the Social Committee can get a head count of children for this year’s event. Even if you do not have children participating in this event, it is great fun to watch! Come out – you’ll be sure to have a great time!

In addition to Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, the Social Committee will be hosting another Concert and Bonfire on the Beach. Watch for emails, flyers and posters for more details.

The Social Committee has Dolphin Cay Long Sleeve T-Shirts for sale in a variety of men’s and women’s sizes. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact Eileen Morello at (727)867-4872.

If you would like to receive Dolphin Cay Social events emails and other information regarding the community, please let me know by emailing ssstenholm@aol.com and I will add you to our list. At the same time, if you currently receive the Social Committee emails

and do not wish to receive them, let me know and I will remove you from the list.

The Social Committee is always looking for new members. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 4pm in the Card Room. Come & Join Us! I can’t think of a more fun way to get to know your neighbors, but if the Social Committee is not your thing - Dolphin Cay has tons of other committees that can use your help, so get involved!

Health & Fitness Committee - Raoul Baumel

Residents continue to use the well-equipped



and attractive Fitness Center. If you haven't visited, come and see what fine equipment we offer.

The Fitness Center at the Casino is open daily from approximately 7am until 11pm. Please feel free to use our equipment and updated facilities during those hours.

This is a very popular amenity with our residents and guests and we appreciate the management and maintenance staff for keeping everything tidy and in good repair.

The Damsels of Dolphin Cay - Mary Pat Byrne and Kathy Chucan

The Damsels of Dolphin Cay is a social club for women residing in Dolphin Cay. We have monthly events planned by one or two members. If members have something they would like to do, and share it with Damsels, then they choose a month to host and we do it! We are fortunate to live in St. Petersburg where there is much to see and do.

In 2018 we had 57 members. In 2019, we have 51 members to date. If you would like to join, please drop a \$20 check made out to Damsels of Dolphin Cay in the lockbox in the Management Office or give your check to Damsels Treasurer Lois DonCarlos. Then, look for our fliers on monthly outings.

Damsels is grateful to Stacy Stenholm for designing our fliers and email blasts, to Lois DonCarlos who serves as our Treasurer, and for the many years Barbara Leone thoughtfully managed the Damsels Tears and Cheers duties. Dorothy Bowser and Elizabeth Unruh will take over the Tears and Cheers in 2019.

Recent events included:

- An October tailgate party.
- A November visit to the Imagine Glass Museum in St. Petersburg and lunch at Hawkers, hosted by Beth Corwin.



- A December holiday lunch and fun Yankee Gift Swap at the Island Grille.



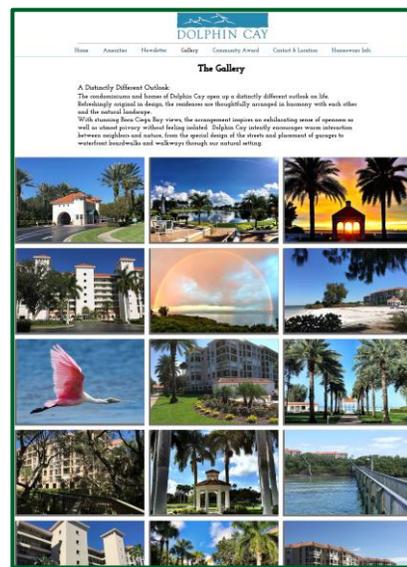
- The Damsels Annual Meeting in January with a catered lunch in the Casino.
- Our February outing is a tour of Raymond James Museum and lunch, hosted by Linda Culley and Laura Bivona.

For questions about the Damsels please contact:

Mary Pat Byrne (312)590-2222,
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Kathy Chucan (727)498-7788,
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Public Communications Committee - Sue Carlson



Have you checked the Dolphin Cay website lately? We post photos, *Currents by the Cay* (current and past editions), a map with a link to area information, as well as a link to the Dolphin Cay/ Condo Associates website where you can check your personal account. www.dolphincay.com

We have also added the *Dolphin Cay Resident Information Packet* and *DCPOA Contractor Rules* to the website. Please use the links online to find this important information.

FYI: I will be creating the Spring edition of the newsletter but then I must resign and let others take over. Please let Charlie Sell or Ryan Howard know if you would like to volunteer or know anyone you would like to recommend. Thanks for your support for the past 4 years!

Mah Jongg - Stacy Stenholm

Mah Jongg is a Chinese game that can be played with two or three, but usually by four people. We use the National Mah Jongg league rules and cards for the version being played in Dolphin Cay. The game is similar to playing cards, but with Chinese tiles which are collected to make winning hands.

We have a great group of ladies who play Mah Jongg on Tuesdays afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00/4:30 in the Card Room. If you are interested in playing Mah Jongg on Tuesdays, please email Stacy Stenholm at ssstenholm@aol.com or call her at (727)698-1766.

NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS

Antigua - Steve McAuliffe

After a joyous holiday season, we welcome 2019. Our lobby, 1st floor and building exterior was beautifully decorated by the Social Committee, and many volunteers, again this year. Speaking of the Social Committee, they have come up with a fun, happenin' calendar of events for this coming year.

Are you feeling the pressure? We are pleased that the long-awaited Water Booster Pump was successfully installed in late October and everyone is enjoying the increased flow.

I'm happy to welcome Bill Breaden to the Antigua Board of Directors, as Treasurer. Bill has a tremendous understanding of Antigua's finances and will be a great asset to the BOD in many ways.

I also want to give a warm greeting to our new residents, E.J. & Stacy Dochoda (106), Chris & Kathy Muller (206) and John Leach (407). Welcome to the Antigua family.

As the year continues, we will be initiating several beautification projects to keep our building looking new and inviting. Stay tuned.

Please remember to abide by the community's speed limit... there are a lot more two- and four-legged neighbors out walking these days.

Bermuda - Henri Tackett

No Report.

Curacao - Susan Kuehn

Happy New Year to our residents. Again, we are enjoying all that life has to offer in paradise here at Dolphin Cay.

Thank you to all the residents who participated in decorating the building and lobby for Christmas, especially the Christmas tree with its new red, white and silver theme. Just as important was the taking down of the decorations; we had such a turnout that a delivery guy thought there was a party going on!

The Curacao Christmas Cocktail Party held in the Casino was a great success of fun, food and games. Thank you to the Social Committee for a wonderful, festive event.

2019 started with our "Kick Off" Social in January on the breezeway with plans for Valentine and St Patrick's Day socials.

Our cleaning company, Tri-Glo, has undertaken the pressure washing of all our wheel stops and curbs in the front parking area and entrance to the Curacao building along with cleaning the stonework arching the entrance doors. The trash chutes have been pressure washed and sanitized. Please remember to bag all trash before placing it down the chute.

Just to remind all residents the water leak protocol is to call DCPOA office at (727)864-1900 between 8:30am and 4:30 pm weekdays. The After-Hours Emergency Line is (727)579-300. The representative may not know the property, but if it is an actual emergency, they will contact Ryan Howard.

Dominica - Laura Frimer

Dominica welcomes all our northern residents back to Florida. We are always glad when you return to us for sunshine and social activities.

The Christmas party was a success this year with excellent attendance and lots of food to share. The evening started in the Dominica lobby with the Christmas tree lighting, mulled cider, and a toast for the new year. The party then moved to the Casino for dinner and catching-up with neighbors and friends.

We would like to welcome new residents Susan Franzetti and Guy DeBoo to our condo family. We look forward to getting to know you. We also say goodbye to Louise and Bob Bruno as they will be moving at the end of the month.

The social committee's monthly socials return on the last Friday of the month on the first-floor patio. Watch for the fliers and we encourage everyone to come join us and get to know your neighbors.

Eleuthera, Fernandina, and Guadeloupe - Teresa Johnson

It's been a busy fall and winter at Osprey Pointe. The tired old junipers in front of Eleuthera were replaced with lovely hibiscus bushes, and some painted crotons as well as dwarf ixora have been planted adding color here and there throughout Osprey. The buildings received power washing on the most critical areas to remove algae growth, etc. and were subsequently given a new coat of paint on the garage levels by painters. The rainy

weather interfered with their painting schedule, so apologies to the residents having to move the cars so frequently. But the finished job looks great and should add time to our next overall painting requirement.

The lobbies of Eleuthera, Fernandina and Guadeloupe were once again well-trimmed for the holidays by caring hands. New LED lights were added to all building exteriors; Don Neumann, Rick Corwin and Don McDaniel mounted them. All efforts were appreciated!

In December our Osprey holiday gathering took place in the nicely decorated casino, setting the mood. It was a well attended 3-hour-event planned and co-sponsored by residents Karin Hardwick and Tammy Allen with great mingling and conversation opportunities. This year we may return to the tradition of the Holiday Walk About – admiring each other's lobbies and sharing some food or drink in each lobby with the roaming Osprey residents.

Single Family Homes - Van Williams

Single Family Homes are aging just like our condominium buildings in Dolphin Cay and require maintenance and renovations as well. The folks going through construction or renovations appreciate your patience and understanding. Please use care and be mindful when passing construction vehicles and work areas. Thank You!

All Single Family Homes should have completed the mulching of their yards by now. The deadline to have this maintenance completed was December 10th. If you have not completed this task, please make arrangements to do so immediately.

Single Family Homeowners who own homes that have natural gas through TECO/People's gas are still reporting gas leaks being found. Residents should be aware of underground gas pipe deterioration within our

community. The excessive corrosion is occurring due to the irrigation for landscape along our driveways. If you have not had TECO/People's Gas out for an inspection, please set up your inspection by calling (877)832-6747.

Single Family Homeowners, did you know that you can create an account with Waste Management and register to receive reminder

emails of your trash and recycle days? This is extremely helpful during holidays and storm events. Just go to www.wm.com to sign up!

Another thing you may have noticed in the Single Family Homes is the house exterior paint colors. While we still support the Mediterranean Beiges and Cream Colors, the ARB is now accepting "Earth Tones" as a suitable exterior color in the subdivision.

New Directory Available!

If you did not receive the January 2019 edition, please ask for one at the office.



Dolphin Cay Golf



The Dolphin Cay men play GOLF every Thursday. Early tee times at The Links at Greenfield Plantation in Bradenton.

We are looking for players to join us to enjoy camaraderie, fresh air, and all that good stuff.

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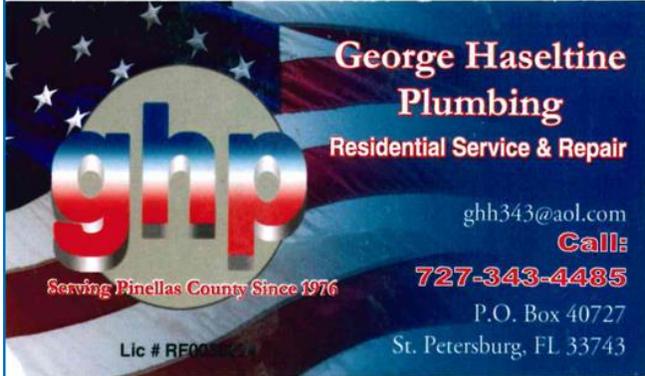
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