

President's Message - Rich Magella

In the last issue of Currents by the Cay, we talked about changes. The changes discussed were of the enhancement and upgrade variety, such as the beach pool landscaping, the residence directory, the

newsletter, and the redesign of the administrative office at the Casino. We also discussed works in progress such as the design of the Dolphin Cay website and the landscaping of the Bermuda and Curação berms.

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For Bermuda, Curação, and Eleuthera we received a CLOMR (conditional letter of map revision) indicating that if we construct Wave Attenuation Walls as specified in the FEMA approved engineering drawings, FEMA will issue a LOMR

> (letter of map vision) which would encompass the three buildings. When accomplished, only Guadeloupe and Fernandina of our seven condo buildings will remain in the V zone. At this time there is no practical method for rezoning these two buildings. (Antigua has been in the A zone since inception)

This process began over three years ago. As of this writing the wall construction is well underway. We regret the inconvenience but we believe the rewards and ultimate benefits to the community will be well worth the temporary disruption.

Concerning other matters: there are a few projects under way. Ad hoc committees have been formed to study, research, and report to the DCPOA Board their findings and recommendations. The ad hoc committees with subject matter are:

- Traffic-Speed tables similar to those installed on Osprey Drive and/or other means to slow vehicles down to our 15 mph speed limit.
- Kayak- Increasing the storage capacity to meet demand. The current waiting list for space is at 18.
- Fitness Center Renovation- Renovating and upgrading the restrooms.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year!

The change now underway is one of protection and long-term savings. At our beach and along Osprey Drive west of Eleuthera building, we are constructing Wave Attenuation Walls. The WAW serve as a wave dissipater during storm conditions on areas that could be flooded and where large storm waves would be able to reach and impact our inland structures. By reducing the wave impact, three of our buildings (Bermuda, Curação, and Eleuthera) would be rezoned from the most hazardous flood zone or V zone to a less volatile A zone. This will result in a savings in flood insurance premiums on average of over \$100,000 per year per building.

How did this come about? By retaining a coastal and marine engineering firm working closely with FEMA, we have successfully completed rezoning for Dominica. With a combination of protective mangroves, vegetation density, and a setback location documented, the engineers were able to attain from FEMA a LOMR (letter of map revision) that encompassed their building. The change from the V to the A zone, based on 2016 flood premium fees represents a savings to Dominica of around \$112,000 per year.

Treasurer's Report - Robert Lachnicht

We have started the last quarter of our 2015-2016 budget. Our expenses were a little under budget this last quarter. We are still on track to have a slight surplus by the end of the year. Presently our finances are as follows.

Total Operating Cash	\$307,747
Total Other Assets	\$3,305
Total Reserve Cash	\$496,655
Total Assets	\$807,707

Our new budget for 2016-2017 has been completed and approved to send to all of our home owners. There is a slight decrease from the current year's budget. The Board of Directors Budget Approval Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16 at 10:00 am in the Casino.

Coming and Goings - Joanne Crotteau

Departing Residents	Unit/Lot	New Residents
Kochevar	C-607	Matthews
Jacobs	C-309	Hill
Tschop	D-304	Bivona
Cullen	D-409	Marz/Aschenbrenner
Grossnickle	D-404	Agresta
US Bank	D-201	Monaghen
Saunders	E-107	Marterie
Driver	G-404	Petier
Keene	L #23	Jacobs

Have you received your new Dolphin Cay Residents
Directory yet? If not, please pick one up at the Management Office at the Casino. Includes an alphabetical list and more Residents' emails.
Please contact the office with corrections and additions for our next edition.

Community Association Manager - Ryan Howard, LCAM

Here at Dolphin Cay, our number one concern is keeping this property beautiful for our residents and their guests to enjoy. When you pass through the gate, this community should be an escape from reality. Please do what you can to help us keep everything running smoothly by following a few simple rules:

- Fill out and turn in to the office an overnight guest information form prior to your visitor's arrival.
- The guard house is busy very between 8:00-9:00 am and 4:00-6:00 pm. If you can, please avoid calling at these hours.
- If the guard house is not aware of a guest, delivery, contractor, etc., visiting your property, they will NOT be allowed on property.
- Please call the office 24 hours in advance to request elevator pads prior to a move in/out, contractor work, or delivery.
- When walking your dog with a retractable leash, please be conscious of bikers and walkers. Try and be courteous by keeping your dog by your side.
- There is no smoking by the pools, and if you are going to smoke around property, please dispose of your trash by throwing it in a trash can after it is extinguished.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations has been distributed to all residents. If you need another copy, they are available at the office for \$10.00 each. I am also available to discuss any of our procedures here at Dolphin Cay.

Thanks for helping us keep Dolphin Cay a wonderful place to live!



REQUEST FOR PHOTOS:

We would love to include photos taken by residents on our new website and in future editions of **Currents by the Cay.** If you have any that you would like considered, please email them to us. (suecarlson@outlook.com)

Send as a full size attachment with "Photos" in the subject line.

Thanks for your help!



Safety Reminder- Entering & Exiting Dolphin Cay

There still seems to be confusion as to the rules and law regarding the center area of the divided highway.

It is illegal to enter the center lanes if there is a vehicle there already or if there are cars in the Bayway turn lanes. These actions result in blocking the sight line of other drivers which causes even more danger. You can be ticketed for these traffic violations. Please be patient and wait your turn.

Thank you for your help!

COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Architectural Review Committee - Cliff Allen

As I am sure many of you have noticed, there is a lot of heavy-duty construction currently on our beach and walkway. This work has to do with a reduction in the cost of flood insurance and cannot be avoided. We appreciate your patience. We should have full access to our walkway and beach soon.

The ARC is looking into kayak racks. These will be placed in the same area where the kayaks are now. We have a long waiting list for kayak space. As water activities - such as kayaking and paddle boarding - are becoming more and more popular, the committee feels the need to expand the storage area to accommodate our residents' needs.

Remember, it's just a short trip to the Casino Office to pick up request forms for work that you are planning in your condo or house. Having all the necessary forms filled out will avoid any problems or delays in getting your project started and finished.

Bridge Club - Beth Corwin

The Bridge Club has been disbanded for now due to lack of players.

Building & Structures Committee - Chuck Grimm

The Building & Structures Committee works with the Property Manager on all building and structural issues. Our twenty-plus year old community must keep our structures in top condition. Members of the committee include David Aber, Carlo Daniele, George DeJong, Chuck Grimm, Tom Horan, John Kall and Richard Magella.

Some of our recent activities include the expansion of kayak storage area. There are enough people at Dolphin Cay interested in owning and storing a kayak to support this expansion. Details are being explored as to the type of structure that would work and not conflict with the environmental surroundings, yet keep the kayaks safe and secure. An ad hoc committee has been formed by the Board and we will work with and through them as needed.

The ad hoc committee exploring the upgrade/remodel of the Fitness Center restrooms and showers is exploring various ideas that will bring this amenity up to par!

The Wave Attenuation Project is the largest project in progress. You have, no doubt, noticed the recent construction equipment and activity to the west of



the beach pool. The old knee-high wall has been removed and the new footing for the stronger,

larger wall has been set. As the **Currents** goes to print, the concrete pour will be complete. The same

type of protection wall will be installed west of Eleuthera, across from the



pond. These improvements will move Bermuda, Curacao, and Eleuthera into a different flood zone, thus substantially lowering the annual flood insurance premiums, and protect these buildings.

Damsels of Dolphin Cay - Martha Rothman

As of this writing, we are completing our first year as the "Damsels of Dolphin Cay" and, what a year it has been! Our membership has continued to increase each month as has the diversity of our monthly events. We have enjoyed traditional art, street art, a nature tour, games, luncheons, the opera, and a cruise in addition to ending the year with a holiday luncheon complete with a white elephant exchange. In between, we managed to take the summer months off just to relax with family and friends.

The Damsels of Dolphin Cay is a social organization open to all the ladies residing in Dolphin Cay. We have events planned for and attended by our members. Emails are sent to members with information about each event in addition to flyers being posted throughout the community. The annual membership dues are \$20. Checks should be made out to the "Damsels of Dolphin Cay." Please include your address, birthday (not year), and your email address, and put in the lockbox located in the management office.

By the time this issue of the Currents is published, the Damsels will have had our annual meeting where a light luncheon was provided by the Damsels. A short business meeting will determine the 2016 Damsels Chair(s) in addition to scheduling of next year's events. If you missed this annual meeting, it's not too late to join the "Damsels!" So come and enjoy the fun activities we have planned for 2016.

Please contact our co-leaders if you have any questions.

Marguerite Elkins – Guadeloupe Building – 866-7844 (marguerite747@aol.com)

Martha Rothman – Skimmer Way – 828-9128 (mdrnfla@tampabay.rr.com)

Governance Committee - Joe DeSalvo

The main activity of the Governance Committee since the previous **Currents by the Cay** was the revision for the condo associations of the three new rules that were adopted by the homeowners' association on July 21, 2015. These rules are "A Code of Ethics for Board Members," "Rules for Official Records," and "Rules on Unit-Owner Participation in Meetings." The proposed rules were submitted to condo presidents on November 1, 2015. As of this writing, the rules have been adopted by Bermuda and Dominica and are under consideration by the others.

Health & Fitness Committee - Dave Aber

Greetings from the Health and Fitness Committee. We invite new owners, guests, and current owners to take advantage of the fitness center.

We are continuing to make improvements to the fitness center. We have installed monitoring and assist cameras to the cardio and weight rooms. The cameras provide added security and a 2-way communications ability.

As part of our continuing improvement program, we are looking into upgrading and remodeling the restrooms in the Fitness Center.

The committee would like to hear your suggestions and comments so that we can make the Fitness Center a part of your recreation and health plan.

To ensure an enjoyable and safe workout environment, please comply with the posted rules.

See you at the gym!

Landscaping Committee - Henri Tackett

The seasonal flower beds were all changed out to red geraniums or begonias for the fall



and winter season. The annual mulching was also completed throughout the community providing a fresh look to the landscape beds. A few Spoonbill Lake plant beds were rejuvenated with new plants as part of regular maintenance. The beach pool plants are doing well and already growing. Sod areas that were doing poorly between tennis courts two and three were replaced with mulch. ProCare continues to monitor and treat sod issues as needed along with scheduled fertilizer and weed treatments.

Among our projects for 2016 are reworking the berms west of Bermuda and Curacao and a redesign of the Serpentine walkway.

The 'Division of Property for Inspection by Landscape Committee Members' involves nine zones. Each LC member reports on conditions in their zone. Henri compiles a consolidated monthly zone report and forwards it to our ProCare account representative, Malisia, the second Thursday of each month.

The members of the committee and their current respective zones are as follows:

Zone 1: Judi Donoher: Casino, pool, library, fitness center, croquet court, casino parking lot & butterfly garden parking lot.

Zone 2: Ruth Finzer: Butterfly garden.

Zone 3: Martha Schoeppner: Spoonbill Lake & serpentine walkway.

Zone 4: Dolphin Cay Lane from gatehouse to lake; tennis court beds, areas surrounding parking lot and maintenance building.

Zone 5: Bromeliad gardens.

Zone 6: Henri Tackett: Beach promenade, pool, beach, picnic area, boardwalk with bird overlook; south and north berms, including kayak storage area.

Zone 7: Sandie DeSalvo: Osprey Drive and Osprey Pointe.

Zone 8: Lois DonCarlos: Bayway parking lot & obelisk area and pond area, entrance beds; flag area & gatehouse beds.

Zone 9: Gayle Woodley: hedges around main water line access/blue pipe on Bayway, lift station & overflow dams on Osprey Drive.

We thank our committee members for their time and volunteer work.

LC meetings are usually scheduled the third Wednesday of the month in the Library at 3:00 pm.

Library Committee

The Library is a wonderful resource for our community. We have so many fiction and non-fiction books that can be checked out by any of our residents. We also have a good variety of children's books in case you have visiting grandchildren!

We welcome the donation of any recent books that you no longer want. Please stop by and see our extensive selection!

Mah Jongg - Stacy Stenholm

Mah Jongg Lessons will be offered at 10:00 am on Thursdays, February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th in the Card Room. If you are interested in learning how to play Mah Jongg and would like to come on Thursdays, please email Stacy Stenholm at sstenholm@aol.com or call her at (727) 698-1766.

Mah Jongg is played on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 4:00/4:30 pm in the Card Room.

If you are interested in playing Mah Jongg on Tuesdays, please email Stacy Stenholm at sstenholm@aol.com or call her at (727) 698-1766.

Public Communications Committee

- Sue Carlson

We hope that you like the changes in our **Currents** by the Cay design! Due to the advertising sales, we are now able to use a color format with photos. Please take a look at the advertisements at the end of this newsletter and thank our advertisers if you have the chance.

And watch for big changes coming soon to our Dolphin Cay website! **dolphincay.com**

We are currently seeking photos to be used on the website or in upcoming editions of **Currents**. If you have any that you would like us to consider, please email them to suecarlson@outlook.com.

Please consider joining our **Currents by the Cay** volunteer staff. We are always looking for help in improving our community newsletter. We especially need representatives from Bermuda and the Single Family Homes. Thanks!

Social Committee - Tammy Allen

Yes, it really is 2016! The Social Committee wishes you a Happy and Healthy New Year. We hope that you had an opportunity to see our beautifully decorated Casino and enjoy all the Christmas lights in our neighborhood. Now it's time to enjoy the cooler weather.

On Saturday November 14th we held our beach cleanup. A big thank you to all those who helped clean our shore line and property. It was the largest group of volunteers we have ever had! Must be the coffee and donuts!

On Sunday November 15th we had our Fall Fling Welcome Back Party. It is always nice to see our



neighbors and hear about their summer adventures. During the party we asked for donations for our Angle Tree. Our recipients were two families with a total of nine children from the Lakewood School District. This year we asked for cash donations and

Committee did the shopping and wrapping. The thank you letters from the children and their moms are on display in the show case

the Social



outside the kitchen in the casino. One of the mothers wrote – "I can't express enough and be thankful and blessed for the kind hearts of Dolphin Cay helping me, a single mom, trying to make ends meet and helping me and my children have a very special Christmas. I am so glad to see that with everything happening in this world today that you still have kind hearted people who take time to care and help people like me and my children. My children and I did not have a Christmas last year, not even a tree. So I can't express my grateful heart that you have taken the time and energy to help two small children feel as if they belong. I am truly thankful." There is more to this letter, but you get it. It's a feel good thing we do. Thank you to all who gave. It really was appreciated!

Last spring, we introduced BINGO night. It continues to be a success. So what we have decided to do is alternate Movie night and BINGO every other month. January will be movie night and February will be BINGO and so on. Movie night/BINGO is held the third Wednesday of the month and we start at 7:00 pm. Popcorn and soda are provided. There are movie fliers announcing the movie for the month in all the buildings, outside of the Casino, and at the Gate House entrance.

The Social Committee has lots of activities planned for this winter and spring. We start with the Super Bowl (February 7th) and end with a Memorial Day celebration. In-between we are planning a catered beach BBQ with a bonfire to follow. Also, we plan a concert around the lake. And of course the Easter

Bunny has promised to stop by. Please watch for fliers with details.

On behalf of the Social Committee, we thank you for participating in our events. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that takes place in all of our activities. The one thing that makes it all worthwhile is knowing that people are enjoying themselves!

If you are interested in joining the committee, please give me a call. We would love to have you join us!

See you around the community!

Tennis Committee - Rick Gill

Sandie DeSalvo and I make up the Committee. Our primary goal is to maintain the integrity of the courts. We work closely with the Association Manager and staff, enjoying a solid working relationship with all.

The Tennis Committee Annual Meeting was held on December 10th. Rick Gill and Sandie DeSalvo were reelected to their respective positions of Chair and Deputy Chair. Several residents attended the meeting and provided input. Thanks to those who attended.

November and December were busy months for court maintenance. Welch Tennis completed resurfacing of the three courts. The process included removal of the existing court surfaces and replacing them with new Har-TRU, followed by watering and rolling of the new surfaces. We also had the net replaced on court two. The nets on courts one and three will be replaced over the next few months.

Pro-Care completed the work between both courts, including removing the ground cover and replacing it with bark chips and new plants. This improvement is expected to reduce maintenance costs over time.

During the latter part of December, Smith Fence Company completed the fence repairs that involved removing all rusted tension clamps, tension bars, and fence posts. Some of the original materials had been in place since the courts were first built.

Joe Whitelock, one of our avid tennis players, was hospitalized a while ago, and is recovering nicely. We wish Joe a safe and speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him and his wife Vanna back on the courts soon.

NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS

Antigua - Steve McAuliffe

Our new lobby was cheerfully festive this holiday season thanks to our social committee and the contribution of handmade coordinating pillows by the mother of Leslie Wells and Maribeth Campbell. And speaking of Leslie and Maribeth, they welcomed in the New Year with a delicious traditional southern brunch open house.

We have just laid beautiful new carpet in our exterior hallways, following a very favorable engineering report concerning the structural integrity of the walkways.

I would like to welcome Marc Montalto to the Antigua Board of Directors. He will be stepping in for Tony Capalbo who served in the governance of Antigua and Dolphin Cay unselfishly and graciously dating back before developer turnover.

We look forward to the New Year for several reasons: New carpeting... The building will be freshly painted... Our social committee keeps getting more creative... And, friendships grow stronger.

Bermuda

No Report

Curação - Judi Donoher

The year-round residents of the Curacao Building saw a return of their neighbors in October and November. Like Snow Birds everywhere, it was time to return south. As in other years, some stayed through the Christmas Holidays and others headed north to spend time with their families.

We had an unofficial committee to decorate the tree and the lobby while David Brodeur took charge of the lights in the front of the building. Coffee cake was provided for all the volunteers. Later that week we had a Meet Your Neighbor Holiday Party. The party was a BYOB with a dish to share. The weather was perfect, sunset was perfect, and a good time was had by all.

Dominica - Pam Engquist

Hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and a Happy New Year. Around 40 Dominica residents attended our holiday party in the Casino on December 5th. A big thanks to members of our Social Committee, Linda Crotwell, Andie Hazard, and Joan Kipp who organized the festivities. Also, thank you to Sara & Peter Mulligan and Pam Engquist who handled the decorating of the lobby tree and the first floor décor.

A warm welcome to our new residents Joseph Ashenbrenner & James Marz (409), Joseph and Laura Bivona (304), John and Elizabeth Agresta (404) and Robert and MaryAnn Monaghan (201).

A big thank you to our Dominica Landscaping



Committee
(Linda
Crotwell and
Martha
Schoeppner)
for working
with ProCare
to update so
many areas
around our

building. Everything looks so nice and updated!

Our "Last Friday of the Month" social activity continues. We meet on the first floor balcony at 6:30 pm the last Friday of each month. Bring your

own drink, and an appetizer or dessert to share. It is a fun activity and a good way to meet and get to know your neighbors.

Some of our residents entertained family and friends from out of state while others enjoyed various travel experiences. Bob Walker travelled to the Holy Land in December. Taffy Annino spent the holidays in Virginia and Pennsylvania with her children and 5 grandchildren. Rick Gill and Marilyn Hett spent the holidays here at Dolphin Cay and spent New Year's Day at the Outback Bowl.

The Dominica Board of Directors continues to monitor maintenance issues in our building. New carpeting is finally here and everyone is enjoying our updated look. Thanks for everyone's patience during the extra time needed for city approvals and inspections. Upcoming projects include painting the pipes in the garage and roof maintenance.

Eleuthera, Fernandina, and Guadeloupe - Teresa Johnson

There are ongoing events constantly keeping up our buildings and infrastructure in Osprey Pointe. One of our board members, Charlie Sell, reports the status of a number of projects: Roof tile repairs were completed due to loose tiles. Algae growth due to overspray from sprinklers on garage floor surfaces has been cleaned. The parking blocks in the garages and the parking lots, which showed damage, have all been replaced and freshly stenciled. The Wi-Fi cameras are operational in all three of our lobbies. The new variable speed pool equipment is indeed quieter and efficient in keeping the pool clean.

The November 5th social event at our pool took place on a fantastic evening, perfect conditions with a beautiful sunset and good cheer enjoyed by all! Please watch for the announcement for the next Osprey social event pending decent weather.

The decorating committee meetings are posted and open to all. Comments are always welcome as are ideas, reports Karen Hardwick.

Helen Taylor reminds us of the exciting annual Raptor Festival at nearby Boyd Hill Nature Park, where she is a volunteer, which takes place this year on February 6th. It is a rare opportunity to witness live birds of prey and raptors in free flight. More info at www.RaptorFest.org

The speed bumps are to serve as a reminder that the speed limit is 15 mph. We thank you for watching your speed.

Osprey residents, please contact Teresa Johnson for future **Currents by the Cay** article input.

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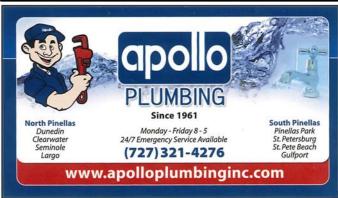
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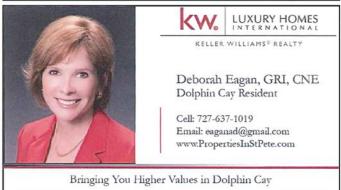














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