

ESTERO COVE NEWS



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TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jim Shaffer

No news is always good news from my side of the desk.

In the checking that I have done on our expenses for 2017 so far, all has been positive. We received our COMCAST signing bonus. Cleanup from the Hurricane, so far, has been minimal.

Hopefully, we can make some progress this year in connection with more recent over-spending of the Operating Budget.

RENOVATING?????

Please remember that per our bylaws, owners must file a construction form in the office before any major unit repairs or renovations.

- ❖ Your vendors should remove their own debris, NOT dump it into our trash bins.
- ❖ Be sure that lanai tilers leave weep holes for storm water.
- ❖ Be considerate of your neighbors and the hours of loud jobs such as tiling.
- ❖ Be aware of how long elevators are tied up with deliveries and contractors.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Lowell Spiess

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Many have returned to Estero Cove already. Some arrive soon. And some of you never left! But the activity is picking up now!

The Board has been busy. We have been carrying out our fiduciary responsibilities by determining how to best replace our 35-year-old lift station sewage system. It services 60 percent of our complex. If the power AND generator were to fail, sewage disposal would be unavailable, rendering buildings 3, 4, and 5 basically uninhabitable. And, we have begun having some costly servicing issues with the station itself. After considerable research and financial review, the Board and management decided the best move was to replace the lift station and tie directly into the city sewer. We want to be ready when the road construction comes through in 2018. As you may or may not know, the Board decided this would best be handled through an owner assessment. Voting materials on this move will be sent to owners shortly.

Building One was painted this summer. Due to the diligence of past and current Boards, committees, management, and some plain old good luck, Hurricane Irma caused only cosmetic property damage. Our buildings stood strong against her wrath.

Our five volunteer committees have been solid reinforcements when it comes to keeping our property up-to-date and humming. We appreciate their work and are always looking for additional hands to keep the operation running smoothly. I encourage all owners to become involved in some way.

Speaking of involvement -- We have two openings coming up in January for the Board. Some have served a very long time and deserve a break. We encourage you to step up -- you don't need to be here full-time to participate on the Board. I continue to believe we have one of the best run Associations on this island. Let's keep it that way. Board nomination materials will be out shortly. Suggestions are always welcome!!



Photo right: An unusual black & white bird of paradise bush behind Bldg. 2.

From the Social Committee -- By Chairperson Sue Bookman

The social committee at Estero Cove is a volunteer group of residents -- both owners and renters -- whose main purpose is to provide social activities for the benefit of the entire Estero Cove community. The money we've raised over the years has gone to help defray the cost of projects that benefit the beauty of and recreation on the property. All Estero Cove residents are welcome and encouraged to join the social committee, and to participate in any or all of its activities.

Officers for the 2017/2018 Season are:

- President - Sue Bookman
- Vice-President - Ruth Stephany
- Secretary - Lori Van Beek
- Treasurer - Sharon Garney

For the 2017/2018 season, we have tentatively planned: four potluck dinners or brunches, four bocce lunches, a catered barbecue with entertainment, a St. Patrick's Day dinner, two domino clinics and tournaments, two bocce clinics and tournaments, two ladies' lunches, and a progressive cocktail party. Additional activities are planned outside of the Social Committee. Watch the Bulletin Boards for seasonal activities.

**WE OFTEN NEED ADDITIONAL
VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEES THAT
RAMP UP THEIR WORK IN THE
FALL. Want to volunteer? Email or call the
president.**

Keeping in Touch

Stop by our website esterocove.com often and be sure that Sue Fisher has an email address for you. Send notes to the Board or management via the website link

OR

use the Suggestion Box outside of the front office door on the right-side wall.

Need A Lease Template? We've got you covered!

Check with Sue in the Office

Parking Cars Under the Buildings

Only owners and full-time renters are allowed to park ONE car under a building. It is first-come, first-served and, if necessary, you can park under a building other than your own. NO OVERSIZED VEHICLES AND NO SAVING SPACES. If you leave the property for more than 24 hours, you are to remove your car and park in an outside space. Long-term parking is at the property line by CVS.

REGISTRATION - FOR SAFETY'S SAKE

You would want the EMTs to know where you are in case of an emergency, right? It's the responsibility of **every owner, guest and renter** to register in the office when they arrive on property. You will receive car and bicycle tags as well as other important on-site information at that time. Please cooperate with this practice.

For more information visit www.esterocove.com

Welcome New Owners

Only one new owner to introduce this period.

Welcome to Robert and Tonya Gossette, Unit 365.

In memory

Our condolences to the families of owners Jean Costello, Mary Jane Peters, Bill Vita and Pauline White who died recently.



Wondering about COMCAST TV Changes for Your Unit?

We were promised high-definition service at no additional charge with our new COMCAST contract. Your billing should reflect this automatically. Those who are here year-round or have already used the new service have said things are running smoothly. If you are just returning since the contract was implemented, you will need to go to COMCAST to pick up a new HD box under your name. You can install this box yourself and if you find assistance, COMCAST service reps can walk you through it by phone. If you have additional services, you will continue to negotiate for those on your own. For those of you familiar with the area, it's near Trader Joe's in North Naples. The official address for that COMCAST office is: 10600 Tamiami Trail, Suite 604, Naples, FL 34108

31st Annual American Sand Sculpting Championship

The sand sculptors are back Nov. 17-26 and the Wyndham across the street from Estero Cove is again hosting. Now considered the largest sand sculpting event in the U.S., *USA Today* and CNN Travel have named the event a "Must See" and "one of the 10 best sand sculpting competitions in the world."

We will again be sharing parking – for a stipend – with Wyndham and Pinchers employees. They will provide a gate attendant and passes for owners on site during the event. Passes will be at the office.

RULES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Rules, regulations and unit occupant tips protect us all. Some are state law; some are property courtesies. Please see the website or obtain a list of reminders from the office. Please leave a reminder copy in your unit for your guests and renters. The pool has its own rules posted on the pool side of the office wall -- again, some state laws (e.g.: diving in a pool of our depth or bringing drinks into the pool or onto the pool edge); others are condo rules (e.g.: no smoking at the pool).

SOME CHRONIC ISSUES INCLUDE: NO PETS FOR GUESTS OR RENTERS. NO PARKING UNDER THE BUILDING FOR GUESTS OR RENTERS. SMOKERS, PLEASE USE RECEPTACLES PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE PROPERTY. NO MOTORCYCLES OR OVERSIZED VEHICLES.

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This publication is periodically produced for owners by volunteers and the management of Estero Cove.

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