

The Summit Observer April 2010

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From The President - Jeff Spiro, Ph.D.

Spring is here and we have sprung into action.

Our new gym equipment is in full use. Stop by and start using our new elliptical and new bike. Hang your towels on the new hooks we have provided and use the spray now provided to disinfect your equipment. Use it before you start your workout for your own good health and also use it after your workout for the health of your fellow Summit owners. We hope to have new mats in the gym soon.

Our pools heaters have been repaired and all are fully functional. Each pool has two heaters so that when one stops functioning and awaits repair (as happened last week) the other still provides enough heat to keep the temperature where we want it. We currently have set our western pool at 86 degrees and our eastern pool slightly cooler at 83 degrees.

Our Beautification Committee has experimented with our lobbies by rearranging the furniture to get a different perspective. Let them know what you think. With all the snowbirds flying (driving) north, our Office Helper Committee finds it needs more volunteers. If you have two hours a week that you can help out in the office, please let the committee know.

Visit our new Internet 'Hot Spot' located in the Women's Card Room in the South building for free Internet service.

Help us find a site for a basketball hoop. If you have any ideas as to a good location, please inform the office.

Have a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter!

From the Building Manager - Brian Kushner, LCAM

In March we fully implemented a process for making sure we follow through on the the comment forms you fill out in the office. I hope you are all seeing and feeling the difference this makes. We need your suggestions, comments, and complaints on this form so that we know the issues that are important to you.

On April 1 we installed a check scanner system that allows us to quickly credit any check you bring to the office. This is working now for all the maintenance and special assessment payments. Please give it a try. It promises to help prevent the

past confusion and late fees.

Security will not unlock your unit for unapproved people. Sounds obvious? We recently had a person show up at the Summit without a key and without prior permission from the owner and demand that she be let into a unit. She claimed to be relative. What should security do? To protect your property we have to enforce this policy. Please provide the office with the names of those who can enter your unit, and provide them with keys. If you have any questions, please call the office at (954)925-3337.

On a related note, please also check that your contact information is up-to-date – addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts so that we can reach you or your designees in critical situations. You can update these on-line at ContinentalConnect.com or in the office

Thank to the volunteers from the Office Helper Committee that allow my office staff to catch up on our work and to stay open without a lunch break. Finally, my staff and I thank you for the opportunity to work with you to make this the best condo on the beach!

From the editor - Steven Naron

Thanks for your enthusiastic response to the March Observer. We had over 40 thank you's by email and paper and many more in person to members of the Communications Committee. It makes this worthwhile. Thank you!

This April Observer is part of a one time mailing to all owners so those away from the Summit know that the Summit newsletter has been restarted. Even without such a mailing, the March issue was accessed by many residents through copies available in the mailroom and office (200), sent out by email (over 100), and at our new community website, www.MySummit.org (over 90). Given the success of these very inexpensive distribution methods and to avoid the significant (and unbudgeted) cost of ongoing mailings, we are not planning mass mailing future issues. If you did not get a copy please send us your email address or plan on reading it (and past issues) online at www.MySummit.org.

Of course, this newsletter, our posted MiniObserver, and website are only as good as the

content we get from you. Let us know: What's happening?, What's new?, What's hot? You can submit your material, send your email address, make comments and suggestions to Summit.ObsERVER@gmail.org or put them in the newsletter box in the office. Also let us know whether you would like to participate in an Electronic Bulletin Board that would allow owners to share ideas.

We can accept material for the May Observer until April 26. We especially need input from all the clubs and committees.

Odds & Ends (mostly from MiniObserver)

Twice a week or so, a new MiniObserver gets posted in the elevators and mailrooms with news for those at the Summit. Some of the news bears repeating here.

- **Pest control** – Pest control spraying of units is covered under our condo contract. Contact the office to request this service. They are here every Tuesday, but you must sign up at the office.
- **Water saving** – Free water saving kits at the Hollywood Community Center just south of the Summit. If Total, or another service, covers your toilets consider having them tested for leakage.
- **April special assessment** – Without penalty owners can wait until May 1 to make their April special assessment payment. Quarterly maintenance payment is still due April 1.
- **Recycle!** – Recycle containers and rules are now just inside the garage on all three floors of both towers.
- **Free movies!** – Good selection. Library just south of Summit. Open M-F 10-6. This is the least used reading room in Broward County. If we don't use it, we will lose it. Take something out everyday you are at the Summit!
- **New Welcome Guide** – Thanks to the Welcoming Committee for creating a useful guide available in office and at www.MySummit.org, includes a listing of Summit clubs & facilities. Find contacts and schedules for clubs, teams, and classes including: bridge, book, fun, Hadassah, ladies and men's golf, social, tennis, shuffle board, and much more.
- **Garage Parking** – Park only in spaces shown on your parking permits. See office to deal with issues. Don't get towed! Also from the Summit Towers Rules and Regulations; "No repair of any vehicle(s) is allowed on Summit property, except in the case of an

emergency, i.e. flat tire, out of gas, dead battery, etc. No vehicle which cannot operate on its own power shall remain on condominium property for more than 24 hours."

- **Free internet hot spot** – South tower Women's Card Room. This is an experiment. Let the office know if you would like to keep this going.
- **Bikes** without Summit registration stickers are eventually removed from bike rooms. Registration is good for one year, but you can renew all your bikes in person or with one call to the office. Check your sticker now. If you are away have a neighbor help. The rooms are crowded with old bikes that make using and straightening the rooms difficult.
- **When you go north** – Snowbirds need apartment watchers. Get recommendations from neighbors or have your full-time neighbors help. Watchers catch problems like A/C failure that cause mold & even worse. Watcher will close hurricane blinds after our porch concrete restoration and painting is done. Don't forget to turn off your water and water heater when you go north. BUT leave your A/C on unless you want mold! See other important ideas for snowbirds in the March Observer. If you don't have a copy go to www.MySummit.org.

April Calendar - See up-to-date event lists in the mailrooms or at www.MySummit.org

- Every Tuesday at 7:30 south lounge, free movie for Social Club members
- 4 - **Easter Egg Hunt** - Pool Deck 1:00 PM all invited (especially kids) organized by Social Club
- 14 - **Pot Luck Dinner**, members only bring dish to serve 6-8 people (organized by Social Club)
- 18 - **Summit Hadassah** - luncheon and humorous movie in south lounge. Movie is Firl Ushpizin - orthodox couple in Israel with unexpected Succos guests.
- 18 - **Restaurant Committee** 2pm north tower card room
- 27 - **Bye Bye Birdies**, BBQ, See Bulletin Board for Details (Social Club members only)

Exercise News and calendar

With the new equipment acquired on March 18, each gym now has three track machines, two elliptical, 3 bikes. In addition a maintenance program is being established for the existing equipment. The gym committee is putting together proposals on many issues including the possibility of larger gyms in both towers, improving the situation in the bike rooms, and adding a basketball hoop.

- **Gyms** open 7am-10pm daily – please read & practice the gym etiquette rules
- **Billiard rooms** open 10am-10pm daily
- **Women's swimming exercise** M-F 8-9
- **Tennis** M/W/F 9
- **Women's exercise classes** - M/W/F 9-10 north lounge - aerobics and weights exercises led by Helena Cellini and Dede Hertzmark
- **Ping-pong**, noon – Monday meet in South Lobby, Tuesday meet in North Lobby
- **Shuffle board** M/W/F 1:30-3:30

From the treasurer – Steven Naron

A quote from the Florida Omnibus office – “The first job of the treasurer is to make sure all proper fees are collected from the owners.” Why? Because without those funds condos cannot operate. Fortunately at the Summit that is easy. Less than 3% of owners are significantly behind in their maintenance payments. (This has to be the best on the beach!) Our condo is staying popular and full. Real estate agents are complaining that not enough owners are leaving the Summit, so there are relatively few units to sell. Second generation Summiters, including two board members, kept their parents units. Why would we every leave?

We are working with our management company on accounting systems that are available to us without cost to further improve the control and speed of both the accounts receivables and payables process. One system started in March is already helping us reduce late fees associated with vendor payments.

The Summit Golf Group - Irv Saul

The Summit Golf Group has just completed it 20th anniversary with a gala dinner dance and entertaining evening at Brooks Restaurant. These gentlemen meet three times a week and have the time of their lives. A committee prepares the

foursomes in advance for Monday and Wednesday and carefully selects Friday's tournament teams. Nominal cash prizes are awarded to winners and competition is fierce.

In addition to playing golf, they have dinners, brunches, superbowl parties, and a spectacular closing affair. They actually believe they belong to a country club! If any of our residents would like to join our group or want more information contact Norman Edelman or Chet Simon. You will be happy that you did.

“The Mirador”

The property just north of the Summit is an eyesore. It has been condemned by the city of Hollywood and the city has litigation ongoing. In addition they have recorded a number of health violations. We understand that because the city is party to the litigation enforcement has had to be slowed on these violations. We also have heard that once the legal problems are resolved the city may be willing to level this area and turn it into a temporary park on its own buck, until a future developer gets to work. Hollywood has already done this for the area south of Johnson Street on the Broadwalk. (See the News from the Broadwalk article below.) Here is hoping Mayor Peter Bober and his team are successful in making this happen (sooner rather than later).

If you want to send him a note in support of their efforts his email is PBober@Hollywood.org.

In the last month (very partial list)

Social Club Murder Mystery - A fantastic interactive murder mystery and dinner was put on by the Social Club in our restaurant. Barbara Fox led the audience in an interactive play. A great time and food was had by all. We hope to repeat this soon.

Defibrillator/CPR overview was attended by members of the Safety & Security Committee, security staff, and interested residents to get an understanding of issues involved. The committee is planning to make recommendations to the board about whether to have defibrillators at the Summit and, if we do, how to provide training and assure availability and appropriate use.

Committee meetings were held by the Gym/Bike, Restaurant, Beautification, and the Safety & Security committees. You can sign up for

committees, and see the date of scheduled meetings, at the office.

From the Broadwalk – Leonard Zackon

On March 15, two developers made presentations to the city of Hollywood for their plans to develop the city owned land from the Broadwalk to A1A just south of Johnson Street. Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville Resort proposed a 20 story 350 room hotel with 35,000 square feet of convention space. It would have restaurants and a new amphitheater that would feature musical performances with a pop culture atmosphere. The project would have a tropical look and feel and would blend in with the ocean and the Broadwalk.

Planet Hollywood proposed a 19 floor 300 room hotel with a 200 foot waterslide, zip line, wave rider, bike racks, water taxi transportation and many restaurants. It would have a retail shopping area and a TV broadcast area to produce "Live From Hollywood Beach" and to promote Hollywood nationwide. It emphasizes a family atmosphere that will cater to all income levels.

Both proposed hotels would be set back to help avoid (literally) overshadowing the Broadwalk.

"Is This Thing On?" – Phyllis Finston

(Title taken from a book of the same name.)

Going digital is not easy. I accept it as a punishment from God. You have to use the computer every day, or the learning progression will not be established. Use it or lose it, my grandson Jason tells me. So!! Every morning I open the lid to the lap-top. Is this thing on? Hello!! I'm here ... but does that little arrow know it? Now its says "Welcome" Aha ... it recognizes me. So far so good.

You have to learn to use the "mouse" which directs the arrow which directs your computer. I never thought I would be spending my senior years playing with mice.

Summit history tidbits -- Henry Tishman

- In January, 1980 the first tower (north) was nearly sold out in 18 hours, a record for Florida.
- More recently -- \$14 million spent on Broadwalk, beachfront power lines put underground for \$8 million, restoration of local beach \$40 million, Trump tower \$100 million, Diplomat complex \$800 million

- The pool deck is over 2 acres
- Marble Sculpture at Summit entrance was created by Italian-born Enzo Gallo who studied art in Cuba and Mexico. In 1960, the professor of fine arts, award winning sculptor and master marble worker left Cuba for Miami. His mammoth murals, bas-reliefs and sculptures are found in important collections, such as, the Italian Museum of Modern Art and the New Orleans Museum of Art. More locally he has major works at the Mona Lisa apartments, at the Century 21 Condominium and at Temple Beth-El. The Summit builders commissioned the work around 1982 for approximately \$100,000.

Why the view from my balcony is the best *AT THE SUMMIT!*

Below are responses from the short essay contest in the March Observer: Let us know which is your favorite at Summit.Observer@gmail.com.

Who sets the tone at any condo? The people! From my 5th floor balcony, I see them as full-sized human beings – swimming, chatting, walking, rather than moving miniatures. Add the ocean and the beach and you have the best view there is. – Evelyn Kraut

We watch sports – shuffleboard, golf, tennis, waterskiing, waverunner riding, tubing, sailing, kitesurfing without wearing sunglasses. We see and hear the waves yet can talk on the phone. We see the sun come up and the cruise ships leave the port. We see the sunset without looking into the sun. - Denise
<smittendki@sbcglobal.net>

A picture is worth a thousand words:



- Elliott Israel

Did you know answers??

- 1.What movies have been shot on location on the Hollywood Broadwalk: Marley & Me,
- 2.How many years has the Social Club been serving the Summit community:
- 3.Who first named the Summit newsletter the Observer:
- 4.How many towers were originally planned for the Summit: 3 (on the pool deck!)

Riddle of the Month - Jordana Zackon (grade 5)

There are two rooms. One room has three light bulbs and the other room has three light switches. A man can only go into each room one time and he cannot see from one room inside the other room. How does he know which switch controls which light bulb?

Extra material

Communication!

To expand and refine our Communications Program, we need your thoughts and ideas. Please answer the following questions briefly. Email us your responses and thoughts. Your input is vital! Email your responses to: Summit.observer@gmail.com

1. Do you have an email address? Would you please email it back to us along with your name?
2. Which of these would you prefer regarding newsletters and related communications?
 - A. Printed material mailed?
 - B. Postings in elevators and common areas?
 - C. Email directly to you?
 - D. Web site display of the info as updated on www.mysummit.org?
 - E. If you are a part-time resident, are you interested in getting periodic emails about Summit related events and business issues when you are not at the Summit?
3. Would you be interested in an Electronic Bulletin Board? An electronic Bulletin Board would enable all Summit Owners to interactively post things such as: Items for sale; items wanted to buy; and issues/questions specifically relevant to Summit Owners.
[Remember, just email us your thoughts and above info: Summit.observer@gmail.com](mailto:Summit.observer@gmail.com)