



## Calendar -- See bulletin boards for details

- March 1 – Turtle Nesting Season starts (watch lights)
- March 10 – Condo education (p.7)
- March 13 – Daylight Savings starts
- March 14 – Divorce & Estates Discussion (p.6)
- March 15 – Florida Presidential Primary election (p.5)
- March 16 – Board Meeting
- March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day Party
- March 21 – Shredding (p.1)
- March 27 – Children’s (10&under) Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr.1 -- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter maintenance assessment due

## From the President – Dr. Jeff Spiro

Springtime at the Summit is our impetus to cast off winter and welcome the new season. Spring cleaning and new additions reflect our leaving winter behind.

Have you seen the new flowerpots and planters under the porticos of both the north and south towers? We have also finished the initial landscaping enhancement to our refurbished shuffleboard area. These are the most recent additions to the ongoing commitment to improving our landscaping. Benches and shade, as well as railings, are being considered to further enhance the shuffleboard area.

The engineer’s report is in and so the Architecture and Engineering Committee have started finalizing the conditions we will require in the proposals from the companies who bid on our pool deck project.

Housekeeping (spring-cleaning) is also part of the rites of spring. Each year the office needs to shred many boxes of obsolete paper records. We have contracted with a company to come to our property to perform the shredding. We are, once again, opening the use of the shredder to our owners. The date for this is Monday, March 21 from 9:30-11:30. See the posters for more information.

Happy Spring to all!



## Turtle Nesting Season March 1- October 31

Hollywood can fine up to \$500 for bright lights seen from beach. Lights might interfere with turtle nesting.

Help our turtles & avoid fine:

- Leave balcony light off
- Cover windows
- No light fixtures near windows



## New FOB reset policy

Every time we go through the process of turning off and resetting our fobs we find several hundred (lost or “borrowed”) that are not reset. This process reduces the number of fobs in inappropriate hands.

We have just put in place an easier reset process. All of our fobs will deactivate in March, 2017. During January and February, 2017 registered owners and renters will be able to bring their fobs to the office to be reset, BEFORE they are deactivated and get them renewed for two years.

We hope this new process will both serve the need to reduce the number of fobs in the wrong hands and be easier on residents. In the meantime, if you find you ever lose a fob, let the office know. Don’t wait. They can disable it immediately. If it is eventually returned or found, it can be reset.

## One Tough Winter

We had more rain, overcast and wind than our average winter. We felt sorry



for those short-term visitors who came south and never saw the sun.

Maybe the violent storms we had on February 16 were a sign that spring was coming. We lost one tree, several large branches and power for a while. Fortunately, the generators worked and the new plants and landscaping made it through. Special thanks to our staff that quickly cleaned up our site.

Since the storms, the weather has become better. So, we are betting that it’s going to be a great spring and summer.

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**Board term ends** 17-1/2017 18-1/2018

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**2016 Committee Chairs & Group Coordinators**

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Movie Night: John Carruthers Grandma's Closet: Susan Spiro  
Treasures & Trash: Nancy Fuller Gardening: Laura Naron  
Welcoming: Elaine Bender

**Treasurer's Report**

The following numbers were presented at the February Board Meeting: (All numbers are \$000)

As of end of month	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Operating Accounts	778	795	1,065	922	907	1,036
Operating Account-Ins	96	96	96	96	96	96
Restricted Reserve	1,744	1,744	1,836	1,836	1837	1,950
Security Deposits	44	44	40	42	40	40
Special Assessments	78	65	48	42	23	4
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>2,747</b>	<b>3,085</b>	<b>2,938</b>	<b>2,903</b>	<b>3,126</b>
90-day delinquencies	79	91	86	81	97	93

The next quarterly payment is due April 1.

If you have any questions or comments please submit them to the office and we will address them in the next Observer.

**Have Entertainment Skills/Interests?**

Want to jam? Want to karaoke? Want to put on a Summit show? Make videos? Join a theatre / entertainment group?

Let us know by emailing [summit.observer@gmail.com](mailto:summit.observer@gmail.com). At least join us for the karaoke events we are planning.



**The Technology Committee**

Our buildings were designed in the 1970's and built in the early 1980's. A lot has changed in expectation of ocean front condos that we cannot change, such as, higher ceilings and wraparound balconies. On the other hand, the Association has regularly taken advantage of technology to improve living at the Summit with improvements, such as:

- telecom fiber for TV, internet and telephone
- the south lounge theatre system
- dramatic energy saving from LED lighting and A/C condenser variable speed controls
- the alarm system that regularly helps locate smoke and leaks and provides area PA alerts
- the high quality weatherproof sound system on pool deck

But, since technology keeps improving, let's not stop there. The Tech Committee has been established to assist the board with looking into other possible improvements such as:

- Upgrading the FOB/security system
- Building Wi-Fi
- Improved hallway air circulation system

Interested in helping the Committee with the extensive homework required to study these or other technology related opportunities for the Summit? Let the office know.

**Taking Pride in Our Appearance**

We regularly get complaints about cigarette butts dropped from balconies. In February we actually received a complaint about a cigarette butt that fell from another porch and burned porch furniture. What more can be said?



While we are discussing droppings, some of us have noticed there are two types of residents at the Summit. There are those who walk by litter and those who take pride in our appearance and move it to a trash can. Which are you?

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**The 2016 Treasures & Trash** -- Nancy Fuller  
 "It was such a fabulous day!" On Sunday,



February 21, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit Treasures & Trash Flea Market took place in the south lounge, and card rooms. From the time the doors opened, there was a steady flow of residents, friends and family who kept



all of the rooms bustling with activity, socializing and a lot of buying and

selling. It was a profitable way to get rid of unwanted things and arts and crafts. It was also fun just to see so many residents meeting for the first time as they browsed the rooms and later enjoyed the coffee and pastries at the hospitality table.



This year, the Social Committee

added a Bake Sale to the festivities to earn money that will be used to help reduce the cost of their many social events that are always open to all of our residents.

A very special thank you goes out to all of the people who worked so hard over many days to make this event happen: RuthAnn, Maria, Betty, Denise, Laura, Donna, Linda, Connie, Celestine, MaryAnn, Jeff, Keith and Steve, along with the office, maintenance and security staffs.

At the March 1 Social Committee Meeting, we had a debriefing of the event and came up with over a dozen ideas how to make the next Treasures and Trash even better. See you then!



**Busy Social Committee**

The goal of the committee is to bring us together. Our events are open to all residents. For most events, even guests are OK if accompanied by a registered resident. We do our best to make our events as inexpensive as possible. For that reason we do tend to have buffets, BYOBs, and BBQs. Still, when appropriate, we try to "fancy up" with sit down dinners, decorated facilities and entertainment.

Just in February we have helped support bingo, movie night, Valentine's Day Dinner, "Treasures and Trash", Super Bowl and Academy Awards activities. At the March 1 meeting we planned our upcoming St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Bye Bye Birdie events. We are also looking a little farther out for karaoke, talent night and Bobby Socks Dance events.

We can do so many events because we have a large, active (and fun) group of volunteers, although we could always use more. (hint, hint) We do have a problem, though. Many at the Summit wait to (or past) the last minute to RSVP for events. This makes planning for food and paying for professional entertainment very risky. In some cases we have started to charge more for late comers. So please sign up for any events you'd like, but do it early. And then come and enjoy!

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**Looking for Volunteers**

Here is a list of our volunteer organizations as of late February. For a description of each type of organization, see the front page of the February Observer. Contact the office to sign up.

- **Standing Committees:** Social, Observer, Public Safety and Awareness, Recreation and Athletic Areas, Rules and Regulations, Technology
  - **Ad-Hoc Committee:** Pool Room Renovation
  - **Service Groups:** Gardening, Grandma’s Closet, Library, Movie Night, Tech Help, Treasures and Trash, Welcoming
  - **Interest Groups:** Book Review, Bridge, Chess, Craft, Golf, Kayaking, Ping Pong, Poker, Scuba/Snorkeling, Tennis
- Some volunteers are appointed by the board:
- “Advisors” with serious, usually professional, experience, in areas such as: audio-visual, landscaping, legal and restaurants.
  - Restricted committees membership: Engineering and Grievance

*Not all events are official. Ron Argenzio and Maria*



*Pizzuti invited their closest 40 or so friends to join them at an all-you-can-eat lobster dinner at Kitchen 305 at the Newport Beachside Hotel in Sunny Isles.*

**Gluten Intolerant – Maybe Not -- Celestine Taffet**

Many people say that they are gluten intolerant and stay away from anything with flour in it. It might not be the gluten in the flour but rather the glyphosate residue in the flour that is causing the symptoms. Glyphosate is the active ingredient in RoundUp™, which is often sprayed on wheat just prior to harvest so that it is easier to harvest.

I called King Arthur, Bob’s Red Mill and Gold Medal and all three companies stated that only their ORGANIC flour does not use glyphosate in the harvesting process. So far, I have been 100% successful in baking for gluten intolerant friends and relatives using organic flour.

The FDA is starting to test food for glyphosate levels. The World Health Organization found that glyphosate may be a human carcinogen and has been named as a cause for decline in monarch butterflies.



*Celebration of Shirley Kestenbaum’s birthday at the Café.*



*Thanks to Juan and the maintenance staff for fixing the benches on the Bocce courts.*

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## Presidential Preference Primary Election -- March 15

If you are a registered Democrat or Republican, get out and vote! If you have questions, reach the Broward County Supervisor of Elections at [browardsoe.org](http://browardsoe.org) or 954.357.7050. When you vote, bring a picture ID with signature. A Florida driver's license is preferred.

Three voting options are available:

- ✓ Vote on Election Day, March 15, 2016, 7am-7pm. Our precinct, v002, votes at the next door community center.
- ✓ Early voting March 5 -- March 13, 9am -- 7pm. Our closest location is Hollywood Library at 2600 Hollywood Blvd.
- ✓ Vote-by-mail absentee ballot. Request ballot at 954.357.7055 or [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org).

Don't forget the other 2016 Florida elections:

- Primary Election, August 30 -- Registration closes August 1.
- General Election, November 8 -- Registration closes October 11.

Registration is now closed for the March 15 election. The registered numbers are:

	Democrats	Republicans	Other
Florida	4,557,053	4,260,100	3,225,060
Broward	553,052	240,495	307,931
Precinct v002	1,576	1,178	1,343

Numbers taken from [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org) and [www.registration.elections.myflorida.com](http://www.registration.elections.myflorida.com) on February 19.



*Everyone should take advantage of the next door community center and library. While you are there, pick up a few brochures about local activities.*

*In March you can also see a fascinating display about historic Hollywood.*



## Quilting For Fun and Good in Our Craft Room

– Lourdes Werner

During the months of November and December 2015 five ladies at the Summit (Cathy, Kwit, Lourdes, Lu and Pearl) got together



every Tuesday from 1 - 5 p.m. and made ten quilted bags that were distributed for the holidays to Women in Distress of Broward County. Three other ladies at the Summit (Carmen, Esther and Maria) were instrumental in buying toiletries to fill the bags.

The Summit family also came together and donated additional toiletries for Hope's Women Center. We received a wonderful letter confirming that the ladies received the bags with smiles and thankfulness. The project was very successful and the ladies involved have decided to keep meeting every Tuesday and work on different projects.

Plan to join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Craft Room on the west side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the garage.

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## Valentine's Party



A wonderful party was held in the north lounge. Vast amounts of great food and desserts were provided by Rocco's. Our professional DJ kept us dancing. Our Social Committee



volunteers decorated, including balloons by Dennis. Thanks to all our volunteers. Besides all the memories, the party goes got to take home a door prize and containers of leftover food. There was still more food left over for the staff.



## How Your (or Your Child's) Divorce Can Affect Your Family's Assets

The talk by fellow Summit owner, Spencer Kagan, a recently retired family court judge, that was mentioned on page 3 of the February Observer is now scheduled for Monday, March 14 at 7:30 in the south lounge.

We are still looking for others such as lawyers, financial advisors or tax experts to make this more of a panel discussion. If you can participate in the panel please contact us at [Summit.ObsERVER@gmail.com](mailto:Summit.ObsERVER@gmail.com).

## Your Renovation Noise Carries

We've have had a number of noise reports recently from residents. Usually the initial suspicion falls on the unit above. In several cases it turned out the noise came from units many floors away. While often the noise was found to be coming from units with permitted construction projects, we have also found several projects that started illegally.

While our reinforced concrete provides us with a very solid building, it also conducts vibration related noise better than we would like. Therefore, one renovation usually results in many reports by residents. It is almost impossible to do a significant renovation without being detected. So, see the office before you start. When construction is found to be ongoing without proper paperwork, contractors are escorted off the premises, the unit owner is fined and the work may have to be undone.

## Latest Improvement in South Lounge Theatre

February movie goers at the Summit have been able to enjoy improved sound now that we have subwoofers. These allow us to feel the full effect of the movies. This improvement effort was led by Bob Werner. Even with 100 seats we have had occasional overflow crowds. This is a testament to the good work of the entire Movie Night Service Group. Thanks!

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We can do a visual survey of hurricane shutters, but we need help in getting a count on impact windows. So we are taking an informal survey by asking every owner who has impact windows to report them by either calling or emailing the office. Just give your unit number to [summitofcmgr@summittowers.net](mailto:summitofcmgr@summittowers.net) or 954.925.3337.

## "Running a Condo – What Can Go Wrong?"

The Hollywood Beach Civic Association has arranged another convenient free course about running condos. The Q&A by the law firm of Rhonda Hollander, Esq., will include how the law affects such issues as: emotional support animals, screening new owners and amending association documents.

RSVP to [AJJAYO@gmail.com](mailto:AJJAYO@gmail.com) for the Thursday, March 10 from 1 to 3pm class at our next door community center. RSVP at [AJJAYO@gmail.com](mailto:AJJAYO@gmail.com).

## New Pots in Our Driveways – Laura Naron



The Walking Iris (Neomarica) are now blooming in our new pots in the north and south driveways. It is called Walking Iris because of its habit of growing plantlets at the tip of the leaves after it blooms. The plantlets grow heavy and lean over to take root. Look for small yellow and brown orchid like flowers.



## Summit Libraries

– Joe Bennett  
The Summit libraries are



available to all. If you like to read and have not visited these libraries, you are missing a great deal! You do not need a library card, and there is no time limit or even a requirement to return any book or magazine. The libraries contain fiction books arranged alphabetically by author and nonfiction grouped by categories, such as: advice, biographies, history, sports and more. Also, the libraries have wired internet service and work tables.

Our libraries contain donated material. Please donate your books, but due to space limitations, the Library Service Group has to determine which materials are retained.

Please use the suggestion boxes in the libraries to give us your ideas on how to further improve our libraries. You can help us maintain the libraries by signing up for the Library Service Group in the office. We also have periodic planning meetings which are announced in the weekly calendar.

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## Vision Hollywood 2020

On Leap Day a crowd filled the community center's auditorium to join Peter Kageyama, author of "For the Love of Cities." We brainstormed for three hours on what is great about Hollywood and ideas for making it even better. Many from the Summit attended.



The colored stickies inside the heart in the picture below each contained something wonderful about Hollywood. It is amazing how many things there are to love about Hollywood. We are going to try to put this list out on *MySummit.org* to give us a reminder of a "few" things to do outside of the Summit.



*Women's bocce on Wednesdays mornings gathers crowds!*

## Grandma's Closet – Susan Spiro

Grandma's Closet has been a huge success. Many of our residents have been able to obtain equipment and toys for their little guests by borrowing items from the closet. It is our pleasure to assist you!

So much equipment is being borrowed, that you will have a better chance to get what you need if you plan ahead and reserve the equipment that you need early.

To get started contact the office during regular business hours. They will make sure that one of our volunteers contacts you.



*Try the new Wednesday fresh turkey special at the Café*

## Our Community TV Channels

OpticalTel provides us with two analog (non-DishTV™) community TV channels. (58 and 59) We are presently running slides on channel 58 and a test video on channel 59. We are looking for some resident(s) with experience in video or related technologies to help us come up with more creative uses for these channels. Contact us at [summit.observer@gmail.com](mailto:summit.observer@gmail.com)

## From the Editor – Steve Naron

As usually happens every year at this time, we have two changes that affect Summit communications. Starting in March, the Observer gets put out only every two months and our snowbirds start to leave. But there is now no excuse for staying out of touch, because of our weekly emailed calendar and *MySummit.org*. Make sure the office has your up-to-date email addresses so you get news. At the same time, make sure all your other contact information and the copies of your keys are up-to-date in the office.

I have been told by the office that we keep getting more people calling the office at the very beginning of each month who are eager to get the new Observer. While the enthusiasm is appreciated, we have always tended not to get the issue out until the first Monday of each month due to late articles, the necessary "quality control" review cycle (thanks Audrey and Celestine), the need to have the newsletter printed in the office, and mostly due to the editor's schedule (and shortcomings.) A few more volunteers on the Observer Committee might speed this up. (hint). We do hope that when you finally get it in your hands, each issue will be worth the wait.

We are constantly looking for any articles for the Observer that would be interesting to the Summit Community. What is your best local restaurant, best outdoor activity, idea for the Summit, funny Summit story? Share you experience. Send ideas, questions and articles to [summit.observer@gmail.com](mailto:summit.observer@gmail.com).

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