



## Life at the Summit Will Always Be Great!

- Armando Sera. President

Incredible to think that it has been only three months since Hurricane Irma impacted the Summit and we are well on our way to normalcy! While Irma was not as strong as Hurricane Wilma in 2005, our beautiful Summit suffered some unforeseen damage that was totally predictable due to Irma's strength and path. Hurricane Irma subjected the Summit to high sustained winds with lots of water. Therefore, our windows leaked causing significant damage to many units and our facilities.

While the pace to bring the Summit back to its former beautiful grandeur has been frantic, we continue to find more evidence of the effects of Hurricane Irma on a daily basis. In our upcoming board meeting, we will have further discussion of the physical impact of Irma on the Summit and the repair work to start early next year addressing preparations for the next hurricane season.

In my opinion, the most important topic we will be discussing will be how to pay for the financial unfunded impact of this hurricane. It is obvious that a Special Assessment will be needed to cover the shortfall in our finances. Therefore, we will discuss a payment plan to make it financially tolerable for our residents and be able to cover the immediately due items such as PaulDavis Restoration's bill.

At a Special Meeting later this December, the board will be discussing and voting on a Special Assessment for the known-to-date incurred cost of Hurricane Irma's impact. This Special Assessment will most probably be payable in three installments (i.e. Feb., May and Aug. 2018). Each unit's total assessment portion will likely be broken down into 50%, 25% and 25% amounts, respectively.

Please come to our next board meeting to join the conversation about Hurricane Irma and hear about our future!

### Hurricane Irma – Special Assessment

- Albert Couto, Treasurer



Now that we have the clean-up behind us and are completing the repairs on the last units impacted by Irma, we have quantified the financial impact to the Association. As of the printing of this newsletter, the known-to-date incurred/projected costs are estimated at \$3,000,000. We will be discussing the breakdown of these numbers and future hurricane preparation at the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7 pm at the South Tower Lounge.

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**Date: Wednesday Dec. 13, 2017**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Place: South Lounge**

**Board** -- terms end 18-1/2018 19-1/2019

President Armando Sera<sup>18</sup> Vice President Mary Ann Reisler<sup>18</sup>,  
Treasurer Albert Couto<sup>18</sup>, Secretary Steven Naron<sup>18</sup>,  
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William Villaverde<sup>19</sup>, Robert Werner<sup>19</sup>

**2017 Committee Chairs & Group Coordinators**

**Note that new boards reestablish committees**

Doctor's Closet-Donna Bushman	Observer-Celestine Taffet
Gardening-Laura Naron	Public Safety-Pearl Milestone
Grandma's Closet-Susan Spiro	Social-Mary Ann Reisler
Grievance-Jack Cohen	Sports-Ron Argenzio
Library-Joe Bennett	Treasures & Trash-TBD
Movie Night-John Carruthers	Welcoming-Elaine Bender

**All Storage Rentals from Office Lapsed  
November 30**

Did you rent a beach bin, A-closet, garage parking space, reserved bicycle space or kayak rack from the office for the previous year?



All rental terms ended on November 30. The grace period to retain your rentals has expired. All spaces that have not been renewed are now available to those on the waiting lists. If you were put on the waiting list in previous years, please check with the office. You may now be able to rent these spaces from the office.



**Welcome Back Snowbirds!**

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Social Committee held the Welcome Back Birdie BBQ on the pool deck. Over 70 residents enjoyed good food, good music and good conversations. As an added bonus, everyone was drawn to the east side of the pool deck to see the bright orange Supermoon on the horizon. There will not be another Supermoon until January and it definitely is a sight that should not be missed.

**Parking Fees Return to Downtown**

As of December 4, 2017, on-street metered parking has returned to Downtown Hollywood. The city returned to metered parking to increase parking turnover. The rate for on-street parking is \$1.50 per hour. The rate for the downtown garages (Radius Parking Garage and Van Buren Parking Garage) remains at \$1.00 per hour. Hopefully, this will encourage the downtown employees to park in the garages and leave the on-street spaces for customers.

Hollywood has also changed the parking regulations for the downtown area. You have to enter your license plate number into the meter and no longer have to display the receipt on your dashboard. The city is using the Parkmobile system so that you can do everything using your smartphone. You can even get text messages when your time is expiring.

**Who Says Halloween Is Only For Kids?**

- Steve Naron



The adult Halloween Party had to move inside the café because of some difficult weather. In fact, during the costume contest a wind burst blew a trashcan across the pool deck. But inside it was perfectly spooky. Volunteers had decorated the place beautifully and Rocco's did a great job.

Dennis DiMartino got us dancing with the new café sound system. We were having such a good time, that most stayed long after the food was finished, and staff had left. The lead witch and organizer for the children's and adult's Halloween parties again this year were Laura Naron and her vampire, Steve.



## Treasures Under Your Feet

- Connie Irwin

Walking along the beach is a favorite activity for many of our Summit residents. Do you know that among the shells and pebbles, many pieces of sea glass are present in all shapes, sizes, and colors? You may find common colors of brown and green or rarer colors of blue, red, or yellow.

Years ago, bottles, jars and glass were discarded into the ocean with little or no concern for the environment. These items were broken by the tumbling effect of the waters and rocks and over time, perhaps 10 years or much longer, were refined by the sea and became beautiful gems.

Unlike ordinary broken glass, sea glass becomes smooth, frosty and free of sharp edges. Each piece is unique with a tremendous variety of shapes.



Sea glass is becoming less common now. Plastic has replaced many glass containers and recycling is strongly encouraged.

So the next time you go for a stroll along the beach, look for the sea glass. When you discover a piece, you will be overjoyed. Warning! This easily becomes a passion and the walking pace slows down considerably.

A bonus with this search is the recovery of simple broken glass with its sharp edges. Proper disposal of these dangerous objects provides a safe environment for our beachgoers.

## New Year's Eve Party

The next event for the Social Committee will be a New Year's Eve Party. Look for the flyer for complete details.

## Childrens' Halloween Party

- Steve Naron



We held our annual Children's Halloween party for a record number of children. Thanks to all the volunteers! Dennis DeMartino did his usual great job entertaining the kids with magic and balloons. Lourdes Werner led the crafts table, decorating frames for photos Bob had taken of each of the little monsters and princesses. Numerous other volunteers decorated and managed the event. New this year was face painting by Sydney Barouch..



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## Hadassah Happenings

– Donna Bushman

The Summit Hadassah has great plans for December and January. Our events are always open to our Summit Community. You don't have to be a member and you don't have to be Jewish. If you believe in the continuing existence of Israel please JOIN US. We hope you join once you experience our wonderful offerings.

For more information call:  
Renee Lewis - 954-929-9930

Dec. 14 - 6:00 pm - Hanukkah Party - Celebrate our Holiday of Lights, our Holiday of Miracles. Enjoy a delicious Kosher catered dinner and our talented entertainer. Please bring friends and family. Community candle lighting. \$36.00 per person

Jan 4 – 1:00 pm - Ruth Kornbluth, the Summit's resident family historian will lead an amazing discussion on the "History of Jewish Peddlers in the United States" If you like to shop, this is for you. If you ever wondered how commercial trade worked its way west, come join us. If you're curious about the origins of some of our department stores and branded clothing, you will be amazed.

Jan 18 – Noon – Annual Card and Game Party

- SAVE THE DATE!
- Do you have a weekly card game?
- Are you a Mahjong maven?
- Get your foursome together.
- Make plans to come to our party.
- More details to come.

### Management Office Hours Changed

The office's hours have been changed to 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 pm -1:00 pm. During their "lunch break", they will still be busy and have some dedicated uninterrupted desk time to deal with the massive amount of calls and oversight work due to the Irma remediation.

## Beach Replenishment & Dunes

The meeting at the Community Center on December 5<sup>th</sup> also discussed the beach replenishment and dune restoration. Mary Ann Reisler asked why our beach was not included in the beach replenishment project. The reason given was that it was not part of the permit developed in 2011. The county is working on a beach renourishment project for the whole beach. This new project will not happen for a couple of years.

The dune project is just in a preliminary phase. They are developing a plan for Hollywood. They are planning low dunes for the whole boardwalk area. Our dune area will be maintained according to the present plan. If this plan does go forward, there will be more meetings to discuss the dunes project in the future.

### Save Water!

- Elaine Bender

Experts claim that up to 5 gallons of water is wasted while we brush our teeth with the faucet on. So let's reduce our water bill with this simple technique.

- water off while brushing
- water on while rinsing

Save the planet! Conserve water!

### From the Editor

- Celestine Taffet

Being the new editor of the Summit Observer, I hope to cover news stories that are interesting to residents. I know that many people don't like participating in "committees" because of all the time involved. The Observer Committee is different. There are no mandatory meetings. All I ask is that residents write about something upbeat that is of interest to others. No complaining please.

The next Observer should go out after the board elections in January. Please give me a call (954-404-6037) and let me know if you want to contribute an article to the Observer.

## Pool Deck Cleaned



After Irma, our pool deck needed a thorough cleaning. This picture shows a before and after view of our pool deck while Smartchoice, our landscaping company was power washing the

area. The difference is amazing. Thank you for a job well done.

## Shutter Maintenance Anyone?

Some of us had trouble closing our shutters preparing for Hurricane Irma. A local shutter and window company, Hanes (954-458-6866), is offering a lubrication service for your shutters for \$150. Maintenance and replacement of parts are extra, but it will insure that you can close your shutters for the next hurricane.

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## ✚ The Doctor's Closet ✚

– Donna Bushman

The Doctor's Closet is available to all Summit residents who may need some medical devices to help with short term mobility issues. All of our donated medical equipment like wheelchairs, commodes and walkers has come from Summit families.

We are happy to arrange loans of our equipment for any Summit resident or visitor who needs help with mobility issues. The usual time period for loaners is up to 2 weeks.

The Doctor's Closet is located on the third floor of the North Building. If you find yourself in immediate need of a wheelchair or one of our other medical aids, please contact the front desk for immediate assistance; otherwise call me.

For more information, to schedule an equipment loan, or if you want to make a donation of a clean, disinfected item for the Doctor's Closet please call Donna Bushman at 410-336-9179

## Heavy Equipment on the Beach?



The City of Hollywood had to bring front loaders and dump trucks onto the beach so that the city could remove and redistribute the sand that was displaced by Hurricane Irma. After the hurricane, there was sand over the top of the knee wall along the complete length of the Broadwalk. The sand that covered the Broadwalk was removed first, but to redistribute the sand on the beach, heavy equipment was needed. The project to even out the sand started by the Positano on October 30<sup>th</sup> and finished by the Quadomain approximately three weeks later. Hollywood made sure that any existing turtle nests were protected. Since sea turtle season ended on October 31<sup>st</sup>, there were very few, if any, turtle nests left unhatched.

It's almost 2018. Remember to renew your bike registration with the office.

## Fraud and Scam Prevention

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, Ivonne Perez-Suarez talked to Summit residents about fraud in the state of Florida. The Consumer Services website ([www.800helpfla.com](http://www.800helpfla.com)) has resource guides, ways to file complaints, and many more helpful topics. You can also call 1-800-HELP-FLA to talk to someone in the department. The department has jurisdiction over many businesses like telemarketers. All telemarketers and charities must be licensed by the state of Florida to operate. Especially in the holiday season, there are many fake charities taking advantage of people.

Ms. Perez-Suarez said that everyone should be on both the national do not call list and the Florida do not call list. To register online, please visit their website or call them. She said that it is good practice not to answer calls from anonymous or blocked numbers. Another point made was to never answer “yes” to any questions posed on the phone because the scammer could use this soundbite to indicate that you are willing to buy into whatever scam is being offered.



The audience was warned to keep their social security number private and not to carry their social security card. Medicare will eliminate using social security numbers by April 2019 because of the widespread fraud.

Another topic of fraud discussed was concerning skimmers, which are devices that capture credit card information. Skimmers are widespread throughout Florida and can be attached in as little as 15 seconds. Now, some skimmers are even Bluetooth enabled, so credit card information can be sent immediately after it is captured. If using an ATM, try to use one where a security camera is operating.

Ms. Perez-Suarez spoke and answered questions for over an hour. She is truly an expert in her field.

## A1A Project Update



On December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Community Center was the place to be to hear about the current A1A project. There were many speakers as well as pointed questions from the audience.

The current construction on A1A was discussed. The person to contact with any questions or concerns is Rebecca Guerrero, our Community Outreach Specialist. Her phone number is 954-218-2304. Her email address is [rguerrero@corradino.com](mailto:rguerrero@corradino.com).

Many people commented that the construction area needed turn lanes so that people could make left hand turns. This lane is also critical for drivers on the side streets making left hand turns onto A1A.

One solution was to have only one lane going north, one center turn lane and two lanes going south. In another phase of the project, we may have more limitations in the lane configuration.

Another concern was that there are only three crosswalks in the construction zone (from Monroe Street to Sheridan Street). There has already been one fatality due to a pedestrian crossing the street. Drivers need to be extra careful to allow pedestrians to cross safely. Speed limits need to be enforced by the police.

The problems with the installed flood gates were also discussed. The stretch of A1A that was done in Phase I of the project (including in front of our building) still floods. Many residents wanted the city to fix the current problems and learn from the mistakes in Phase I to implement Phase II. The officials told the audience that the flood gates in Phase I were an ongoing concern, but they needed to proceed with Phase II because of funding.