



Surfside Club North News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The construction is complete! It seemed like it was never going to end and I'm not a full time resident! For those of you that are, I'm sure you are happy that this project has finally come to an end. It's really nice to see that life is returning back to normal around our

condo and with all the spring colors and temperature; everyone can sit back and enjoy our surroundings without the background music of jackhammers!

I'm pleased to announce that we have filled the vacant board position with Mr. Gwynne Maurer. Gwynne has been a long time owner here at Surfside and is also a full time resident of Ormond Beach. Gwynne was very open to serving the residents as a board member and we are proud that he has chosen to accept the board position. Be sure and give Gwynne your congratulations the next time you see him.

In closing, I hope everyone has made time to make at least one "Coffee with Keith". These informal gatherings have turned out to be a great means of two-way communication. As always, if you have a problem, question or comment, I want you to feel free to reach out to Keith by phone at (386) 441-1433, by email at surfsidenorth@gmail.com, Myself at (469) 579-4599, and at Doug.Smith@tx.rr.com, or any of our other board members. Also be sure to visit our Surfside Club North website regularly, Keith is continually updating the site with new information and handy tidbits. You can log on the website at www.SurfsideClubNorth.com.

HOW DISASTER READY ARE YOU?

A few months ago I wrote a brief column for this newsletter regarding your responsibility in times of severe weather conditions or other disastrous times here at Surfside North. You may recall that I wrote:

"In these United States, we have come to rely on our infrastructure for food, fuel, information and, in times of emergency, easy and quick access to police, firefighters and medical care. When disasters strike (or sneak up on us) there's a good chance that our chain of supply may fail temporarily or even for an extended period of time. We need to be prepared to take care of ourselves and our loved ones. We cannot rely on others to provide normal services - they are affected too!

The hurricane season begins in June and we've got plenty of time to think and plan, purchase and store. Those four things, that's all! Pretty simple isn't it?"

Since that newsletter was published we've had a briefing from a member of the Volusia County Disaster Control Team. We learned a lot that morning. I'm sure that those in attendance are now better prepared to face a hurricane season, knowing a few simple things they can do for themselves to ensure their living through a very hard time - a hurricane hitting Volusia County.

For those of you who have Internet access, here's a website address for you to look at; www.ready.gov At this Department of Homeland Security website, you'll find a comprehensive checklist for you to use in preparing yourself for whatever may come your way. It's really pretty straightforward. The thinking and planning, the purchasing and storing.

First of all I suspect that many of us have thought about what would happen if a hurricane comes through our neighborhood again. That's pretty much taken care of. Planning doesn't require a lot of effort and I'd wager that most of us have gone through that in our heads as well. It's the purchase and store part that never seems to get done on time, if ever at all. The funny thing about that is we all go to the grocery store every week or so and each time we're there we pass up all of items we need to acquire to complete our disaster preparation.

Here's a good start to your checklist of items:

A Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

Water- one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation

Food- at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food

Radio- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both

Flashlight- and extra batteries

First Aid kit

Dust mask- to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in.

Sundries- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

Tools- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities

Can opener- (if kit contains canned food)

Local maps

Cell phone- with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Additional Items to Consider Adding To an Emergency Supply Kit:

-Prescription medications and glasses

-Infant formula and diapers

-Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container

-Cash or traveler's checks and change

-Emergency reference material such as a first

aid book or information from www.ready.gov

-Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.

-Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper - When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.

-Fire Extinguisher

-Matches in a waterproof container

-Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items

-Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels

-Paper and pencil

-Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children, maybe for yourself!

You can see that there are a lot of items you may already have. The things you don't have right now can be purchased between now and June, when hurricane season begins. Finding a place to keep these supplies could be a problem, but look at it this way, you need to do some Spring Cleaning anyway!

Some of you will say "I don't need to prepare, we won't be here!" I say please consider this idea: purchase a package of toddler disposable diapers and have them readily available in your condo. Last time the storms came, many of us were very busy trying to contain the water as it came in under the sliding glass doors. Towels worked OK, but a really "super power absorbing" toddler-sized disposable diaper works like a charm. Trust me on this one. It could be the best ten dollars you'll ever spend for your own peace of mind and it will let those who might come into your vacant apartment, with the idea of helping you in your absence, have something to work with that is a whole lot better than a bath towel.

What are you waiting for? Get busy! Spend an hour or so of your time and then rest easy knowing that you've prepared yourself and your residence for whatever Mother Nature may have in store for you. Sweet dreams!

NEW RENTAL PROGRAM

The Board felt it was important to fill the need for in-house rentals. Ormond Resort Management Corp. was formed by the Board of Directors to keep all of Surfside Club North monthly rentals in-house. The most important aspect of this measure is that a portion of the rental fees collected will go back into Association coffers to offset various additional costs.



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Spring is upon us here at Surfside North and I'm very happy to report that the canopy has been completed and the concrete and painting projects are also complete. Thank you all for your patience during these renovations.

I would like to invite you to go to the www.SurfsideClubNorth.com website, our Condo on the Internet! The website has many useful features. There is a special section for unit owners where you can see and search meeting minutes, make suggestions, look at any pertinent document, or simply find out what's going on by looking at the calendar of events. Our website is just one of the new tools that will help us to communicate even better! Let me know what you think and as always, your suggestions are welcome.

As you know, our maintenance man Carl Stephens has left our Surfside Club North family. Carl will be moving to Wyoming to be closer to his son and grandson. He also has an opportunity to go back to school. Carl will sincerely be missed and we wish him the very best!

Carl has been replaced with Matt Peters. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Matt, our new maintenance man. Matt had the opportunity to work with Carl at the Coral Sands and has been in maintenance for most of his life. Carl showed Matt the inner workings of the condominium during the week before he left. Matt is proving to be a great asset to the Surfside Club North family.

I would also like to introduce you to Yolanda of Me Cleaning Services. Yolanda will be performing the cleaning that Carl used to do. You will find her here Mondays and Fridays from 10am until 2pm. Me Cleaning Services are licensed, bonded and insured. You can see them online at www.MeCleaningServices.com This new service addition still keeps us within the 2010 budget.

Please, Your ATTENTION...

As the weather turns warmer, it's time to put on that bathing suit and enjoy the pool! Let me emphasize some of the rules:

- Please make sure you are dry and free of sand before entering the building.
- Everyone is required to wear shoes, shirt or cover-up over bathing attire when entering the building.
- No food is allowed in the pool area. All drinks must be in non-breakable containers.
- Do not hang rugs, towels, bathing suits, or anything else on balconies or throw anything over rails.
- No playing of loud music allowed on balconies, common area or pool area.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to seeing you at the pool!

Keith

