

DUNES LINES

Happenings in The Villas of Ocean Dunes

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A Note from the Editors

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Dunes Lines. Without your input there would be no Dunes Lines.

Please send any suggestions to
DunesLines@gmail.com

Picture of the Month



The new gates!

Ongoing Events

Pickleball

Tuesday, Thursday and
Saturday 8:30AM

Tuesday, Thursday and
Sunday 6:00

Meet at the tennis courts. All
levels welcome. Rackets are
available to borrow.

Starting in December:

Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesdays at 2PM at the pool

Rummicube

Thursdays at 2PM at the pool

Starting in January:

Book Club

Tuesday Jan 30 (Book will be
Winter Garden by Kristin
Hannah)

Tuesday Feb 27 – book to be
determined

Tuesday March 26 – book to be
determined

Tuesday April 30 – book to be
determined

Check out the Ocean Dunes
Website:

www.oceandunesflorida.com

Email the office if you need
the password.

Welcome New Neighbors!



April Carr 1408



Help Keep Ocean Dunes Beautiful

Please do not throw cigarette butts or other debris into the lake. Pick up after your dog and dispose the waste properly. Do not leave it on your neighbors property.

FYI

Forms available on the website:
Sales Application
Leasing Application

Dumpster Etiquette

Please place all trash in the appropriate container.

All cardboard boxes should be collapsed before disposing them.

If recycling is full or something is too large to fit in the recycle bin please deposit it in the regular garbage bin.

DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING ON TOP OR OUTSIDE THE BINS

No plastic bags are allowed in the recycle bins

Block Captains

100	Lisa Welch	alwaysssumr@yahoo.com
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300	Don Wilson	doglwi520@gmail.com
400	MaryAnn Coluccio	coluccio@comcast.net
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1400	Loretta Rempe	loretta.rempe@yahoo.com
1500	Jan & Bill Ross	janandbill@aol.com

Hotwire

For ANY Hotwire issues call 800-355-5668. issues. If you have been gone for the summer and you have no service, unplug the boxes to reboot them.



Save the Date

Monday, December 11

11:00 am - craft by the pool. Crafts will be custom holiday gift tags and Christmas button crafts. A contribution of \$2 will be requested. If interested, please rsvp by text to Suzanne at (860)918-8589.

Important Information

The gates are up and running. If you do not have a car sticker enter through the visitor gate side. See Summer to get a sticker.

Set up your Visitors List

To set up your visitors download the MYEnvera App or go to MyEnvera.com. Adding visitors to your profile will make the guest entry faster. If someone is not on your visitors list you will get a call from Envera. If you do not answer your phone your visitor will be denied entry. If you need help setting up your list contact Summer or a Board Member to help you.

Phone Number

The Resident Service number for Envera is 877-936-8372. Please add this to your phone contact information. This is the number that Envera will use if they need to call you. It may also be used to report a problem with the gate and to add visitors to your list if you do not have access to the App or to a computer.

Pedestrian Gate

A key is needed to get in and out of the walk-in gate. This is the same key that is used to enter the pool. If you have lost your pool key or need an extra key Summer has them available for sale at \$75.00 per key.



Do not try to walk or ride a bike thru the gates. Use the pedestrian gate. It is very dangerous to try and beat the gate.

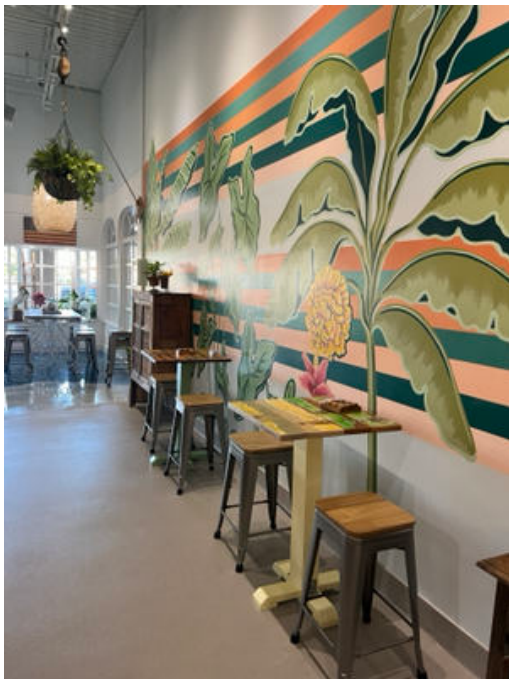


The Dunes Gourmet

Sunset Slush

at the Bluffs Square Shoppes

That's right – just a quick walk over to our neighboring shopping center, and down near the popular Café Sole, you'll find “Sunset Slush” – a delicious, traditional Italian ice shop! With over 30 regular flavors, and almost 20 unique ‘flavor combinations’, there's truly something for everyone! Still need convincing? Well, then just check out the ‘cuteness overload’ of this place. The local artist murals on the walls...the floor that is designed to look like gentle ocean waves meeting the sand... the games on each table that are fun for adults and kiddos alike! The staff is friendly and welcoming, and they even have a mobile ice cart to rent for special events. Here's their website for more information: <https://www.sunsetslushjupiter.com>



Maggie the Muscovy



Hello humans of VOOD. My name is Maggie. I am a Muscovy Duck and I have recently moved into (or I should say 'onto') the 600 block. And I'll be completely frank with you --- I did NOT submit the appropriate paperwork to rent this space, nor am I going to. And there's nothing you can do about it, so the blonde lady in the house is just going to have to manage her OCD, knowing that I am sitting up here on her roof, with leaves, twigs and perhaps a few eggs underneath my caboose...FOR FREE.

And WHY am I hanging out up here you might ask? Well, I just couldn't take it anymore with that nincompoop I married, Herman. He does NOTHING – what a waste of feathers. Doesn't work, doesn't clean up after himself, doesn't bring any worms to the table, NOTHING. I should have listened to my parents and flown North for the Summer... Ah well, when you're young you think you know it all. So, I decided to pack my twigs and 'move on up' to a penthouse.... I think I deserve it.

Now, about this section in your newsletter called "Pet of The Month" -- FIRST, I am nobody's 'pet' – especially that dead-beat-duck I left quacking around in the pond. SECOND, if your newsletter humans don't have pets of the month submitted for future articles, you might be forced to read more articles from me! 'Quack, Quack, Quack'. THIRD, in case you didn't know... when you hear us 'quacking' – we're not talking to each other, we are laughing at you. That's right - laughing and plotting which lakefront deck we are going to artistically 'decorate' in our own special way. Just thought you should know.

AND, if you did want to read more articles from me with my unique perspective, feel free to send me any topic or question to: tkat726@aol.com. I'm blunt, I'm cranky, and I'm about to be embroiled in a nasty divorce, so remember these things if you don't like the answers to your questions. Again – I should have listened to my parents that if I was determined to marry Herman, I should have gotten a Pre-Duck document drawn up. Ah, we're so foolish when we are young and in fine feather!

Thinking about Herman has now put me in a fowl mood...

Recipe of the Month

Homemade Easy Apricot Bread

By Norma Bravo

Apricot Bread made from scratch with fresh apricots and drizzled with glaze. This is a soft, sweet, quick bread recipe that is great for breakfast or as an afternoon snack cake with coffee. Easy to make and so delicious!



Ingredients

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar (lightly packed)
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg (room temperature)
- 1 cup milk (2% or whole milk / room temperature)
- ⅓ cup butter (melted and cooled) or you can use vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1-1¼ cups chopped apricots
- ⅓ cup chopped almonds

For room temperature remove the ingredients from the fridge approximately 60 minutes before using.

Instructions

1. Pre-heat oven to 350F (180C). Grease and flour a 9 inch (23 cm) loaf pan.
2. In a medium bowl whisk together the sugars, flour, baking powder and salt
3. In a large bowl beat the egg, milk, butter and vanilla until smooth and combined (1 minute). Add the flour and stir 4-5 times add the chopped apricot and chopped almonds and stir just to combine. It should be lumpy but all the flour is incorporated. Transfer the batter to the prepared loaf pan, sprinkle with sugar if desired (I used demerara sugar), bake for approximately 45-50 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let cool in pan then move to a wire rack or plate. Enjoy!

Notes

I drizzled a simple vanilla glaze on the loaf before serving. Combine 1 cup sifted powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon of vanilla and a couple of tablespoons of milk or cream more or less to reach desired thickness.

Once the bread is cooled to room temperature you can wrap it tightly with plastic wrap. It will keep well for a few days at room temperature or you can freeze it for up to three months well wrapped in a freezer safe container or bag.

Happenings in the Dunes

1200 Block Memorial Day Party



July 4th



Labor Day



In Case You Were Wondering

Create a Capsule Wardrobe

By Allison LaBossiere

To create the perfect wardrobe, invest in new pieces slowly and intentionally. Buy pieces that are better quality, well-constructed, and timeless staples that will stand the test of time. Consider your climate, career, and lifestyle when determining how many pieces of each category you should have in your wardrobe.

Capsule Wardrobe

A capsule wardrobe is just a mini wardrobe made up of versatile mix-and-match pieces that you wear daily. It's a combination of items you already own and love to wear, as well as new, high-quality items that you can integrate as needed. Try not to get hung up on the number, let the size of your closet and lifestyle guide you. Here's what you need to do to create a capsule wardrobe:

- Start by pulling out your favorite items and outfits from your closet to help you clarify your personal style. Take note of the items you pulled, including colors, fabrics, silhouettes, craftsmanship, and so on.
- Choose a silhouette that flatters your body and feels the best.
- Many capsule wardrobe influencers choose a number between thirty and forty pieces, including shoes but excluding pajamas, socks, underwear, and workout gear.
- A good trick is to space out your hangers to see what fits nicely in your closet with plenty of breathing room between each hanger.



Here are a few capsule examples to get you started:

- Casual Capsule: 10 blouses/sweaters + 3 jeans/pants + 10 pairs of shoes = 30 items total
- Practical Capsule: 10 blouses/sweaters + 3 jeans + 3 pants + 3 dresses + 4 jackets + 7 pairs of shoes = 30 items total
- Professional Capsule: 10 blouses/sweaters + 5 work pants/trousers + 5 dresses + 3 blazers + 1 trench coat + 1 jacket + 5 pairs of shoes = 30 items total
- Summer Capsule: 10 blouses/tanks + 5 light pants + 3 shorts + 3 dresses + 2 swimsuit coverups + 1 light jacket + 6 pairs of shoes/sandals = 30 items total
- If you require a separate wardrobe for your personal and work life, consider creating a mini capsule for each.



Pro Tips:

Curating a capsule takes time, so don't rush the process. Focus on subtracting items from your wardrobe that don't fit, flatter, or reflect your true style, and adding items that you'll wear, use, and love for years to come.

- I recommend that you get a Color Analysis done to ensure you are wearing the best colors for you.
- Group your shoes and boots by category: all athletic shoes together, boots together, sandals together, and heels together. Keep the ones that are versatile, stylish, and will make you feel confident. Let go of them if they hurt your feet, you can't walk in, have multiples in the same style/color, and are dirty or broken.

In my next article, I'll share tips for organizing your closet. If you want to learn more visit my post below:

[Six Tricks to Organize your Closet and Rock Your Personal Style – Design, Garden, & Travel by Majestic Meadows](#)

Wellness Tip of the Month

In the month of December, we often gather with family and friends. Holidays can often be happy and stressful. Strong relationships are important throughout your life. This month we will cover social wellness. As a child, you learn the social skills you need to form and maintain relationships with others. But, at any age you can learn ways to improve your relationships. It's important to know what a healthy relationship looks like and how to keep your connections supportive.

To build healthy relationships: Recognize how people influence you. Share your feelings honestly. Ask for what you need from others. Listen to others without judgement or blame. Be caring and empathetic. Disagree with others respectfully. Conflicts should not turn into personal attacks. Avoid being overly critical, angry outbursts, and violent behavior. Expect others to treat you with respect and honesty in return. Compromise. Try to reach agreements that work for everyone. Protect yourself from violent and abusive people. Set boundaries. It's okay to say no. Learn the differences between healthy, unhealthy, and abusive ways of relating to others.

Visit www.thehotline.org/healthy-relationships/relationship-spectrum. The National Institute of Health also offers a social wellness toolkit.

Wishing all of you a happy holiday and a healthy and happy New Year!

Lost and Found



A bin has been placed behind the bar area at the pool. If you have left anything at the pool check the bin.

Keep the Dunes Beautiful

There is no maid service at the pool!

Please clean up after yourself. All litter should be placed in the trash cans. Umbrellas should be closed when you leave to prevent damage to them. Please rinse off any sand before entering either the pool or the spa. Sand damages the filters.

A Reminder:

Hold the pool gate until it is shut.

Please do not let the pool gates slam. Aside from being annoying it will damage the gate.



Please pick up after your pet

We are lucky to be living in a dog friendly community. Poop bags are provided throughout the community. Please pick up and dispose of any waste properly. Do not pick up and leave the bag sitting there.



Classified

Jewelry Show

Meet Lori Lesser of Parklane jewelry. Have a fun afternoon of distraction and see a wide variety of jewels on **Sun 12/17** starting at 2:00 pm.

Park Lane Jewelry parklanejewelry.com

Lori 516-547-3352

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Lola Needs a New Home

Our cat, Lola, is being bullied by our other cats and desperately needs a new, loving home.

She is a beautiful four year-old tortoise shell cat with bright green eyes, and a tail that curls in a circle when she's happy.

She is sweet and shy, with a wacky personality and loving nature. She likes peace and quiet, catnip and laser pointer toys. She would be a wonderful companion for someone who needs a furry friend.

She is chipped, neutered and has all her shots.

We hope to find someone who will love her as we do.

Please call for more information or to arrange an introduction.

Barbara and CJ Walker 561-307 4130
561-762-8451



Games Available at the pool

Grandkids coming in? Want to try a new game? There are a variety of games in the cabinet located under the books at the pool. Feel free to borrow one. Play at the pool or bring it home to play. Just be sure to return it when you are done with it. If you have a game you no longer want place it in the cabinet for others to enjoy.



Connect Four

A Giant Connect Four game is available to play at the pool. Please be sure to put the discs back on the holder.



Game Equipment Available by the Tennis Courts

In the bin with the bocce balls is a mini version of cornhole. It is for everyone's use. Please be sure to return the pieces to the bin when you are done playing and close the bin to prevent water from ruining the equipment.

The horseshoes have been replaced and can be found in the horseshoe pit.

Reminders to all Residents

ALL changes to the exterior of your home require Board approval. An Architectural Change form must be submitted to Summer **before** doing any work. This form may be downloaded from the Villas of Ocean Dunes website.

Dumpsters

Contractors are to haul away any debris they create. Please tell them that they are not to use the garbage bins!

Bags with cans and bottles must never be placed in the recycle bins. Empty the bags!

Cardboard boxes must be collapsed. If they are too large they should be placed in the large dumpster.

Parking

Parking is a huge issue in the community. Please use your assigned spots. Guest spots are not for the use of owners on a constant basis. There is overflow parking at the tennis court or at the pool.

No street parking is allowed. Emergency vehicles, waste management trucks and your neighbors need to be able to pass. Do not leave your car in the street overnight!

Tennis Courts

No pets, roller skaters, baby carriages or bicycles are allowed on the tennis courts at any time. They damage the court surface.





**Deadline for December
Dunes Lines:
December 22**

**Next Board Meeting:
December 19**

**Thank you to all our contributors.
Without you, this newsletter would
not be possible.**

