

DUNES LINES

Happenings in The Villas of Ocean Dunes

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Missed seeing an issue of the Dunes Lines?
All issues of the Dunes Lines are posted on
the Ocean Dunes website:

www.oceandunesflorida.com

No password is needed

Picture of the Month



Please take note of the time change for
BINGO and Left Right Center. The games
will now take place at 2PM

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.

Games at the pool:

Mexican Train/Rummicube

Tuesdays at 2PM

Thursdays at 2PM

Book Club

Tuesday February 27

Book will be The Midnight
Library by Matt Haig

The March book will be Mad
Honey by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer
Finney Boylan

Water Exercise

Mondays and Thursdays at
9:30AM, weather permitting.

Bingo and Left Right Center

Mondays at 2PM

Check out the Ocean Dunes
Website:

www.oceandunesflorida.com

Email the office if you need
the password.

Welcome New Neighbors!



No new neighbors in the VOOD this month

Help out the Easter Bunny!



The Easter Bunny needs help!

The Easter Bunny will visit
Ocean Dunes again this
year. He needs help with
fillers for the plastic eggs.

If you would like to help the Bunny out with
wrapped candy that will not melt, small toys,
coins or a prize for the golden egg please drop
them off to Lin at 619 or Marie at 1426.



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
200	Jill Van Dresser	jvandresser@comcast.net
300	Don Wilson	doglwi520@gmail.com
400	MaryAnn Coluccio	coluccio@comcast.net
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1300	Phil Watson	Watsonplw@gmail.com
1400	Loretta Rempe	loretta.rempe@yahoo.com
1500	Jan & Bill Ross	janandbill@aol.com

Hotwire

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

Gates

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Look for the Super Bowl Squares by the pool!!

Crafts by the Pool

Friday February 9 at 11:00

Candy Jars

We will be making candy jars decorated like bunnies or snowmen. Please bring \$5 to contribute toward materials.

Please text an rsvp to Mary at (631)278-3952 if you can come join us!



Thursday Feb 22nd at 11:00.

We will be making modge podge fabric covered small flower pots in fun Spring patterns. Please text rsvp to Suzanne at 860-918-8589 if interested. Bring \$5.00 dollars toward supplies.

Fabric covered
PLANTER POTS



Friday February 23rd at 5PM

Social at the pool

BYOD & Appetizer to Share

The Dunes Gourmet

Pelican Cafe

612 US HWY 1, Lake Park
(561) 842-7272

thepelicancafe.com



Shrimp Special



Friday nights with Pam and Dave



Osso Buco



Music Lineup

Pet of the Month

Guyz

Allow me to introduce myself—I'm Guyz, a spirited 15-year-old Westie hailing from Alabama. Now, you might be curious about the plural twist in my name. In my early days, I shared my home with my wonderful parents, who happened to have me in a litter of puppies. When they would call us for dinner they would say "come on, all you Guys let's eat!". As fortune would have it, I became the last remaining pup, earning me the endearing name Guyz, courtesy of my loving parents.

At the tender age of 13, I embarked on a new chapter at Ocean Dunes, finding joy despite the loss of my previous owners. While I still miss them dearly, the welcoming atmosphere and friendly faces at Ocean Dunes have made it a second home that I cherish. I am living with what feels like my Aunt and Cousin. We may not be related by blood but my Mom and Aunt were like sisters growing up next door to each other in a small town in Alabama.

A social butterfly at heart, I relish the chance to meet fellow neighbors and their humans. If you happen to spot me during one of your strolls, don't be shy—stop by and say hello! I'm always up for a friendly exchange and a wag of the tail.

Warm regards,
Guyz



Recipe of the Month



M&M CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

1 bag of plain M&Ms 1 bag of almond M&Ms
1 bag of peanut M&Ms 1 bag of peanut butter M&Ms

DO NOT preheat the oven. DO NOT grease pan. Pour $\frac{1}{2}$ bag of each bag of M & Ms into casserole dish. Stir gently until evenly mixed (Approx. 2 minutes). Pour other half of each bag of M & Ms. Stir gently. Cover casserole dish with lid. Dish is now ready to serve. Do not forget the pot holders! Makes 20 servings. You must be an experienced cook to master this recipe!

Chef: Joanne Miller



Be A Good Neighbor



Join the Quiet Club!

Please help keep our pool area a quiet and peaceful place. Join the quiet club by simply holding the gate until it closes when entering and exiting.

Letting the gate slam behind you makes unnecessary and unneighborly noise. It also can damage the gate supports.

So next time you go to the pool, listen, and then ask yourself: Am I a closer or a slammer?

A little thought will make a big difference in keeping a quiet and peaceful atmosphere for your neighbors.

Thank you for being a quiet closer rather than a noisy slammer!

P.S If you're a noisy slammer, then you may have to think a bit when using the gate. But before long, you can change your behavior and become a Quiet Club member too. Thanks for your thoughtful effort. People trying to relax at the pool and neighbors who own houses near the pool appreciate it.

In Case You Were Wondering

by Allison LaBossiere

Personal Gallery Wall

One way to make your home unique is to include personal photos in your design. Many folks use family photos but, we used some of our favorite landscape photos from our travel. Over the past 20 years, we've spent time in many U.S. National Parks, as well as some amazing spots in Europe. We had fun going through our travel photo books and pictures. Seeing them every day brings back wonderful memories.



Choosing the Photos

As you can imagine, we have collected many photos over the last twenty years. To help us narrow our gallery wall options, we created categories:

- Lakes
- Rivers
- Mountains
- Deserts
- Structures
- Animals
- Waterfalls
- Canyons
- Flowers
- Beaches

Your photo categories may include other options, like family, pets, etc. You will want to measure your wall area, including the photo size and spacing to determine how many will fit in your space. Once you've chosen your categories, create folders for each and add the photos you are considering for your wall. The next step is to create another folder for your final gallery wall choices. Once you have your top 2-3 for each category, see how your top choices look together. For example, we wanted to keep this gallery wall happy and upbeat, so we eliminated any moody pictures.



Choosing a Printer

I chose 60 Minute Photo because they were conveniently located, offer high quality print options, as well as being locally owned and operated. You can download your photos directly to their site, but we brought a memory stick with the photos to the store. The staff were helpful and knowledgeable and offered advice on the best printing options for our needs. There are four printing options available.

<https://www.60minutesphoto.com/>

Print Options

Canvas – Create a custom gallery wrap canvas using your own photos. The printer will adjust the color and density to ensure the highest quality. These prints are a wonderful casual way to display family photos.

Print Photos – Your printer will use high-quality paper to create sharp digital photos in a wide variety of print shapes, sizes, styles, and finishes. You can ask a local frame shop for help, or you can carefully place your photos in frames from Michael's or Target. This print option can be modern, formal or something unique.

Acrylic Glass – Turn a favorite image into a stunning modern work of art. Our gallery wall uses 1/4-inch high-polished acrylic glass over the

printed photo. The 60 Minute Photo representative recommended acrylic prints for our landscape photos.

Aluminum Panels – Display vibrant and eye-catching work with the increasingly popular aluminum panels. Modern and durable, they are great for commercial applications or high humidity locations. We had an Etsy artist print one of his photos on aluminum, which looks great and works perfectly in our bathroom.



Visit my site <https://www.majesticmeadows.blog> for additional information on travel, interior, and exterior spaces.



Wellness Tip of the Month

Just as physical exercise is crucial for our health, constantly developing and feeding your mind is just as important.

This month the topic is intellectual awareness. The Center of Wellness and Health Promotion at Harvard University state some of the benefits of intellectual wellness include:

1. Improved cognition, concentration and memory.
2. Clearer thinking with a more stimulating life.
3. The development of personal values and opinions and an open mind.

Have you ever forgotten someone's name, the day your child was born, or your sister's birthday? Every day our brains must process thousands of different pieces of information. A doctor once told me, he compared the brain to a computer. When we are born, we have lots of memories to build. When we get older, like a computer, we have lots of memories. Our brain has so many memories, it is often hard to remember new ones.

Here are some steps to improve your memory:

1. Pay attention – a lot of forgetfulness is simply the result of not listening or concentrating properly.
2. Practice makes perfect – Whether you play a sport or play the piano, you must practice keeping those skills in mind.
3. Play brain games – Remember the saying “use it or lose it”. You can do memory games, crossword puzzles, jumbles, or jigsaw puzzles to name a few.
4. Visualize memories – The more you visualize, the stronger the connections in your brain and the more lasting the memory will be.
5. Write or draw in a journal – You can relive day to day events and journalizing can also reduce stress.
6. Get lots of sleep, lots of memory storage occurs while we sleep.
7. Exercise can improve your memory and protect your mental health. Depression is related to volume loss in the brain and is also linked to short- and long-term memory problems.

REMEMBER memory and forgetfulness is never fixed, no matter how bad you think your memory is; everyone can improve!

Classified

821 OCEAN DUNES CIRCLE FOR SALE

EXCELLENT CONDITION!! MANY UPDATES!!

**Spacious, single story end unit with skylights
2 Bedroom + Den/Office Area / 2 Baths - 1593 SQ. FT
Impact Windows and Doors throughout
Recently updated main electrical panel, AC, water heater
\$629,000 Call Beth at 561-841-4141**



FOR SALE

**Desk and small file cabinet. Excellent condition. \$300
Carol Kelley 1005**

FREE

I have a new firm twin mattress (grandchild slept on it twice) to give away for free. Please contact Mary Stokkers in 219. 631-278-3952

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Home • Big Dog Ranch Rescue



BIG (and little) DOG RANCH RESCUE DONATIONS

- If you have any bed linens, towels, rags, small rugs, bath rugs or blankets that you do not need, please donate to this local dog rescue site. Drop them off on the front porch of 1005. Or, you can call me to pick up from you. Carol 561-758-3361. If I don't answer, please leave a message. I will take all donations (year round) to the rescue site in Loxahatchee. They constantly need these items.
Unopened treats also needed.
Thank you so much for your consideration and caring spirit.


Carol Kelley 1005



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.**



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. If you turn the fans or the TV on please shut them off when you leave. If no one is at the pool when you are leaving and you see them on, please turn them off.

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.

REALLY??????



Please pick up after your pet

So you walk your dog and he/she poops. You pick it up in a poop bag, tie it in a neat knot, and place it on top of the bag dispenser and you think your job is done. WRONG BUCK-O. Take it to the dumpster, now your job is done.



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 to the cabinet 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.

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.

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.



A Note from the Editors

We are in search of The Pet of the Month , Recipes and Restaurant Pictures for the Dunes Gourmet. Please send an email to DunesLines@gmail.com for more information.

Marie, Tara and Lin



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

