

WHITLEY BAY

The Whitley Bay Condominium Newsletter

August 2015



July 4th fireworks as seen from Whitley Bay

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Loretta Bowers (#606)	May 5
Becky Saunders (#503)	May 17
Larry Ramsay (#1206)	May 25
David Perley (#401)	May 26
Diane Verner (#805)	June 3
Scott Brooks (#1103)	June 13
Merrily Jensen (#603)	July 17
Pat Lacano (#PH01)	July 31
Richard Isom (# 502)	Aug. 2
Gary Goodwin (#906)	Aug. 12
Judy Houston (#1203)	Aug. 20
Chantal Leconte (#802)	Aug. 21
Janet Cody (#702)	Aug. 23
Judy Shrader (#402)	Aug. 29
Kerri Ouellette (#1106)	Aug. 26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Bobbie & Bob Btozman (#305)	May 3
Carol & Tom Jensen (#504)	May 5
Judy & Lang Houston (#1203)	May 11
Becky & Wayne Sanders (#503)	May 23
Judy & Bob Shrader (#402)	June 23
Margherita & Larry Ramsay (#1206)	July 16
Diane & Don Verner (#805)	Aug. 5
Sheila & Mark Bonvallat (#1202)	Aug. 19
Ahmed & Donna Meligi(#PH02)	Aug. 21
Kathy Stillson-Perley & Dave Perley (#401)	Aug. 28

If we did not mention your birthday or anniversary please update with one of the Co-Editors of the newsletter.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS...

Please welcome Sarah and Joe Donnelly who moved from a loft in downtown St. Petersburg into Suite 304. They have three adult children and one grandson. Joe, who was born in Philadelphia and moved to Miami when he was 12 years old, is a retired federal agent working with Homeland Security in counter-terrorism. The family lived in Mexico City for 3 years, Puerto Rico 2 years, and Washington, DC 8 years. Sarah was born in Ft. Lauderdale and is a retired program analyst for the Department of Justice and U.S. Health and Human Services. They love international travel, cruising, cooking, dining out, and spending time with their family. Their next trip will be in Sept. to Denmark for a friend's 25th wedding anniversary.

Michael Hall and Jayne Lusk (working on tying the knot for 13 years now!) joined our community in May. Michael and Jayne have been watching Whitley Bay sales for several years and decided to grab Suite 904 in preparation for future retirement. As for now, they both continue to work at Coca-Cola World Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. Michael enjoys college football and playing guitar (a wanna-be pub performer!) and has a 15 year old son, Preston, living in Norman OKGo Sooners!!!! Jayne enjoys event planning and catering (Social Committee, here she comes!). Jayne grew up in Brevard (Merritt Island High, Class of '76!) and all of her family resides here in the area. Jayne has fond memories of fishing off the banks of Whitley Marina in the early 80's and in the early 60's dining with her parents at Chastain's in Cocoa Village. Michael and Jayne look forward to meeting everyone and spending as much time as possible in Suite 904 until they permanently retire to what they describe as "Brevard's unquestionable premiere condominium residence..... Whitley Bay." Welcome Michael and Jayne!

We are also happy to welcome Dr. and Mrs. McClure who will be moving into Suite 506, we look forward to seeing you.

A message from the President of WBCA... Stan Bowers (Suite #606)

On behalf of fellow Board members and myself, I would like to welcome our new residents to the Whitley Bay Community. We have had a lot of change in residency over the past six months. If ever you have a question, suggestion or concern, please do not hesitate to contact a Board member or your Floor Captain. A list of Board Members and Floor Captains are posted in the Official Bulletin Board located in the lobby next to the mail boxes. Another good point of contact is our Management Company, Reconcilable Differences, which can be reached at 321-453-1585 or via [email](mailto:recdif@earthlink.com) at recdif@earthlink.com. This link, <http://www.reconcilabledifferences.net/WB.htm> will direct you to the website maintained by Reconcilable Differences for our condo which contains a lot of useful information. Again, welcome to Whitley Bay. Thanks for making our community your home.

We have a growing issue with dogs urinating in our elevators, the lobby and common areas. If you walk your dog, please be vigilant; observe your pet's actions. Don't wait until the last minute to take them out. Our Condo Documents require that you take your pets out of the building through the garage, not the front door. If they do have an "accident" in the common areas of the building please be considerate and clean up after them, as you would do inside your suite. Your neighbors will appreciate it. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Anyone observing adverse actions regarding pets should contact a Board Member and provide the pertinent information.

Update from the Social Committee...Loretta Bowers (Suite 606) and Lindsay Leinss (Suite 1003), Co-chairmen

The following is the schedule through the end of 2015:

Indian River Queen	Sept. 13
Holiday Party with Alfie Silva	Dec. 6

Anyone interested in joining the Social Committee, please contact either Loretta (321-631-5153) or Lindsay (321-4221373).

Getting Together for fun.....

Join us Monday nights for fun, food, and fabulous conversation, and laughter. On most occasions we try to pre plan a designated location based on a posted signup sheet in the elevators that can accommodate our group. Please let us know your suggestions for eateries that serve 12-20+ people.

The Whitley Bay "**Hot Pins**" get together for bowling (no experience needed) at Shore Lanes Bowling Center located at 600 North Courtenay Parkway on Wednesdays at noon followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Any ladies interested in having a fun filled afternoon please contact Loretta or Lindsay.

Happenings around Whitley Bay...

Congratulations to Donna and Ahmed Meligi ... (Suite PH02)

On August 21, 1971, Donna and Ahmed were married in Chicago. Thursday they celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary.



The Jensen's Latest Odyssey Continues... submitted by Carol Jensen (Suite 504)

From May to August of this year, Carol and Tom Jensen took four back to back cruises which carried them east and west across the North Atlantic and took them to fourteen countries including Canada (Nova Scotia), Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Russia, Estonia, Poland, Belgium, The Netherlands, England, Ireland, and Scotland. Obviously there is too much to tell about our experience for these pages, so I will only hit the highlights. We were impressed with the wealth, cleanliness, and lifestyle of Scandinavians who have free healthcare, free college education, clean energy, paid family leave and high taxes but seem to be thriving and happy, despite what we considered to be very cold weather. The Norwegian fjords and snowcapped mountains were beautiful and visiting North Cape (Nord Kapp), the northernmost point of Europe on the Arctic Ocean facing the North Pole, was an accomplishment. We experienced the midnight sun in Norway and the White Nights of Russia. The opulence of beautiful St. Petersburg, Russia, the city with 600 palaces, was absolutely breathtaking. Our Russian guide, who spoke seven languages fluently, was highly educated and an unlimited source of knowledge on Russian history, art, architecture, music, and politics. Tom particularly liked the amber factory in Poland, where we learned that amber is tree sap that has been petrified and is only found along the Baltic between Russia and Poland; that it will burn and smells like incense; and it floats (just in case you want to check for the genuine article). We were disappointed to find that the trains of Germany are not as reliable as those in France and Italy, especially when two of them broke down, requiring us to unload and reload our heavy suitcase TWICE!!! Speaking of trains, when we crossed from Copenhagen into Germany, the train pulled onto a ferry to get across the western tip of the Baltic Sea --- YES THE WHOLE TRAIN!!! That was a new experience. The North Sea and the Baltic were calm much of the trip, but decided to hit us with a Force 9 gale, just to keep us awake for 24 hours. The Atlantic was fogged in for six days on the way over as we dodged icebergs. On the way back we had less fog, but we again were diverted south to avoid the icebergs. At least this time we got to see rugged Iceland, which was also impressive for its glaciers, volcanoes, icecaps,

geysers and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge where you can see the evidence of the fissure as the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates pull apart. Iceland provides heat and hot water for the whole country using the geothermal water underground. The pictures below tell the tale. The trip was clearly quite an adventure for us, but we are glad to be home at Whitley Bay.



Flam, Norway



Olden, Norway



Near the Troll Wall, Andalnes, Norway



Nord Kapp



The Midnight Sun

St. Petersburg, Russia



The Church of the Spilled Blood



The Hermitage (Formerly Catherine the Great's Summer Palace)



Inside the Hermitage



Peterhof Palace

Iceland



Carol frozen in front of Gullfoss Waterfall



Mid-Atlantic Ridge



Strokkur (Iceland's E equivalent to Old Faithful)



Pipes carrying the hot water



Glacier in the distance

Parking Committee.....Diane Verner (Suite 805)

An owner has expressed an interest in renting out their permanent parking permit (red hang tag) for either short term or long term use. If there is anyone interested in renting this tag, please contact Diane Verner either by email at dverner100@aol.com or by phone @ 321-544-0563 for further details.

How to Maximize the Thrill of "SMUSHING"... Ted Clark (Suite 903) *Smusher EXTRAORDINAIRE, Whitley Bay Branch*

As all professionals, I am prone to criticize the work of others who are clearly NOT good "Smushers". Not all Whitley Bay residents seem to have understood this considerate AND pleasurable action.

For those of you who may not know of the art of "Smushing" it is the careful attention to and the physical action of reducing any RECYCLABLE to it's minimum CUBE before putting it in the Recyclables' Containers located at the East Entrance of our garage.

"SMUSHING" is the act of simply standing/stepping on or otherwise making smaller all those plastic and cardboard items which take up space in the containers. "Smushing" is best done when in your suite so that only you or your live-in can hear the exquisite noises smashing produces.

I personally delight in the sharp crackling that the plastic personal drinking bottles make when I CRUSH them in my hand...remember, I have been physically trained by Reno Sanchez over the past eight years specializing in triceps and lower wrist strengthening. The larger sized milk containers softly respond to a fist at either end...take your choice fisting or stomping (be careful here...this may need some delicacy), they reluctantly but slowly respond to constant pressure and soon take up half the space they formerly occupied.

Now, the plastic juice/soda bottles can pose a problem. They are STIFF! Here I recommend the careful positioning of the shoed feet or foot so as to smash the center. (Do this with the bottle on the floor and a hand on the wall to steady you. The "standing on the counter" method is very dangerous...don't even try!) Once the center collapses it is easy to position the shoe over the still standing bottom or neck and applying pressure to fold them toward the center. I have realized about a loss of two-thirds the cube of the original bottle. If the bottle refuses to reform/collapse, discard it as is. Further smashing attempts will result in frustration and possible injury...its not worth it.

I find no immediate pleasure in smashing cardboard boxes although small ones do respond to the foot technique for plastic bottles (above). I like the use of a large pocketknife to either cut the tapes holding boxes together or trying the same knife on cutting the glued panels free so as to collapse the box into large sheets. Stomping may be the desired method for some boxes. I sometimes stand on flat shoe box tops and kick the corners out to flatten them, but then, to each his/her own! The thrill comes not from the action but from the realization that my cardboard cube has been reduced to the size of a daily newspaper instead of a washing machine! DO NOT put pizza boxes in the interior recycling containers nor down our trash chutes. They go in the OUTSIDE cardboard container on our West side garage door.

I hope these instructions will give you the fun and pleasure I enjoy BEFORE I take my recyclables to our space-(cube)-limited Recyclables' Containers. If you need further guidance, I am on "LinkedIn."

Whitley Bay Insurance Information...

Each year some mortgage holders request insurance certificates for flood, hazard or other coverage on the association property. Some even claim if you don't have evidence of coverage, they will purchase a policy on your behalf. If you receive a request for any insurance certificates on association property, the quickest way to request this information is to fax your letter to A Professional Ins. Agency or you may call them at 321-751-1677 or email: lburke@profinsur.com.

Your Letter should include the following:

1. Name of your condo
2. Your name, address, and phone number
3. Mortgage company name and address listed on the request letter and fax number if noted. (Also known as Mortgagee Clause, usually a P.O. Box)
4. Your mortgage account/Loan number

OR - Submit requests by **Fax: 321-751-1678 – Attn: LeeAnn Burke**

(You can fax the letter from the mortgage holder. Just verify all of the above information is listed, as they don't always list your condo name on their letter.)

AND remember: You can take advantage of "wind mitigation credits" on your personal "H06" policy. You can obtain the wind mitigation forms on line at www.reconcilabledifferences.net, then go to the photo of Whitley Bay on the right side of the screen, click there and the form is on the left side of your "page".

Hurricane Preparedness...

Are You Ready? We are entering the second third of the Hurricane Season. So far, we have not been exposed to any potential threat of a hurricane. This enclosed link from the National Weather Service, [Tropical Cyclone Preparedness Guide](#), will take you to a very thorough guide to "Hurricane Preparedness". Please take a few moments to review this document so that we all may be better prepared.

Parking by our residents at Mariner's Square.....

The Board of Mariner's Square is graciously allowing our residents who have additional vehicles, over the two allowed to be on our property, to use their lot during the overnight hours. **If you should need to use their lot, please ensure you move your vehicle by 8:00 AM.**

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