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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello West Shore Village:

Summer has arrived and now we prepare for hurricane season. Our crew will be cleaning the gutters.

As our seasons come and go, the virus has chosen to stay around. We ask everyone to do the right thing and protect their health and that of others.

Our crew sanitizes the pool area tables, chairs and restrooms at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday. Volunteers are doing this work on Saturday and Sunday.

The Board approved and passed the Rules and Regulations Rule Book at its Thursday, July 16 meeting.

Every Tuesday at 9 a.m. sharp a workshop meeting is held at the Clubhouse. We encourage all directors and residents to attend and we welcome all questions and comments. We do want to hear from you.

As a reminder, all residents must have a sticker on their vehicles. We have over 25 vehicles with no stickers. Please contact your director to arrange to get one. You must fill out a form and have your registration and driver's license with you to receive one.

I want to thank Linda Delaney and Toni Herting for gathering and updating our list of email addresses (adding over 30), which has been out of date for a very long time. Toni developed a spreadsheet to determine whose emails were missing and Linda visited each household to request their contact information. It's very important to have everyone's email should we have to put an alert out to our community.

Thank you to all the volunteers working with us to put WSV back in compliance with our rules.

Have a nice summer and stay safe.

Thank you,

Ted Allen
President, WSV Board of Directors

TO THE RESCUE!

Volunteers surround one of three manatees rescued June 24 in Clam Bayou park. A female, her baby and an adult male swam into the spillway but couldn't get out again due to lack of rain and low water. Dozens of humans came to their aid. It took more than four hours of intense work, but by the end all three were captured, assessed and released from Maximo Park.

(Photo and information from Sandra Stollman)



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FROM OUR CREW

Hi Everybody:

I hope my note finds everyone healthy in this trying time. As with all things, this too will pass and we can tell everyone we lived through "the Great Pandemic of 2020."

I myself cancelled my vacation due to a persistent cough and went and got tested. It all came out negative and when you see me out and about I will have my mask close at hand. I believe it will help stop this virus.

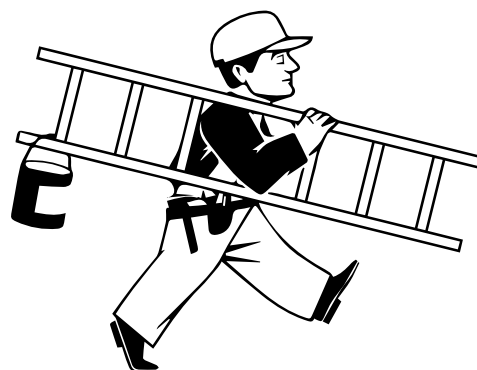
The staff and I are considered "essential" and we have been here every day. I want to thank everyone for their help as I see everyone using the sanitizer equipment throughout the clubhouse and pool area. We sanitize these areas in the morning, and with everyone else doing it through the day together we are doing our part.

There are a number of gutters we have to clear, but this is the season of storms in the afternoons and the rain makes it difficult to clear them without making a huge mess. We get to the roofs at least twice a year; some are done almost every three months because of the trees. Every time we have a thunderstorm it blows debris back on the areas we just cleared.

If you have a gutter that is causing a problem, give me a work order and I will get to it. I'm working in Village 5 as the newsletter goes to press and will be heading to Village 1 next.

As usual, if you need us, the best way is a work order through One Source, but the other ways are still available.

Until next time,
Joe & Staff



FRIENDLY REMINDERS TO OUR RESIDENTS

- Please put your garbage out for pick up by 7 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Garbage should be in large trash bags securely tied and placed in front of your garage. If you place your trash outside before the morning of pick-up, make sure it is in a bin with a tight fitting lid. Unsecured trash is vulnerable to critters such as raccoons, possums and rats rooting through it and making a mess.
- Driving/parking across the lawn should be avoided at all costs. Cars can crush lawn sprinkling equipment, leading to expensive repairs.
- All owners are responsible for communicating the West Shore Village rules to their tenants, guests, contractors and visitors. If you have any questions, please direct them to your village directors.
- Dog owners MUST pick up after their dogs! Village 6 in particular has a problem in an area between buildings 3106 and 3111 where there is a large open space near the wall. If you see anyone who is not picking up, please remind them.
- Keep your cars locked to avoid having your vehicle broken into or stolen. Be vigilant! A vehicle was reported stolen from WSV in late June and found at an apartment complex nearby.
- Mosquito control: Look around the outside of your homes where water could be collecting. It could be anything from large planters to an aluminum can. Make sure they are empty. Mosquitos love to breed and lay eggs in stagnant water. (Information from Pinellas County Mosquito Control contributed by Brian Distelzweig.)

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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Editors Note: Edith wrote this birthday invitation in June. Some parts have been condensed and paraphrased since her birthday celebration took place July 2, 2020.

Greetings to all my concerned neighbors who live in Village 6 in the beautiful complex named West Shore Village in South St. Petersburg, FL.

When I saw on television that the world is applauding daily at 7 p.m., their time, to express appreciation for thousands of diligent people working around the corona virus, I asked my neighbor Joe Sposoto to join me. He did. Soon others joined us outside. They included our Village 6 Board Director Marilyn Cisek, our newest resident Connie Nye, her two daughters, Sidney and Eliza, and a stranded visitor, Lucianna (aka Ms. Lu) and her two little boys.

It was Kerry Hatfield and Tim Taylor that published our effort by way of Facebook and in our monthly West Shore Village Newsletter. They printed my name, Edith Solomon, and my upcoming 98th birthday, which is July 2. You were asked to wish me a happy one. Please, please, it would make me happiest [if you join us and] clap 60 times for all those on the front line of this pandemic. There are 1,440 minutes in a 24-hour day, 60 seconds in a minute, so 1 minute out of 1,440 to demonstrate that we care would make me happy.

You'll feel good if you do it. Imagine doing the same positive thing with thousands of people around the world at the same time. WOW.

You'll enjoy meeting your neighbors. We're already forming great friendships. We don't discuss politics, religion, race or other news, not even the virus. Just empathize with those that serve. In Village 6 we also make a special effort to gather on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. at the end of 37th Lane S.

This is dedicated to Florence Carpenter, my daughter-in-law, who lost her husband, my son, Edward Carpenter, on 4/22/2020 to the virus. Twenty-two neighbors came out to applaud the efforts of the covid-19 workers and offer condolences to me. Thanks to all of you!

Resident Edith Solomon celebrates 98th birthday

By Debi Roll, Village 6

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, West Shore Village residents gathered at 37th Lane to celebrate the 98th birthday of resident Edith Solomon.

The birthday celebration was an opportunity for friends and neighbors to support Edith on her momentous 98 years of life. She was thrilled that so many people came out to wish her well.

Edith was delighted to receive several cards and gifts of cookies, flowers and eggplant parmigiana. Attendees sang "Happy Birthday" and Connie Nye, along with others at the party, sang a parody of a song by recording star, Lizzo, which Edith loved.

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MAKING NOISE

Edith Solomon bangs on a pot to honor health care workers caring for victims of covid-19 during festivities July 2 in West Shore Village marking her 98th birthday. *(Photo by Sandra Stollman)*



PARTY TIME

WSV residents help Edith Solomon celebrate her 98th birthday. *(Photo by Carl Mastaglio)*

Resident Edith Solomon celebrates 98th birthday *(continued)*

Edith is a beloved neighbor and friend to those who know her. Many may recognize her as the person who has led the handclapping, whistle blowing and pan banging aimed at honoring the healthcare workers who have cared for those affected by covid-19.

Edith began this show of support after her son Edward and his wife were diagnosed with the virus in New York. Tragically, Edward, her only child, passed away. This was a devastating loss. Edith is a woman of faith, and her source of comfort came from the support she could show healthcare workers around the world. She says she reflects daily on the power of faith and her "attitude of gratitude" for others who provide care and support to those in need.

Call her a sweet, caring woman, call her a warrior of social issues, call her woman of faith, or call her a force of nature ... Edith is all that and more. If you are lucky, you can call her your friend!



FOLLOW UPS FROM JUNE

The suggested caption for the photo of the live egret and the decorative egret:

"I can't understand why she keeps rejecting me!" Larry Moore

Identification of the plant in the photo titled "Blooming Beauty":

Yucca: Marian Halligan

WINGED BEAUTY

A butterfly rests on a blade of grass.
(Photo by Anthony Bonanni)



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BITS AND PIECES

- **FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL HOUR:** WSV residents are invited to gather Friday, Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the WSV Club House to meet and socialize with their neighbors. Beer and wine will be provided. Folks are also welcome to bring their own beverages and snacks. Masks and social distancing will be required.
- The Social Committee Steering Group has decided to suspend all spending as we try to determine the future impact of the virus and its effect on the return of our seasonal residents. Whereas we have made deposits for entertainment for the 20/21 season, we hope once the virus concerns diminish, we can return to a somewhat normal lifestyle within our wonderful village. Please continue to collect items for our upcoming Garage Sale this winter. (Contributed by Dick Grimshaw)
- Paula Blanda of 40th Way S., president of the Woman's Service League, reported that league members collected supplies and \$500 that were donated to St. Pete schools in need to provide children backpacks filled with supplies and vouchers for medical, dental and eye exams.
- **Pet care exchange:** Is anyone interested in starting a pet care exchange? Instead of kenneling your pet or paying someone to care for it, you could trade "pet care" hours with a neighbor or neighbors. Email Helen Simon at vtwriter@comcast.net if you're interested.
- **Pinball Arcade:** We are sorry to report that the Pinball Arcade Museum mentioned in our last issue has closed until further notice because of covid-19.
- **Display ads:** Interested in buying a display ad or know someone who is? Here are the rates: Full page ad, \$600 annually or \$60/month; ½ page ad, \$400 annually or \$35/month; ¼ page ad, \$180 annually or \$20/ month; business card size, \$120 annually or \$15/month. Please send all files in jpeg or word.doc format to vtwriter@comcast.net. Make your check out to West Shore Village News and mail it to: Newsletter Ad Payment, 3276 38th Way S, Unit A, St Petersburg, FL 33711



West Shore Village OFFICIAL Facebook Page



The Association has developed an Official West Shore Village Facebook Page. This page is a private group intended for residents to use to interact and share pictures and information. If you are not on the Official page you can go to the page, answer several questions, like are you a resident, and request to be part of the resident Facebook page. There are several West Shore Village Facebook pages out there, but this one is private for West Shore Village residents. The best way to locate the Official page is to bring up our new website, westshorevillage.net. Scroll to the bottom of the page and there you will find our new Facebook link.

HUMOR ME

*A guy walks into a bar and takes a seat. Before he can order a beer, the bowl of pretzels in front of him says, "Hey, you're a handsome fellow."
The man tries to ignore the bowl of pretzels and orders a pilsner beer. The bowl of pretzels then says, "Ooooh, a pilsner, great choice. You're a smart man."
Starting to freak out, the guy says to the bartender, "What the heck? This bowl of pretzels keeps saying nice things to me!"
The bartender says, "Don't worry about it; the pretzels are complimentary."*

Editor's Note: If you don't like this joke, email yours to vtwriter@comcast.net. Include your name and village number.



BLUE HERON & DUCKS

Local residents reflected in Clam Bayou.
(Photo by Sandra Stollman)

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TIKI DOCKS MOVES INTO THE SKYWAY MARINA DISTRICT

By Bill DeYoung
St. Pete Catalyst
August 1, 2020

It's still possible to get away to a beach-themed restaurant in the Skyway Marina District. Just don't call it the Getaway.

That particular grill and bar, an offshoot of the successful Gandy Boulevard Getaway, opened with great fanfare in mid-2018, and abruptly closed 13 months later.

The new tenant is Tiki Docks Skyway Bar & Grill, and it opened at the end of July.

"We saw an opportunity to connect with the community, which is what we prioritize when we are looking at almost every location that we decide to do something creative with," said Tara Matheny, Vice President of Brand Development for Tampa-based 23 Restaurant Services.

In St. Petersburg, the company also operates Ford's Garage on 1st Avenue S. Sake 23, the company's Asian-centric St. Pete dining establishment, closed in April.

Tiki Docks has an entirely new menu, new employees, a new paint job and new, tiki-themed décor. Otherwise it looks very similar to the Getaway – the outdoor bar, adjacent to roomy Maximo Marina, remains. With real beach sand. There's both outdoor and indoor dining amidst a tropical, beachy motif.

23 Restaurant Services has leased the property from the Getaway's owners.

"On our very first site visit, we met members of the community who said they were very excited that somebody wanted to bring in good food, good service, and to connect with the community," explained Matheny. "So it just balanced out very evenly with what we were looking for.

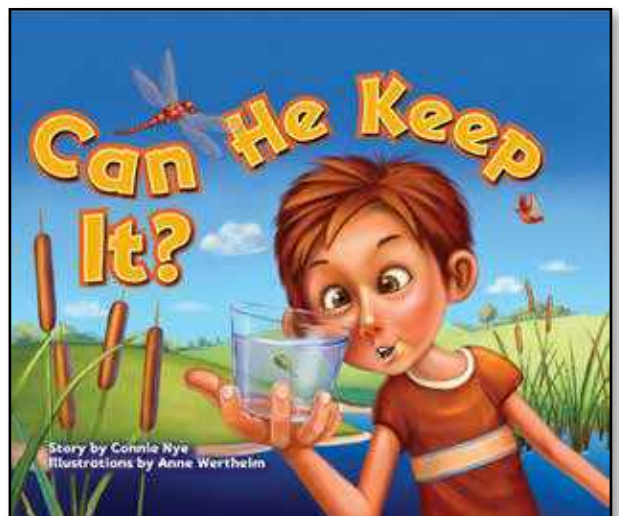
"The conversation wasn't based on the previous business. The conversation was this: 'We want a place to go, whether it's lunch, or dinner, or a few drinks after work.' They want a place to enjoy. They're craving that."

Editor's note: Reviews of Tiki Docks by area residents on Nextdoor.com have been very favorable. A sample:

"My sister and I went today and it was all fabulous! Lots of staff present, they followed clean/safety protocols, SO friendly, had happy hour specials 3pm-6pm, food/drinks were amazing! Many choices on the menu. Great atmosphere, lots of fans to keep the breezes flowing - plenty of spacious seating inside, outside and at the bar. Stayed over 2 hours! By the time we left the place was jam packed and I am pleased to say Tiki Docks gets a giant size thumbs up from me and I will go regularly!!!" (Laurie Calamici, Maximo)

HELLO NEIGHBORS!

My name is Connie Nye and I moved here permanently from Pennsylvania in May. I have published a wonderful children's book about nature, ponding, and environmental stewardship. Although the story takes place in Pennsylvania (with a geography lesson embedded), the message is applicable to all kids who like to explore, catch critters and ask the question, "Can I Keep It?" If you'd like to buy a copy, please contact me at connie@sweetwatered.com or go to the online site Etsy and search for ConnieNyeSweetGoods. A small donation from every sale goes to environmental education endeavors to create future water stewards. I also make and sell jewelry using recycled straws that help to sponsor my summertime Girls' Canoe Camps (not running this summer, unfortunately).



SOCIAL COMMITTEE PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2020/2021 SEASON

Day	Date	Time	Event	Price pp.	Entertainer & Remarks
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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

THU	Sep 30	3:00 PM	Decorate Clubhouse for Halloween		
FRI	Oct 2	5:30 PM	First Friday Social		

NOVEMBER 2020

FRI	Nov 6	5:30 PM	First Friday Social		Halloween Theme/Prizes for Best Costume
MON	Nov 9	3:00 PM	Take Down Decorations		
THU	Nov 19	5:30 PM	All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner	\$10.00	Dinner at 6:30 PM; With Background Music

DECEMBER 2020

TUE	Dec 1	3:00 PM	Decorate Clubhouse for Christmas		
FRI	Dec 4	5:30 PM	First Friday Social		
SUN	Dec 13	5:30 PM	Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance	\$15.00	Entertainers: Wheelhouse Band Dinner at 6:30 PM

REAL ESTATE CORNER

Information in the Real Estate Corner is from MLS listings, courtesy of Smith & Associates as of July, 27 2020.



FOR SALE

3223 38 th Way S #C	2BR/2.5BA Townhouse	1,180 sq. feet	\$185,000
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PENDING

3285 40 th Way S #E	1BR/1BA Townhouse		\$115,000
3281 38 th Way S #C	2BR/2.5BA Townhouse		\$159,900
3285 40 th Way S #B	2BR/2BA Townhouse		\$228,000
3268 39 th Street S #C	2BR/2BA Townhouse		\$235,000
3281 38 th Way S #E	1BR/2.1BA		\$107,000

SOLD: LAST 3 MONTHS

3275 37 th Way S #B	2BR/2.5BA Townhouse		\$140,000
3139 38 th Street S #A	2BR/2BA Villa	1,100 sq. feet	\$182,000
3246 40 th Way S #C	2BR/2BA Townhouse	1,180 sq. feet	\$150,000
3255 39 th Street S #B	2BR/2.5BA Townhouse	1,180 sq. feet	\$155,000
3357 38 th Street S #C	1BR/1BA Villa	735 sq. feet	\$110,000
3275 37 th Way S #C	2BR/2BA Townhouse		\$155,000

SPECIAL NOTES

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NEW RESIDENT INTRODUCTION

Hello! My name is Kelley Petrill and I live on 40th Way S. I am from Greensburg, Pa., and just moved to Florida recently. I have several family members in the area.

I am a certified medical reflexologist, certified in Reiki levels I & II, and a licensed massage therapist. I am certified in lymphedema massage. I love to make my own natural remedies and love helping people who are new to holistic health or just want to feel better. I have a home-based business called Crossroad Wellness. I also work at Florida's Natural Farmacy at 2370 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr St. N. in St. Pete. I have two sons, Dakota, 25 years old, and Angelo, 22.

LUBBER GRASSHOPPER / LUBBER LOCUST

Poem and illustration by Connie Nye based on a find in West Shore Village

*I love a grasshopper
But a lubber grasshopper
Has got to be a favorite of mine*

*Pink, yellow, black, orange
And scarlet colors serve to warn
That this is not an insect on which to dine*

*A native of the southeast
This harlequin-like mini-beast
Has long legs covered with piercing spines*

*Not well-equipped for jumping
His movements are quite clumsy
As he walks slowly around, but he can climb*

*You might find him on vegetation
But don't approach him, only face him
Cuz another of his defenses is not benign*

*He eats crops so is a pest
But what he also ingests
Are plants that he uses to help him survive*

*Giving him irritating chemicals
That hiss and bubble from his spiracles*
When he's threatened, spreads his wings, and "lets it fly"*

*So show respect for this creature
Another of nature's teachers
That has evolved into something quite refined*

*Colorful but fierce,
With talents different from his peers,
A creature in which beauty and the beast align*

**insects do not have lungs and instead "breathe" through spiracles, which are little openings in the abdomen*



RESIDENT SPECIMEN

A grasshopper enjoys the sunshine in West Shore Village.
(photo by Anthony Bonanni)



CLCKR ~ Universal Phone Grip & Stand....

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Smartphones are typically designed to fit in the palm of your hand. That works well when you're simply answering or making a phone call. However, today's smartphone devices have evolved into so much more than a "phone" device. We use them for streaming, viewing videos, video chats, speakerphone conversations, selfies and so much more. So, the ability to hold your smartphone steady, and for longer periods of time, can become challenging.

The CLCKR "S", for small, **34290 Universal Phone Grip & Stand** may be the inexpensive smartphone problem solver you've been looking for. This handy little gem prevents phone dropping and fatigued hands. Thin and stylish it easily attaches to most phones since it uses a 3M adhesive that leaves no residue should you desire to remove it. When affixed, wireless magnetic charging is still possible. You can handhold your smartphone by simply slipping your fingers into the grip's strap, or use the strap's pullout feature to place it in a portrait or landscape position on almost any surface. The grip is available in several different colors and two sizes as well as in a case model that also incorporates the grip feature. The larger model is designed for iPads and similar devices. As with most heavy-use items, the durability will be determined by the use you give it. Being an inexpensive accessory it's easily replaced.

MSRP: \$7.99 - \$14.99 ~ based on size/model ~ GADGETEER's RATING: ★★★★★

(TIP: The CLCKR S 34290 fits most current models of smartphones. It does not fit most cases or battery-pack style cases.) For more information go to: <https://www.clckr.com> *Graphic credits: Manufacturer*

