

The Savoy on Palm Newsletter

Note from the Editor

Betsy Cole

Heartfelt thanks to our Board for agreeing to serve for another term. They have worked full time on our behalf to make the Savoy what it is and what it will become. Thanks to each of you from all of us. It is because of the incredible devotion and participation of the individual owners that we have become a very special Savoy community. To assure the continuing "good life" together at the Savoy, it is incumbent upon each of us to serve in some capacity on committees and/or on the Board.

With local elections behind us I think it is also important to support our local city commissioners. I have included their email addresses to put in your 'group' emails. That should make it easy for you to send off emails to support the good things they do and oppose issues you do not support.

Please note the new upcoming social events.

Thanks to those of you who responded with information for your newsletter.
Happy holidays to all!

Message from the President

Peter Fanning

All of the committees functioning as part of the administrative structure of the Savoy are of tremendous importance, and their members take their responsibilities with dedicated seriousness. One of those committees, the Rules and Procedures Committee, has a particularly difficult task that often requires almost Solomon-like deliberation in making sure we have guiding principles that make living at the Savoy a pleasant and desirable experience, while at the same time assuring that the rules recommended to the Board are not overly bureaucratic or burdensome to our members. At times, the work of this committee can be personally frustrating and discouraging for its members as rules which seem reasonable and which are necessary for the orderly conduct of living in a small, family-like community are criticized, ignored or otherwise disregarded by individuals who believe the rules are for others. Seemingly lesser important standards such as making sure the fitness equipment is left in a clean condition for the next user by wiping it down after its use (there is always a container of handwipes on the counter) to the potentially life saving rule of not using the elevator in case of a fire emergency improves the physical and psychological well-being of the entire community. It only takes one or two persons who decide they "know better" than the rest of the community to create a small

amount of havoc in the quality of life we all wish to have at the Savoy. So let's all get behind the efforts of this committee by becoming familiar with the rules, reviewing with our guests and visitors those rules which have the most relevance to them during their visits and by using an orderly process of communication to improve the rules you think can be modified or recommend rules to be added to improve the comfort of living at the Savoy. I know Marge Mesirov and Toby Kaulkin will be glad to hear your suggestions as co-chairs of this important committee.

Wishing you, your families, visitors and guests a safe and happy holiday season full of order, compliance and good cheer!

Upcoming Savoy Events

Parties - Mark your calendars!

***November 28, 2007** Welcome back Savoy owners' party. 6:00 @ the pool. **Bring only your bottle to the bar.** We will provide plastic glasses. There is no glass around the pool. It is very informal. Invitation posted on your bulletin board.

We are happy to announce there will be 33 people at the party! Not bad out of a possible 45!

***New events!** As it gets colder and darker, some people may not be as inclined to go to the Sunday night pool get together. The social committee is sponsoring a new 'end of the week get together' once a month. On the **2nd Sunday of every month** we will have a very informal, pot luck, international cuisine night. A committee member will sponsor the evening and post a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the post room on the first of the month. Any attendee must contribute a dish from that country. The committee member will orchestrate the numbers we need to provide for, as well as balance the menu.

The television will be available for game watchers!!

Schedule follows:

Sunday January 13, 2008 – Italian Cuisine – Betsy

Sunday February 10, 2008 – French cuisine – Lynda

Sunday March 9, 2008 – Chinese – Coots

Sunday April 13th – Greek – Marge

Sunday May 4th – Mexican – Leslie

***Anyone interested in a game night, or afternoon** (bridge, marjon etc) there will be a sign up sheet in the post room. Marge will coordinate the event.

***There will be a series of lectures** by owners who have a field of expertise or interest. After the initial primaries, Peter Fanning has agreed to give a talk about the health care position of the candidates. Date to be announced. If

you have a talk you would like to give please contact Betsy.

***February 3, 2007** Super Bowl Party. 5:00 3rd Floor party room. Pot Luck. More details to be announced.

***February 24, 2008** Condo Peep and Oscars party. Catered. 3rd floor party room. Details to be announced.

*@6:00pm **Sunday evenings**, owners continue an informal BYO food and drink @ the pool/barbeque. A nice way to wrap up the week.

Meetings

***1st Thursday of every month** 4:00 pm Board of Directors meetings will meet on 3rd floor until further notice.

* **January 29, 2008** 9:00 am Social Committee Meeting 3rd floor.

* **December 12th** 9:30 am Wed. Facilities meeting 3rd Floor

Reminders

Rules and Regulations

*Do not leave cardboard boxes in the garage except in the designated dumpster on the 1st floor. Break them down before you leave them.

*The outside appearance of our building is shared by all of us. No resident may erect or install any exterior lights, decorations or signs.

*The Life Safety Committee requests you to turn off lights and set thermostat to 76 when leaving the Exercise room.

*Be sure and read your Rule Manual. The committee has made a tremendous effort to make our communal living respectful and enjoyable.

Notice to Residents

The Social Committee has requested from the Rules Committee an amendment to the 'No food and drink rule' around the pool.. They asked to make an exception only when there is a Savoy sponsored all-inclusive party. The Rules Committee responded positively. With board approval, they granted that change for our Welcome Back Party at the pool this Wednesday.

*By this printing you should see the results of the hard work of your landscape committee. (Dee, Bea, Betsy) The cement urns by the fountain can not be planted until the cracked urns are resolved by the Turn-over Committee. The roses and potato vines are planted in their own pots and placed within the large urns until they can be planted into the soil.

Helpful Hints of the month

*City commissioner emails
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Louann is the mayor & Kelly the vice-mayor

Resources

* Closed circuit TV channel is 57

* At Beaver Creek Car Wash on US41 and Clark they have the 2008 calendar. January '08 has a photo of all the bay front condos. Savoy is very much in the picture. Dee

Owner News No news without participation!!

@ Town.... Restaurant//Theater/Events picks and reviews

*The December Palm Avenue walk (1st Friday of every month) will be very special this month.

*Our wonderful new Payne Park has a Sarasota Film Society Moon Light film series. People bring blankets to the park and sit on the hill and watch a film. Great for grandchildren. To see upcoming Holiday films check out:
<http://sarasotafilmfestival.com/assets/pdf/moonlight-movies.pdf>

*Eldens recommend the following restaurants:
Derek's on Central 'Fabulous food, very N.Y. Soho style and casual.
The Cork on the Circle.
Café L'Europe,
Zachs or Flemmings for steaks.

P.S.

Dina Lareau has resigned as chair of the facilities committee. We all want to thank Dina for her incredible job chairing the Facilities Committee this last year. Her tireless and dedicated devotion has been part of the foundation creating our wonderful lives at the Savoy. None of us can begin to imagine the hours and hours she has constantly given to us in this very challenging endeavor. The mats, the grill brush, and countless other items clearly did not just appear at the Savoy on their own! Dina has paid careful attention to details, represented our interests to the board and spent countless hours on our behalf this last year. Thank you, thank you Dina!!

Billy Roe will be our new Facilities chair, and we thank Ann Bladstrom and Gary Jones for joining the facilities committee!

Dee Wernick, resigning from the Landscape Committee, also deserves heartfelt thanks for the wonderful job she has done on the landscape committee this last year! Thank you Dee!

We are all extremely fortunate for those who continually contribute to the whole, especially during this hard transition time.