

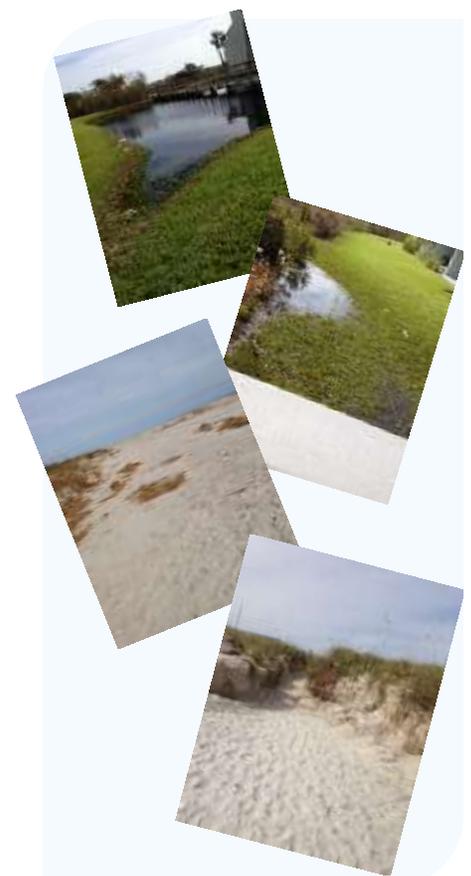


November 2016

We survived Hurricane Matthew!

It was a bit scary leaving our condo to the vagaries of the weather. No one really knew how bad things would get but we were very fortunate that the dunes, which some of us were frustrated at having to clamber over to get to the beach, undoubtedly saved our property. Others north, south and west of us were not so lucky so we will be forever grateful. The work on the ocean front and Schooner South roofs probably prevented more damage to these buildings during the storm, so that was money well spent. The gardeners are clearing up the fallen branches and trees at the entrance to the property and roofs have been patched up where shingles had blown away in the high winds. The beach took the biggest hit and has completely changed in appearance. However, the cleanup has begun and the city has made a huge difference to it already. The lagoon at the boardwalk, which presently doesn't have an outlet, overflowed and left standing water on the roadway for quite a while but has now receded and all contained within the pond area, albeit at a high level. Vivian, who lives on the island, manned the office when no one else could make it in and kept everyone informed immediately afterwards. Efram did a great job with the cleanup and temporary help was hired to assist him for speedy results.

Pics taken 28 October



Our roadways are looking really smart!

In May we had all the roads redone with fresh asphalt. While there were some initial problems and the company was brought back but the finished appearance is very favourable. Take a look at the before and after pictures and decide for yourself.



South side
<before
after>



Entrance
<during
after>



Roofs replaced on ocean front buildings and Schooner South.

Although it was about three years before they were due to be redone, it was obvious that the roofs of the ocean front and Schooner South units were sorely in need of attention. This was expedited and in good time before Matthew hit. Inspections have been carried out on all roofs and a programme of work drawn up.



Work
In
Progress



Lagoon gets new pilings - ongoing project!

To prevent erosion around the lagoons, there is an ongoing project to replace pilings. Gary and his team will continue to work on this as the very scarce pilings become available.



And...as if we didn't know...

...St. Augustine named one of the 10 healthiest places to live in America!

MONEY magazine named St Augustine as one of the top 10 healthiest places to live in America. It was part of their annual "Best Places to Live" report. The outcome was based on factors such as access to medical care, rates of common diseases and the residents' own assessments of their personal health. The magazine stated, "People who live in this coastal town - as well as other communities throughout Florida - die less frequently from heart disease compared to folks in other cities and states". Now that can't be bad, can it?



Dates for your diary:

Board meeting - Saturday, 21 January 2017 - 10am in clubhouse

Annual meeting - Saturday, 1 April 2017 - 9am in clubhouse

Future issues

If you have any newsworthy items you wish to share with other owners, please contact lizpaterson3@yahoo.co.uk. You can send me pictures too to compliment your topic.

