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## Hello Everyone!

Well, here it is "SUMMER" in Vero Beach! Most of our busy winter residents have headed up north again... Once again, I think Gary & Maddy will be the last ones to leave! ...But not before a trip to **Pearls** for a farewell dinner! What a fun evening! These 2 are a real pair of "night-owls!! But after years of getting to know many of our winter neighbors, becoming more than just "acquaintances" ... It does leave a void. We will certainly miss them all, and wish them a relaxing and happy summer! (...Snowbirds just don't **know** what they're missing during a Florida summer, do they?).

We will hold down the fort...keep an eye on each other's property, walk our quiet streets... sit by the pond and watch the wildlife (maybe a glass of Chardonnay in hand), try and keep "pool crashers" in tow ... That's about our only excitement! Hopefully it will be a quiet summer here...but a relaxing one at the same time.

Let's see....where to start.... I hope many of you were able to enjoy the various plays performed at **the Vero Beach Theater Guild** on Victory Ave. The theater was renovated a number of years ago and is the home of local Vero Beach (and beyond...) talent. Of special mention were 2 of our very own VWS resident's, Ruth & Art Haerberle! Not only did they both perform in "The Sound of Music", but Art also helped direct the play! Needless to say, once the initial planning started, Art was very, very busy. The play was wonderful and a big success...but I'm sure Ruth and Art were exhausted by the end of it! Congratulations you two on a great job! Maybe next year you can recruit some of our other VWS neighbors!! Hah!

And how about the entertainment at **Riverside Theater**?? What a gem we have! There were great speakers (Vernon Jordan, Karl Rove, Mitt Romney), terrific plays ( 42<sup>nd</sup> St., I Love You, Now Change), and special events such as

"Old Las Vegas Night" with music, gambling and food, or the special "Supper Club" night with dinner, drinks and music! (With a nice, little gift shop,too.)

And **the V.B. Performing Arts Center** was busy this season too! Chamber music, live opera, drama and more!

The **Majestic Theater** also has live opera from the New York Met! Quite a few of our neighbors have really enjoyed this experience. I think the men usually go "kicking and screaming", but surprisingly end up liking it! It has turned out to be a great hit with local audiences... What a great idea! The best of opera....with your own popcorn and diet coke!



**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL THEATER**

**VWS Community Entertainment.** The Haeberle's have initiated a fun game throughout the neighborhood which seems to be spreading and spreading. It's a dominoes game called "Mexican Train" (no one knows why....) It's easy and fun...barely any thinking required (making it even "more" enjoyable). I think you can have up to 6 or 8 players. At any rate, it comes in a silver metal box and I believe you can find it at Walmart. It makes for a fun evening....a few friends, a little wine and a little entertainment (a lot less stressing then 'charades'!!). More and more of these tin boxes are showing up throughout VWS! During the quiet months ahead, you may want to gather some friends and give this a try!

For a really mindless, yet fun game...with a little gambling included...is "Left, Right, Center". This is a dice game. All you need to do is roll 3 cubes! How hard can that be?? This game can be found close to the cash register at any Walgreens in a small, clear plastic tube. We play where everyone starts out with 3 one dollar bills...(the high rollers might play with 3 five dollar bills!) But the good thing is that you can't lose anymore than what you started out with...\$3! *The more people that play, the more fun...with 8 to 10 people, the dollar bills get passed back and forth all evening long....of course, there should be some beer and wine included!*

And what's not to enjoy about the new game Pat and Larry Moore have introduced...Tripoli....what? At first you think there is no way you'll be able to understand and catch on, but then...baby steps....and it all starts to fit together! It's 3 games in one and is really fun! Some skill, some luck, some betting and some poker! ...Maureen...did you win the big "pot"?? And thank heaven "Bob" was there to simplify what had been a "very" confusing aspect of the game! Whew!

And did you know that last year at the Alzheimer & Parkinson's Assoc. 5k "**Walk to Remember** VWS had a Walk Team? Yes! "The Village Walkers South"! It was...small...but a very enthusiastic team (8 of us)! A beautiful 3 mile walk along the river, under the trees, cool breezes. There were even some neat freebees handed out by the Sponsors...This year it will again be held at Riverside Park on Sat. Nov.13, 2010. A small donation gets you in the event...VWS colors are a yellow t-shirt. If you think you'd like to help raise money for a terrific cause, please email me and I'll get you signed up! (Jeanne, you love walking...right?)

And of course....summer means the 'pool' will all be ours! Right? That is pretty nice! Although you won't really want to go 'into' the pool....at 95 or 98 degrees you might really need a bar of soap! BUT DON'T!! It's private, but not that private! Anyway...so the summer goes.... Quiet and hot!

Our VWS team of "master engineers" seems to have our front gates functioning very well (let me find some wood to knock on....). Thank you Steve Guest, Robert Guest and Tom Collins for all that work! There is talk that since they seem to be working so well, they might be scheduled to run 24/7 sometime next season....

Well...I spoke too soon. Just last night something happened to the gates and they "locked-up" in the closed position! ...people couldn't get out and people couldn't get in... It seems to be of prime importance to set up a "procedure" for what should be done when something that serious happens. As Mike Hanner can attest, there were some very unhappy people lined up there...including him in

the pouring rain. Our “master engineers” are trying to locate and correct the problem. Until then, the gates will remain open.

**\*\*\*There is also some talk** of changing the code to the entrance gate and possibly the code to the pool gate. Summer seems to be the time when we get a number of people “crashing” our neighborhood and pool. If this gets instituted, all homeowners will be notified well ahead of time.

I hope you all had a chance to notice the great job of pressure cleaning that was done on the club house and pool deck! It’s all sparkling again! Thank you to Tom Collins and Gus! (Tom may only spend part of the year with us, but we sure get our “money’s worth” when he’s here!) Some of you may have noticed the Barker A/C truck at the clubhouse. Part of the unit went down over the Memorial Day weekend, but that didn’t seem to deter Mike and Christine Henry from having a lively holiday party! It certainly looked like a fun time!

I don’t know if many of you were here to watch that beautiful, big Oak tree get removed at the front entrance....But it was diseased and had to go... And because of that, am I the only one who’s noticed that the “Towing” and “No Soliciting” signs stand out like an ugly, sore thumb?? Hmmmm.... Let’s ponder that for a minute....

The rest of the community may not have noticed, but Dale Bushong has been “extremely” busy throughout VWS! Lots of pruning and cutting back. On Sixth Lane we have each hired him to buy and lay mulch in our beds...and what a great difference it makes...both in appearance and weed control! Of course, he gives us a great price on the mulch and his labor, so we’re very lucky and very happy folks! I guess some neighbors were thinking that the HOA was paying to have this done....LOL! We aren’t there, yet!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Dale lost the work crew that had been with him for a number of years (and did such a fine job throughout our community). As in most professions, once that happens it takes awhile to find the right people to fill the job...and he’s had to go through that. Recently I have noticed that this crew seems to be doing a very good job...trying to catch everything that needs doing. I hope they can keep this up, because once summer really hits, everything’s going to be growing like WEEDS! (speaking of which, did I mention having fresh mulch laid really helps keep the weeds under control....).

**NEIGHBOR NEWS!** Of special note is the wonderful art work Dann Jacobus has been involved with. One of his favorite hobbies is “Civil War Reenactments”. He has performed in a number of these reenactments over the years...plus creating and sewing his own authentic period clothing! Last year he was commissioned by the Virginia State Parks Assoc. to complete a large canvas painting depicting frontier life around the Fort 200 years

ago. With the aid of a camera, he photographed fellow re-enactors as the subjects and spent the next 3 months painting them onto the canvas. The painting was unveiled at a 3-day re-enactment event at Martins Station near the Cumberland Gap in Virginia where nearly 1,000 fellow re-enactors and 1,000 guests participated. (I wonder if we could spot his beautiful wife, Michelle, in that painting somewhere.) Apparently, once it was unveiled, everyone had great fun looking for

people they knew in the painting...and of course there were plenty of prints on hand to sell as keepsakes! Beautiful job, Dann!  
(Maybe Hank would like to sign up for one of these "reenactments"!)

Terry and Betsy Myers just got back from a wonderful trip to Italy, France and Spain! They were pampered in luxury on a beautiful cruise ship...one of their "very" favorite things to do! Good health kept them active and on the go!

And Elaine and Fred Meder recently arrived home from a trip to beautiful Bermuda! What's not to love about the turquoise waters, pink beaches, gentle breezes and lots of shopping and sightseeing? I know they must have had a terrific time!

Pat and Larry Moore may not have made it out of the country, but they're certainly making the rounds of the "grandkids"! A trip to visit family is always the best of trips! Soccer games, lacrosse, excitement and laughter! It's certainly a time to enjoy! You can't grow old with all those kids around! Now, get busy with that garage door, Larry!

Bob and I don't often have much going on with us, but we just finished with our daughter Kathi's wedding in Key West. She's our one and only, so it was very exciting for us! The ceremony took place on a large deck above the beautiful Gulf water with the sun setting in the background. ...It was one beautiful and fun evening! Now we can officially call Matt "son"! We couldn't be happier for those two!!! And as a bonus, it was a terrific family reunion for both

sides of our families. We didn't get to visit with them much in Key West, but made up for it when they all came back to Vero Beach with us! Fun and laughter, it can't get better!

And "Congratulations" to Erica Getz & Scott Howder..two of our favorite neighbors! ...February 13<sup>th</sup> was a very big day! They became engaged!! CONGRATULATIONS! A small wedding is planned for Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> here in Vero Beach. She will make a "beautiful" bride!

Have you heard the exciting news from Joanne Conine? Her daughter, Julie, and son in law, Brody, are expecting their first baby! They will be finding out any day now whether it's a boy or a girl...I'm thinking it's a baby girl! This will be Joanne's first grandchild and as you can imagine, she's on "cloud nine"!!!  
Congratulations, Jo!

And Chris Dean has a very special trip coming up! To celebrate Chris's birthday, her children have rented a big, beautiful house in Key Largo for a week's vacation with the family! Between spending time with her 3 grandsons and spending time snorkeling, she'll be on "cloud nine", too! And I know she'll get those little ones snorkeling in NO time!!! Fun, Fun, Fun!

Personally, I'm thinking of a trip to an area I've never been to, but would love to see. Washington State....in particular, Whidbey Island and Victoria, B.C. I've heard so much about the beauty of the area. And we could visit family and good friends at the same time!

### **DRAINAGE WORK HAS BEGUN!**

By the time this newsletter comes out, everyone should have been notified about the **DRAINAGE WORK STARTING IN VWS!!!** Can we believe it??? This has been such a long, slow process...I remember walking the east end property when the Kollman's first brought it to our attention. We had the county engineers out with us...we had private engineers...we had attorneys... specialized

attorneys...on and on. Once the issue grew...and grew...the Board meetings became more and more vocal. And you could repeat the progress information until you were blue in the face, but people were still upset! No more so than the Board was, though! The next Board had years of “trials and tribulations” on this project as well. Nothing was easy... They did a heck of a job getting it finalized! We all owe you a huge debt! Thank you for all the hard work! Anyway, from what all I’ve heard...**THIS WILL BE WONDERFUL!!!** Drain pipes will be buried, grates installed, drives will be dug up, swales will be dug up....wow. **FINALLY!!!** (I see a street party in our future!)

The work crew should be here for about 2 weeks. I know it looks very messy right now...mud in the streets, lawn with tire tracks running through them, shrubs dug up, but I’m sure everything will be put “right” before the job is completed. This is a time to be patient and give the crew a chance to do their job. If you have questions, please email me or call me at 562-1949.

### **HURRICANE NEWS!**

Again, Hurricane season has started...and for every forecaster you listen to, you hear different predictions. So it’s in our best interest to read the Hurricane Guides and be prepared. A major improvement is that there are more local Hurricane Shelters where you can go with your pet. So...if you have a pet...or two, (Betty, Jeanne, Verity) you had better check this information out now. Get all the information you may need ahead of time (the shelters may require proof of vaccinations, early registration, etc.). Also, if you have hurricane shutters and have an installer, it would be a good idea to reconfirm with that person now, not later. People move, people become ill, people change their minds...so make sure you have a person lined up who is still doing the work! **Some installers from last year:** Scott Howder 562-3295 (Erica Getz’s fiancé) Dave Muscato 321-6102 (he’s done a lot of work for residents), and Gus 559-0926 (VWS handyman)

### **RESTAURANTS!**

**Carmel’s** (at Miracle Mile) and **Stella’s** (Rt. 60 & 43<sup>rd</sup>) have both closed! Too bad, Stella’s was terrific. It has reopened under a new name and is called **Bonnie Lee’s** (not sure if these are new owners or not). They have great hours...opened for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The restaurant has a fresh new look with teal and white awnings wrapped around 2 sides of the building as well as large new wrap-around windows, plus fresh paint...They have a good sized patio with umbrella tables and lots of hanging plants and shrubs surrounding the area. It’s very attractive. We stopped by for lunch, but there wasn’t a parking space available!

**DOWNTOWN: The Undertow** on Old Dixie has closed, but it has a new look and reopened as a new restaurant called **Stax**...I wonder if they’ve spruced up the enclosed back courtyard...it could be great! Haven’t tried it yet. It’s right next to the **Café Mojo & Roastery**...which now boasts sidewalk tables. Also, right around the corner was the once very popular **TomKats** which sold out to a different owner, who then closed....and has reopened once again! The new name is **Boci Trattoria** and they are open for breakfast and lunch. Two reviews have come in already and said that it was “very” good! And **Bodega Blue** is right down the street on the corner on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Hopefully, many of you have tried the **GreenHouse Café** on 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. (next to Don

Smith's Paint Shop and across the street from the main post office). Great atmosphere, wonderful outdoor patio, yummy food, live entertainment, but a limited menu. And down a few doors from that is **Kata by Sake's** restaurant and bar. Sleek, upscale atmosphere and a great bar area.

**MISC:** **Fujiyama Steakhouse** out by Home Goods is fun and they cook at your table...just watch out for "flying food"! They do look a little lonely out there...I hope they make it! Everyone still seems to crowd to the **Olive Garden!** Love those bread sticks and salad! Don't know how **Mr. Manatee** is doing...it was looking pretty dated and worn last time we were there. Have you ever tried "**Mrs. Mac's Fillin Station**" on Old Dixie north of 8<sup>th</sup> St.??? It is certainly a unique, fun place to stop. You can't believe the creativity inside! Prices are reasonable and food is good...they're very busy around meal times...breakfast, lunch and dinner! **Szechuan Palace** on 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and Rt. 60 is still one of my favorite spots...one of the old Sexton buildings still going strong!

**BEACHSIDE:** On the beachside next to Humiston Park is **Nino's**. It is still going strong and now has a number of outdoor bistro tables on the new bricked sidewalk. They are right next door to the **Citrus Grill** in the newly completed building on the ocean. The outside deck is wonderful for a leisurely meal with that great panoramic view of the water! The interior acoustics could use help ....especially during their busy times. Their menu is quite limited, but they do have daily specials...now open for lunch and dinner. **Ti Amo Sempre** has closed

on South Beach and is still empty. But what a great spot this has turned into...**Mulligans Grill** at the Holiday Inn beachfront! It is so tropical and fun looking...both inside and out...with a very large, yummy menu! The owners have done a great job with this. I especially like the colorful Adirondack chairs on the lawn over- looking the ocean...a mild breeze, a cool drink...yea! And everyone needs to experience **Casey's** on Azalea Ln., **Cravings** on Ocean Dr. and **The Red Onion** north Ocean Dr.!

**CLOSE BY:** **Ay! Jalisco** at Miracle Mile is a relaxing place for good Mexican food. **Kelley's Irish Pub** across the street has GREAT sandwiches!!! And what's not to love about our own little neighborhood restaurant **Italian Delight**, right next door? Family owned and operated, yummy food, cheap prices...it's great!



**AND SURPRISE**...The new "**Sonic**" Drive-in restaurant with (curb-servicers on "roller skates") should be opening any time now!!! I believe it's a California chain...at least that's where we know it from. They had a big menu with great food! I hope they live up to our expectations. They are located right across the street from "Boston Market" on US#1. And what beautiful, heavy landscaping! Wow!! Impressive!

**ONCE AGAIN...THE RESTAURANTS ARE  
"OURS" FOR THE SUMMER!!!**

## MOVIES

**The Hangover** – very funny, but a little crude sometimes.

**Alice in Wonderland** – Johnny Dep – fantasy- amazing creativity but strange.

**Date Night – Steve Carell & Tina Fey – action comedy – too, too funny!**

**Avatar** – adventure - amazing creativity, good story.

**Sherlock Holmes** – Robt. Downey & Jude Law – action mystery/I need to see it again.

**Blind Side** – Sandra Bullock – a wonderful “feel good” movie.

**Iron Man 2** – Robt. Downey – action comedy – not as good as #1, but fun!

**Robin Hood** – Russell Crowe & Cate Blanchett –adventure!!! Great! (What’s not to love about Russell Crowe in chainmail??)

## ROADWORK

The City and County (or some contractor) have LOTS of people on their payroll right now... South US#1 is still under construction, but it’s finished enough that traffic moves smoothly. At US#1 and 16<sup>th</sup> St. you DO NOT want to go west! It’s a huge construction job and even though a lot of it is finished, it’s still a nightmare to get through to Old Dixie. The same with Rt. 60 west of the Indian River Mall....awful! And of course all the construction doesn’t keep some people from speeding and driving recklessly!

## NEW CONSTRUCTION



The new office and shopping plaza on the curve of Miracle Mile where it intersects with Indian River Blvd. should be about ready to open this July. It will be called “**Modern One**”. I must say, it looks great! I wasn’t too impressed once the buildings were painted...but with all the add-on’s and decorative motif’s, it’s looking great! As a matter of fact, one of our residents’ son’s owns a restaurant that will be opening there called **Brewgrrs** (no, I didn’t misspell it!). It’s supposed to be very upscale yet reasonable...with outdoor dining! Eventually it will be opened for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Also in that plaza with be clothing shops, a dry cleaner, chocolate shop, and a wine bar called **Cork!**

The 3 Avenues complex across the street is still a huge mess. Two of the old buildings are all torn down now...leaving a huge chunk of the area roped off from use. **Joey's restaurant** is doing well. So is the new **Panera Bread**. But I think the parking really stinks! The smaller establishments have to fight for customer parking...I think the lessee's, the developer and the city are in discussions about it now...and rightly so!

### **A Personal Note:**

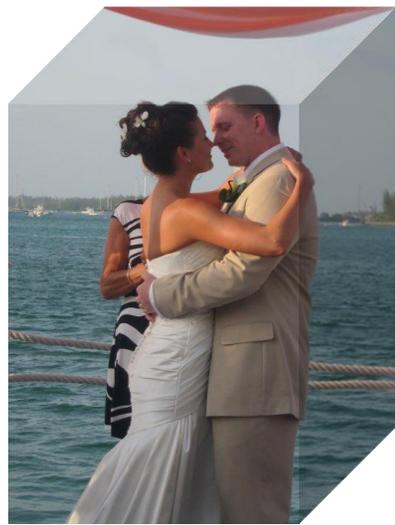
We would like to express our deep sympathies to Deb Coburn , our Site Mgr., and her family on the sudden loss of her husband, Sam, on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Something that happens this suddenly is very hard to understand... If you would like to send a condolence card to Deb, the address is: Kurtell Medical Center, 777 37<sup>th</sup> St., Suite B 100, Vero Beach, FL 32960

I think that's about all for now. If you have any news, pictures, or ideas for next time, please email me!

The last page will be a few photographs...your pc may or may not be able to pull them up. Enjoy!

**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A HEALTHY, HAPPY SUMMER!**  
**SAFE TRAVELS!**

**Frontier Painting by Dann Jacobus (in blue)**



**KATHI & MATT**