



HAMMOCKS UPDATE

January 2019

<http://www.hammockscapehaze.net/>

OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Hammocks Office Weekdays

Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or by appointment

Non-emergency Issues: Complete a Work Order Form (found on website; email to lynn@sunstatemanagement.com; or in holder on wall outside office door- insert completed form in mail slot in door)

Questions? Contact Sunstate Staff: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri

Phone 941-870-4920 or email: lynn@sunstatemanagement.com

Night and Weekends/Emergencies (24/7): Phone 941-870-4920

Other questions? Contact a Board Member (Contact Info at <http://www.hammockscapehaze.net/>)

**Hammocks Cape Haze Office: 8660 Amberjack Circle Englewood, FL 34224;
941-698-2989**

ASSOCIATION NEWS

New Board Members Installed: The three Hammocks associations held their annual meetings Saturday, January 26 in the Ibis Clubhouse. Following the owners' meeting, each association's Board of Directors met separately to organize and elect their officers. The directors and officers are as follows:

Master Association Directors: Debbie Maysack, President
 Jeff Dreher, Vice President
 Marty Atkins, Secretary
 Carolyn Maddy-Bernstein, Treasurer
 Linda Kerr, At-large

Preserve Association Directors: Francis Stenglein, President
 Marty Atkins, Vice President
 Ed Tatro, Secretary
 Jim Ackinson, Treasurer
 Wheaton Vaughn, At-large

Villas Association Directors: Karen Allison, President
 Jim Kerr, Vice President/Treasurer
 Ken Garland, Secretary

Contact Information for Board members is located on the Hammocks Website
<http://www.hammockscap haze.net/>

Villas Association News: We welcome back 2018 Villas Board members for another year of service! There was no need for an election, as only three owners volunteered to serve. Your Board looks forward to continuing to serve our neighborhood.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Master Association News: Thank you to Craig Conlon for four years of dedicated service to the board of directors. Besides serving as treasurer and diligently looking for ways to use our fees carefully; Craig is our resident irrigation expert. His term expired this year. There was no need for an election, as there was only owner, Jeff Dreher who volunteered to serve.

The next board meeting is Monday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Preserve Association News: Thank you to Amy Ells for her service as a board member. The association did not have an election this year as there was only one owner, Frank Stenglein who volunteered to serve. At the organizational meeting, owner Ed Tatro was appointed as a board member.

The next board meeting is Monday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Preserve Board Vacancy: The Preserve Association announced there is an opening for an additional board member due to a resignation. Owners who wish to be considered for appointment may contact Lynn Lakal at lynn@sunstatemanagement.com or call the Hammocks Office at 941-698-2989.



Nature's Corner

By: Merry Shaurette and Karen Ackinson
Certified Florida Master Naturalists

Nursery in Our Nest?

You may have noticed some increased activity in our Osprey nest in the pine tree at parcel three lately. Without the ability to see inside the nest, we can only speculate what may be happening. It seems that the pair is sticking close to the nest, with one staying in the nest



Figure 1 The female protecting the nest (Picture by K. Ackinson)

most all of the time. This behavior usually signifies the presence of eggs or newly hatched young.

Generally speaking, Ospreys live and breed near open water, nesting near either fresh or salt water. They are permanent residents in southern Florida; migratory elsewhere. Migrants travel singly, not in flocks. Experts believe they may mate for life.

The Osprey, sometimes called a fish hawk, was formerly classified with other raptors but is now placed in a separate family of its own. They have very unique talons that are unlike other birds of prey. They are able to maneuver their outer talon to a reverse position and have spiked pads for better gripping ability. This aids in holding on to slippery fish. The eyes of an Osprey face

forward, which provides binocular vision, increasing their ability to estimate distance and focus on prey.

Along coastlines, lakes, and rivers almost worldwide, the Osprey is often seen flying over the water, hovering (sometimes as high as 50-200 feet) and then plunging feet-first to catch fish

in its talons. After a successful strike, the bird rises heavily from the water and flies away,



Figure 2 The male having a snack (Picture by K. Ackinson)

carrying the fish head-forward with its feet for better aerodynamics. Their diet is almost entirely fish. They typically feed on fish 4-12" long. Aside from fish, they sometimes eat small mammals, birds, or reptiles, perhaps mainly when fish are scarce. They have the ability to swallow their prey and regurgitate what they can't digest. Osprey are considered an apex predator, having no natural enemy of their own. However, Bald Eagles sometimes chase Ospreys and force them to drop their catch.

Osprey typically have 2-4 eggs, which are creamy white with brown blotches. Incubation is by both parents but mostly by the female, for about 38 days. The female remains with the young most of time at first, sheltering them from sun and rain. The male brings fish to the nest and the female feeds the young. The young Ospreys' first attempt at flight averages about 55 days. They will have one brood per year.

In the coming weeks, keep an eye on the nest and look and listen for signs of activity. Maybe this will be the year we will see some babies!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMITTEE

The Master Association Board of Directors is seeking two owners to volunteer to serve on the **Architectural Review Committee** (ARC) is a formal, standing committee appointed by the Master Board as required by the Association's governing documents. The Committee hears requests for any modification to buildings' exteriors, including lanais/screen porches, doors, and windows; they also review any proposed structure within the Hammocks' grounds. The Committee establishes standard guidelines for Master Association common areas. The ARC includes 5 members with at least one villa owner and one Preserve condominium owner. Members serve a 2-year term unless otherwise specified. The Association has two vacancies to fill.

If interested in learning more about the committee or volunteering to serve, please send your intent to serve and contact information to the Master Board % of Lynn Lakel, at lynn@sunstatemanagement.com or drop by the Hammocks Office (insert in mail slot on the door if not in the office) no later than February 11, 2019.

DID YOU KNOW?

Trees on the vacant lots are alive and well!

The trees in question are Jacaranda trees. They are deciduous in south Florida, meaning they shed their leaves annually at the end of the growing season and remain dormant through the winter months due to the dry weather. In a subtropical, wet climate they will retain their leaves for longer periods of time. They have lavender/blue flowers from the spring through summer.

The Hammocks unit owners must complete an Architectural Review (ARC) Form if they plan make changes to their unit?

Our governing documents require all unit owners to comply with standards when replacing or altering items in their units. Some examples include replacing windows or doors leading to the outside, including sliding doors; condo unit owners replacing floors (there must be a barrier under flooring to curtail noise); and there is a standard for replacing villas' garage doors. If an owner fails to comply with the ARC requirements, the Association will require the item to be removed and the correct item correctly installed. See *Architectural Review* tab on the Hammocks website <http://www.hammockscap haze.net/> for more information.

The Hammocks' front gates will close on your car or on a person if you do not clear the area in an allotted time.

The exit gate has a sensor in the center of the street directly in front of the gate. When the gate opens and the vehicle leaves the sensor area, the gate will close in an allotted time period. Do not enter the gate area unless there is sufficient room for you to clear the gate. The far entrance gate is operated by a clicker and the middle gate is operated from the keypad. Both are set to close in a reasonable time for a vehicle to clear the area.

REFURBISHED HAMMOCKS LANDSCAPING

The Landscape Committee identified two areas in need of refurbished landscaping in 2018: the interior villas and the clubhouse. Residents on sight have undoubtedly seen the work Brightview Landscape Service recently completed work on those projects.

During the next few months, the Committee will develop a 3-year plan for refurbishing the Hammocks' landscape.



CONNECTING TO HAMMOCKS WI-FI HOTSPOTS

Part of our new contract with Comcast/Xfinity is the addition of two Wi-Fi hotspots within the pool/fitness center complex. These are in addition to the clubhouse Wi-Fi hotspot. You can connect to the hotspots as follows:

Clubhouse Wi-Fi: *PeachGiraffe-guest* – Password: hammocks

Pool Wi-Fi: *Community XFINITY* (name soon to be changed to poolwifi). Log in with your Comcast ID and Comcast password one time. If you don't have an account with Comcast/Xfinity, you can go to www.Xfinity.com and create an account.

Fitness Center Wi-Fi: *Cable Wifi* (name soon to be changed to fitnesscenterwifi). Log in with your comcast ID and password one time. If you don't have an account with Comcast/Xfinity, you can go to www.Xfinity.com and create an account.

HAMMOCKS' HAPPENINGS

Preserve Board	3 rd Mondays, 9 a.m.
Master Board	3 rd Mondays, 11 a.m.
Villas Board	Monday, Feb 18, 1 p.m.

Mahjong	Clubhouse, Fridays, 1 p.m.
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Friday Evening Socials	Every other Friday, 5:00-7:00
Feb 1 & 15	Mar 1, 15, & 29
	April 5 & 19

Hammocks Women and Guest (Girls Only) Wine & Cheese Event

Feb 6 – 6 p.m.

Bring 2 Bottles of Wine – One to Drink/One to Give Away

Respond by Text: JoAnn Sicilano – 347-231-0777 OR

Karen Kennedy – 941-447-0170

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