

Sandarac A News

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September, 2022

From the Board President—Angelo Riccobono

Building Restoration and Other News

Several permits were needed. One more permit needs to clear. Work should start within the next two weeks.

The back office is being cleaned up and painted. A new floor is being installed with the purpose of making this room useable. We can then decide how we want to use this room.

The new pool chairs have not yet arrived. Carol Barbieri is following up with the manufacturer.

The Town of Fort Myers Beach wanted our beach to be designated as a critical erosion area. They wanted to bring in plantings and ban raking of the beach. We hired an attorney and an engineer and the Town has excluded our beachfront. It is our beach, and it will stay beautiful.

The Sandarac Board will meet Monday, September 12. Check our website <https://www.thesandarac.com> for the minutes.

Dates to Remember

Oct 3—the second payment for the Assessment (\$2,500) is due. Sandcastle Management must receive payment before this date to avoid extra charges.

Oct 31—the Turtle ordinances are in effect until this date.

Please know that Sandcastle has assigned The Sandarac Association a new Assistant CAM. Megan Sainvil has left the property management industry, and Lisa Gatewood has taken her place. She is our contact for all work orders, leasing questions, ARC inquiries, and service needs.

Lisa's contact information is LisaG@SandcastleCM.com 239-596-7200 x 224. Ken Abel continues as the Association's manager and can be reached at KenA@Sandcastlecm.com 239-596-7200 x 241.



New Fort Myers Beach Logo



This sign with the new logo was installed at the base of the Matanzas Pass bridge, but fell over after 2 weeks and is now under repair.

Please send ideas for the newsletter to kathymcconnell@cinci.rr.com or text me at 513 560-6151

From Joel Pupo—Summer Maintenance Projects

These projects were completed over the summer months:

Installed new parking bumpers

Cleaned out, sanded machine room floors in north and south buildings

Pressure washed carports

Painted all light frames in parking lot

Painted all lights amber to be turtle ordinance compliant

Touched up social room

Painted all fire boxes

Fixed trash room doors

Cleaned and maintained inside of trash rooms

Sanded and painted camera lines

Painted yellow lines in stairwells

Touched up office

Made coverings for cart area

Replaced broken tiles on 1st floor

Painted all owner doors—Angelo, Jill O'Brien and Diane Michael

Fixed drainage issues. Tied our drains into the street drains

Fixed roof above unit 107

Cleaned out generator room

Fixed fire box on 4th floor.

Painted Trash Room doors

Reinstalled white lines of bricks in parking lot

Removed sand from seawall

Replaced exit signs

Fixed wall in 111

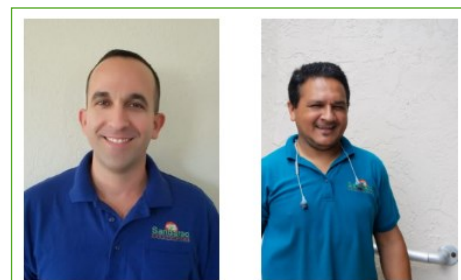
Fixed foot wash

Moved pallets of bricks

Painted elevator rooms

Joel also maintains the pool, does computer work and electrical work for us.

Thank you, Joel and Lucio for the great job that you do for us! We appreciate you.



From an Owner—Sandy Petroff

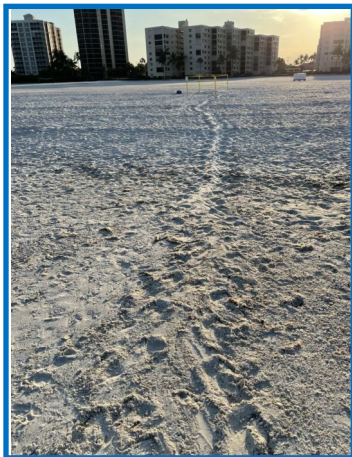
Turtle Season May 1 - October 31

On my morning beach walk, I was thrilled to see that a turtle nest was marked by Turtle Time volunteers right in front of The Sandarac complex. It is located in Zone 8 and referred to as the "Sandarac Nest". Residents and visitors at Sandarac know the importance of turning off beachfront lights after dark, use only red beamed light when walking on the beach at night, keep debris picked up and never litter to name a few. Touching a nest or hatchling is against federal law.

Loggerhead turtles are named for their large heads also known as (*Caretta caretta*) species. A hatchling's instinct will direct it toward the ocean and then to the Gulf Stream with many threats along the way. They may not have enough energy to make it and are food to a wide variety of fish, birds, and crabs. Incubation period is about 60 days. Hopefully the Sandarac nest will produce hatchlings referred to as a boil.

The Loggerhead is classified as a threatened species and the most common sea turtle along Florida's coast. The only natural predator to an adult loggerhead is a shark. The female turtles will return in approximately 30 years to the general beach area where they were hatched to nest. The male turtles will not return to land their entire life. Turtle Time Inc. was established in 1989. For more information visit www.turtle-time.org. Please help keep our beach clean and safe for all to enjoy.

Pictured: Turtle tracks in front of Sandarac



From Turtletime:

Remember, only 1 to 4 hatchlings out of a thousand hatchlings survive to adulthood. They are part of the food chain in the ocean; therefore, we need to get as many as possible into the ocean. Disorientations can be catastrophic to sea turtle conservation. Keep your lights off, close your drapes, fill your holes and do not leave garbage on the beach. there are now 109 nests on Fort Myers Beach. There have also been 158 false crawls on Fort Myers Beach. 66 nests have hatched.



AAA Gas Price Averages

National	\$3.853	One Year Ago \$3.148
Florida	\$3.613	One Year Ago \$2.947

Other Fort Myers Beach News—Jim Atterholt, FMB Town Council

Margaritaville

Part of Margaritaville includes a new pedestrian bridge (recently completed) that will go over Estero Blvd. to connect the resort properties which will be open to the public. There will be elevators and restrooms as part of the bridge that will also be open to the public.

Visitors to Margaritaville will arrive via Crescent Street and depart off of Fifth Street. They will have 380 parking stalls underneath the hotel to accommodate the visitors of the 254 hotel rooms and other amenities. They will also have 75 parking spaces just off the island for employees and will have a shuttle service to take them to work.

New Bridge

A new \$80 million dollar Lee County bridge will begin construction at the south end of the island in the second half of 2022. The new bridge will be built adjacent to the old bridge on the Gulf side, and, when completed, the old bridge will be torn down. The new bridge will be high enough that it will not need to be raised (which halts traffic) when tall boats attempt to pass, and the bridge will have significantly enhanced capacity for both pedestrians and bikes. It is expected to be completed near the end of 2024.

New Parking App

The Town has recently procured a new parking app that will have the ability to inform anyone who downloads the app in real time where all the available/open public parking spaces are on the island. Private lots will have the ability to join into this system as well. This new system should help reduce the number of visitors to our island who come and wander Estero Blvd. endlessly in search of an open parking place at the right price point. For those who choose to drive to our island, this new app should help to get them parked and have their cars off the road as quickly as possible.

Bay Oaks Community Pool—New Obstacle Course



Enjoy the Fort Myers Beach Community Pool Obstacle Course. Rated a "top 10" pool in the country by USA Today, the Fort Myers Beach

town pool is a great place to go for lap swimming, a kiddie pool, or just hanging in and around the water. Incredibly inexpensive at \$4 for adults and less for kids.