



Coral Beach Newsletter

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Spring is finally here and what a long, cold winter we had in Canada and most of the U.S. How fortunate we are to have a nice warm place at Coral Beach to escape the winter blues, slather on the sunscreen and enjoy such a welcoming place filled with great people and natural beauty. With a new season, it's time for spring cleaning, changing up the closets, packing up the winter coats and boots and getting the garden started. Speaking of change, with a new MacBook in hand, I have introduced a new layout for your newsletter,

added more pictures (just what you asked for) and refreshed the format and style. Let me know how you like the new look, your feedback really counts and it's your newsletter to enjoy so please drop me a line.



What's New

Welcome to all the new owners who have discovered Coral Beach as the wonder it is, and have made their second home here. Do you know that since August 2013 to date, 13 new couples have bought a unit here and joined the community? More and more family and friends are loving the location and the atmosphere and sales of units are growing every month. Units are being renovated at a record pace and many second generation family members have bought a small piece of paradise, as their own.

New Flights to Freeport!

The good news...Accelerating the wheels of revitalization, Vacation Express and Bahamas Air in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism introduces weekly 737-400 non-stop

Jet service from 8 U.S. cities for the summer 2014.



Commencing May 1st through October 31st, 2014 this summer program will fuel the economic engine of Grand Bahama once more, welcoming the return of major gateways in the New York tri-state and Washington DC areas with flights from Newark, NJ; Baltimore, MD and Richmond, VA. Other gateways will include Birmingham, AL; Cincinnati, OH; Columbus, OH; Memphis, TN and Raleigh/Durham, NC.

Now, the bad news... WestJet will no longer provide direct service from Toronto to Freeport. This is very disappointing news for those of us who enjoyed this convenient luxury for over 5 years, so it will be back to Miami, Freeport for most of us.

The Hobby Shop

Thanks to Steve & Marsha who volunteered their time in the hobby shop the past 2 years



and did a great job organizing and cleaning up the area and buying new tools. There is a new committee of volunteers who will take over the reigns, headed by Mike Cole, (treasurer) Pierre Valour (purchaser), B.Linderman (Lindy, purchaser) Bill Grimmer, Don Pecora, Orazio DiCiantis and Joe Russo. Mike will be sending out additional information when the new season starts up in the Fall.

Thanks also to Larry Licastro for making 6 new picnic tables in the hobby shop. The tables are great for family outdoor get togethers, large groups and of course picnics with a BBQ. Speaking of BBQ's we can all look forward to having a new BBQ in the Fall, for use by all owners which will remain on the cement section of the "ruins" (now called the outdoor social area). Just bring your own charcoal and fuel and fire up the steaks!



Stanley Baycroft did a great job of re-vamping our shopping carts in the hobby shop, sanding, painting and installing new wheels. Thankfully, they're much quieter on the tiles, as we wheel them down the hallways.



Building & Grounds

Work continues on “sealing” the problem areas of the building where water leaks have occurred. Many places have been re-grouted and sealed, tiles lifted to extend the membrane materials up against the walls and additional flashing and eaves have been added in some areas. This is a continuous process and the Board has implemented a maintenance program where each terrace will be inspected, sealed and repaired as required. Chris Gibson who has been hard at work painting the common area railings and installing new doors and windows on the terraces, will be starting the maintenance program within the next month.



The water sewage plant is still in progress. We are currently awaiting approval from the Port Authority for zoning of the property for the purposes of moving the plant to the land north of the existing parking lot. We will

keep you posted on this very important project.

Up and Coming

Projects in the works include painting of all common area railings on the common terraces, preparing for patching and painting of the stairways, updating the elevator interiors, moving the sand from the beach wall, removing all the owners chairs that are chained up and patching and painting the wall. Don't worry, we will have an alternative space designated for people to chain up their chairs near the beach.

Just a friendly reminder that the **handicap parking** at the front of the building is for short term parking only. There is no long term parking in this area, please leave this space open for people who require the short term "drop off" spot at the front entrance.





A Blast from the past



Do you remember when the International Bazar was a booming place with restaurants, shops galore, music and costumes worn by the staff? This is a picture from the past (1967) for those of us that remember the **Bazar** as the “place to go”. **Jokers Wild** was a hopping nightclub and dance hall, still seen today on Midshipman Road. Can you imagine the antics that took place there, back in 1970? The **Arial View** around 1980 shows Freeport/Lucaya and the ocean front near the harbour. A big thanks to Sandra Georgio for these great pictures. Look forward for more to come in upcoming editions of your newsletter.

Bingo

*Submitted by **Pat Bonvarlez***



The Bingo “gang” had a successful season and not only did we have fun, but thanks to some donations of prizes and some creative shopping we actually had a profit at the end! We donated \$200 to REACHOUT G.B. Youth Ministry on behalf of all bingo players at Coral Beach. We want to thank you for coming out and making it a fun evening and for being generous so we can give this donation to help some who aren’t as fortunate as ourselves.

Harry & Verna Kidd

Frank & Pat Bonvarlez

Aqua Fit

*Submitted by **Shirley Blain:***

As an Aquarian, past BASRA swimmer, and water baby, and with the advantage of our Coral Beach pool, my impetus was to encourage others to take advantage and enjoy

the benefits of water aerobics. Studies have proven that with regular water exercise there is significant increase in muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, cardio respiratory conditioning, and decreased body fat. Beyond the physical advantages there are mental and spiritual improvements. People feel better about themselves and have fun. Soon CB residents from a variety of ages, & fitness levels joined this fun group. Once a week became twice a week as others joined, even on cooler days.



We looked forward to our morning workouts and each and everyone exclaimed "feeling great" after class. So, see you next year!

Photo courtesy of *Diane Relis*

CB Inbox

Do you recognize this wonderful couple? Pat and Frank have owned at Coral Beach for over 35 years and like the “ever ready bunny” they “just keep going”. Pat and Frank are always the first to join in to the many social activities at CB (they may look like innocent seniors, but trust me, they know how to win at shuffleboard!). With their big family they are a familiar site at both the beach and the pool bar, **OK**, so mostly the pool bar.



Submitted by Frank & Pat Bonvarlez

Dear Coral Beach Neighbours:

We are just sitting here looking at the beautiful ocean and wondering if we here at Coral Beach realize how lucky we are. We can't think of another condo that is right on a sandy beach that has the facilities we have. Our building is clean and safe. Our grounds are beautiful and well kept. We are close to Our Lucaya with shopping, restaurants and the casino. It is a friendly atmosphere with activities for anyone if they wish to participate. There is shuffle board, bochi ball, bridge, bingo, water aerobics volley ball and golf tournaments or just sunning and visiting. For the handy man we also have a well equipped work shop. We also have the bar/ restaurant if you don't want to cook and it's a great social centre. Coral Beach also has many functions where the money raised has been given to numerous charities, giving back to those on the Island. Next time you are here at Coral Beach enjoying our "home away from home" lets not forget to be thankful for



this beautiful place and the many friends and acquaintances we so enjoy returning to year after year.

Life News

Charles Hudson of unit 1307 passed away on April 5, 2014. Charlie first came to CB in his early 20's with his mother (Millie) in the early 70's and later he returned with his 2 small children to enjoy the sand and ocean.

Charlie retired in 2008 after many years as an architect (very much a pioneer in environmental practices) and spent many winters here at CB where he loved the sea and the people and friends he knew in Freeport. Charlie leaves behind his loving wife Connie, two children and 4 loved Grand kids. He will be sadly missed by everyone here and our heart felt condolences to Charlie's loving family.

Units for Sale



#3326 – Studio

Newly renovated

New kitchen

New air conditioner

All-inclusive, with furniture, appliances, dishes etc.

Turn key and very clean

Contact: Vince at vinceabate@gbicb.com

or (416) 904-0432

#2203 – Studio

Turn key, very clean

Freshly renovated

Tiled, new water heater, new patio doors

Queen bed with dresser, sleeper sofa

All inclusive, appliances furniture etc

\$85,000.00 U.S.

Contact deashie@hotmail.com

or (905) 832-8198

#1206 – Studio

2nd floor, building one

Turn key with queen Murphy bed and 2 queen sleepers

Washer & dryer, all-inclusive

Contact Johnnie & Gary at
JGoformond@aol.com

or (386) 815-8824

\$105,000.00 U.S.

#2612 - Studio

Fully furnished, ocean view,

Appliances need updating

Reduced for quick sale

Contact: Mrs. Thurston at (242) 351-5222 Or

646-8794



Do you have any pictures to share, either current events or of times gone by at CB and around Freeport? I am looking for assistance with the newsletter and any stories of people, places, news, and ideas are all welcome and appreciated, so send them in today:

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