

THE BREEZE

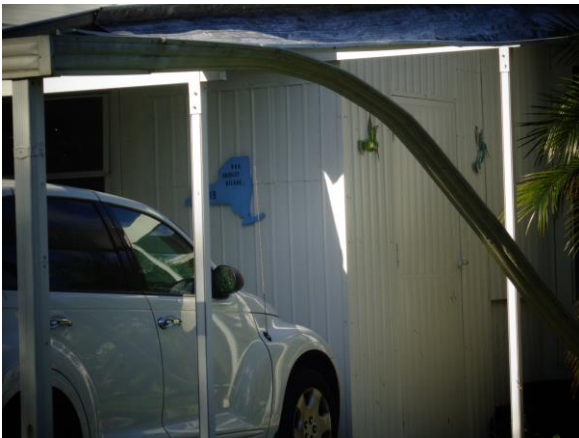
Oct 2017



199 May



112 The roof over in the road



219 Wilcox



190 Couture



Debris back of park



159 Keresztessy



Irma by the numbers

Miles from east to west – 650 Number of states Irma passed through – 9 Wind speed reached – 185 mph – number of hours speed maintained – 37 – number of people in Florida without power Tuesday morning – 1.5 million Confirmed deaths – 12



come together

Of course, our number one story from September is HURRICANE IRMA. What a nightmare for so many people. We are surely lucky here at Southwinds. Several units had major damage, but mostly the damage was minor, and lots of debris. AND WHAT A CLEAN-UP CREW!!!! I don't like to separate the north from the south but----you southerners did a bang-up job----and we northerner do appreciate your herculean efforts. Communication was awesome! Just being updated daily was so helpful to our stress levels. For me, the feelings of helplessness were very stressful, and I'm sure many others felt the same.

I contacted some residents and our office and asked for some of their thoughts on the Irma events that took place. To start, some thoughts from **Jerry Page**, who with his wife and a few others spent their watch in the Annex.

Hi Barbara, there really weren't any problems. Harold and Ann should have been in a more comfortable place, but with the help of **Dick and Linda Dove, Celine** and I did everything we could to help them out. We felt very safe in the annex and everything went well.

A note from **Harold** says Thank You so much for all you did. I want to thank these two park couples who took it upon themselves to see that my ailing wife and I were looked after during the recent hurricane. It is comforting to know that as we age, our younger residents keep an eye on us.

SOUTH WINDS STRONG, **Dick Mosher**

Harold and Anne Davies, Jerry and Celine Page, Dick and Linda Dove and Armand Beaulé, our hale and hearty group who hunkered down in the Annex. They would have to tell you about their experience.

Some traveled as far away as Tennessee, Carolinas and Georgia. Others had family and friends that they stayed with. Also, local hotels were utilized.

Jerry Page took on the leadership role during the storm, with assistance from **Dick Dove**. **Celine and Linda** kept everyone well taken care of and **Joani** did a remarkable job of keeping communications with the Board AND residents.

Jerry Page, Paul Rodriguez, Dick Mosher, Bob, Art and Brian assessed the damage. Then, arrangements were made for clean-up. Maintenance hauled debris, did minor repairs on two rental units and mowed. Before, and after the storm **Wendell Lawrence** lent a hand to several tasks. As people returned to the park, the unity, caring and clean up began. Our Community spirit never wavered. Over all we are so blessed to have escaped the wrath of Irma. We had a Gratitude Get Together, with Many residents caring and sharing. ***South Winds Strong....***

From **Joani**

There is so much good to say that it is hard to put it into context. Let me try.

On the Friday before we had a meeting in the Annex. Most of the year-round residents were there. Dick spoke to the critical items of safety - clear all outside items, we don't sanction the Annex as a shelter, be safe, watch out for one another. At the end **Bill Murray** asked if he could pray with us. This was the beginning of just more proof that South Winds, summer, winter, spring and fall, is a community of compassionate friends who care about one another.

Seven people stayed in the Annex during the storm. **Jerry Paige**, in a most natural way, took an incredible leadership role. He watched out for everyone and communicated with Dick on a regular basis. **Barb Smith** stayed glued to the computer to share comments from folks everywhere to folks everywhere trying to ease anxiety with information.

Monday, initial damage assessment was completed. Tuesday, a unit to unit inspection was completed by **Bob, Paul, Dick and Jerry**. Lists with every unit number and its condition were given to the office and all owners with damage were notified and given resources for cleanup and repair. In the meantime, maintenance picked up all the debris and moved it to the back of the park making it easier for the salvage crew to pick up. Later, they removed 10 trailer loads of debris from behind the units on the north side of the park.

Through "somebody who knew somebody" we found Rick and Joe who earlier used to pick up scrap metal in the park. They came in and cleaned up every bit of debris at no cost. They also provided the office with estimates to remove attached aluminum - carports, trim, fascia, etc. By Wednesday the park looked very good.

And, though we are extremely pleased that we survived so well we can't forget that many of our South Winds friends sustained damage - some major. And of course, there is the incredible suffering in the Caribbean islands and lingering in Texas.

63 days until the end of hurricane season



WELCOME BACK SOUTHWINDS' RESIDENTS

Cloud 9 is a women's social club. We enjoy a day of fun the second Monday of each month. Details of all events will be posted in the Breeze. We encourage all ladies to join and welcome your friends and relatives. Members get priority to the events first. (Membership Fee is \$5.00)

Our Cloud 9 board members have worked many hours planning these events for all to enjoy. Memberships can be purchased at the November luncheon and at the December cookie exchange from Jan Smith. Prior to each event there will be a short meeting to bring you up to date. We are always open for ideas and suggestions.

President.....Johnna Dail
Vice President..... Celeste Mosher
Secretary..... ..Janet Smith
Treasure..... Jan Crews
Communication.....Pat Warren

Shirley Sweet has just stepped down from the position of Vice President after many years and along with Georgette Faulkingham are co-chair advisers.

NOVEMBER 13, 2017 12 PM Welcome Back Luncheon
DECEMBER 11 2017 1PM Cookie Exchange and Musical Gift Swap, Tots and Mom Gifts
JANUARY 2018 (date to be announced) Players Theater opening night " Singing in the Rain"
JANUARY 29 2018 2-4 PM Gourmet Cooking Demonstration and Tasting.
FEBRUARY 12, 2018 12 PM "TEA BY THE SEA "Fashion Show and Luncheon.
MARCH 12 2018 2-4 PM Painting with a Twist. Canvas and paint provided.
APRIL 9 2018 Lunch or Happy Hour, O'Leary's at Marina Jacks.

Some surprises are in store and we do not want to give it away.

November 13 2017, 12 PM Welcome Back Luncheon
Hostess Celeste Mosher

Our first event this season. There sure will be a lot of catching up, especially with recent events. I know that we are all looking forward to connecting and giving and receiving hugs. We have so much to be grateful and thankful for. Tell us how you spent your summer. (Before IRMA)

All ladies from the park are welcome. Bring a salad to share for our buffet. Please bring your own plate and utensils.

Memberships will be sold by Janet Smith for the sum of \$5.00

Hope to see many of you there.



COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE FORM

Last month I published the article from Chick Hutter concerning the telephone directory for 2017-18. I am again sending the update form for those of you who want to be included in this year's directory. Also, if you have made changes to your information and would like to have those changes in the directory, you can do so on this form.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE FORM. We provide the following so it can update information in the 2017-18 South Winds Directory.

1. UNIT (Number)
 2. OWNER/S (Last name/s)
 3. NAME (First Name/s)- limit to 2 names
 4. TELEPHONE 1-Up to 10 characters
 5. TELEPHONE 2-Up to 10 characters
 6. TELEPHONE 3-Up to '10 characters
 7. HOME STATE OR PROVINCE (2 characters)
- B. DATE

Copy the above and insert the necessary info and Email to- swindsdirectory@gmail.com. If email isn't available, mail to - Communications Plan, 223 South Winds Dr., Sarasota FL34231.



CONTINUING THE SERIES ON FALL PROOFING YOUR HOME ---#7

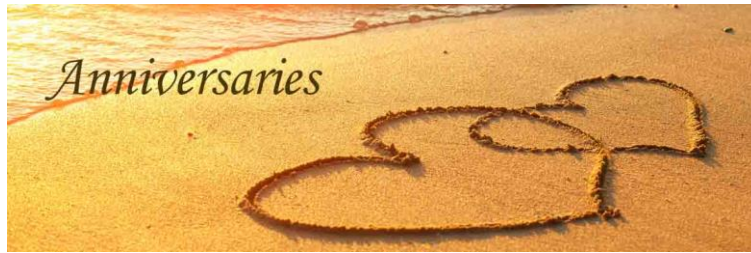
Make sure you have a light near your bed.

Keep the path from your bed to the bathroom clear and make sure it is well lit.

Consider installing a bed rail, having something to hold onto when sitting up or standing will keep you steady while the body adjusts.

Move the phone within arm's reach of the bed in case you need help during the night.

There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. –John Holmes

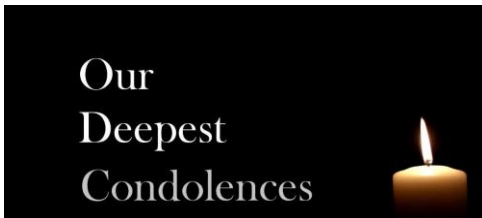


Congratulations and Best wishes to:

Dick & Gloria Harrington
John & Fanny Carter

October 5, 1963
October 21, 1965

54 years
52 years



We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Rapp on September 4th. Our condolences go out to all her family and friends. She will be missed here in Southwinds.



Note from Editor: Thank you for your input over the summer months. Because of it we were able to continue to send our monthly newsletter, skimpy at times, but still there. Walt and I are going to be away most of the month of October. I am not sure if I will have email access. Please continue to send your information to me and I will be back about the 24th and will catch it all up and prepare the November Breeze. I will also start the calendar for the rest of the season. You can also give your info to Joani and she and I will coordinate when I get back.
Barbara