



# Sea Breeze

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Labor Day turns the corner from summer towards fall with the start of beautiful morning and evening temperatures. It means the return here for many of you and a little bit of anxiety for all of us as we head into hurricane season.

Hopefully you're all heeding the advice of the Hurricane Preparedness Committee and have a good plan in place, just in case.

Fall is also a great time to look around the outside of your house and yard and see what needs sprucing up, trimming and cleaning. Great neighbors are not only nice people, but have homes that are great to look at, too!

*-Cathy*

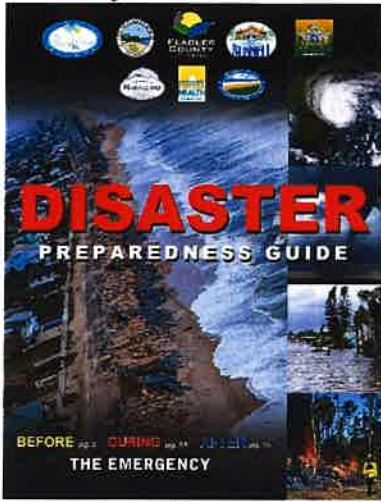
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Cathy Campbell

## **Timely and Important**

The Sea Colony Hurricane Disaster Planning Committee was formed by the HOA Board of Directors at their June meeting. The committee was tasked with the creation of a comprehensive plan to help the Board and residents prepare for a weather-related disaster and assist with the recovery efforts that help our community return to normal day-to-day function. The Flagler County Disaster Preparedness Guide was selected as the primary guidance tool to assist Sea Colony residents learn how to protect themselves, their families and homes. The Guide is being distributed to all homes in the community by Resident Volunteers of the Committee in an effort to share this valuable preparedness information with homeowners and residents of Sea

Colony.



The committee has recommended that emergency notifications and community status reports will be posted during and following a weather-related disaster, using 3 platforms; Website, email and text. It is understood that text messaging is usually the last mode of communication that is lost during a significant storm, as it uses cellular phone towers and does not rely on power or cable/internet being restored. We are exploring the use of Twitter for posting real-time text updates, such as “Power Restored” or “Hammock Dunes Bridge is Open”. Renee Bolak has done a great job in removing the fear associated with the use of Twitter and assisting residents with setting up their cellular devices to receive notifications.

Residents may contact Renee to sign up for a group tutorial session. Additionally, the answering machine on the HOA office phone line will be updated with daily status reports following a storm, assuming that power and phone service has been restored.

The Sea Colony HOA website has also been expanded to include a Disaster Planning page. The resident checklists prepared by the committee members have been placed on that page, along with many links to valuable preparedness documents and tools, including shelter information for Flagler County. Please take a moment to visit the Sea Colony website ([www.seacolonypalmcoasthoa.com](http://www.seacolonypalmcoasthoa.com)) to review these checklists and helpful hints.

One of the most critical components of a Disaster Plan is Communications. The Committee has created the role of Resident Volunteer to assist with facilitating communication between residents and the HOA Board. Maintaining oversight and awareness during a disaster event and communicating

recovery efforts in a timely manner is a continuing goal of the committee. To assist with that goal, we are expanding the roster of Resident Volunteers that are available on each street in Sea Colony. Anyone interested in serving as a Resident Volunteer may contact the HOA office or the committee Chair, Randy McCargar ([rmccargar2@gmail.com](mailto:rmccargar2@gmail.com)) to sign up.

*Many thanks to the Committee.  
My favorite tip so far is using the dishwasher to safeguard papers*

### **Good News, Sea Colony**



If you have one of these little rusty and less than perfect fire hydrants in your yard don't worry help is on the way. Jan Sullivan spoke with Fire Chief Jerry Smith about getting our fire hydrants painted and he referred

her to the Palm Coast Utilities department. I took over from there and was able to speak with Gene at the utilities department and he was a wealth of really great information and fun facts. I wanted to share some of that information with the residents of Sea Colony in my post below.

Palm Coast Utilities is responsible for Sea Colony Fire Hydrants

Palm Coast has 3,845 fire hydrants

Utilities Department performs maintenance on all fire hydrants every year.

Utilities Department is responsible for painting all 3,845 fire hydrants.

Palm Coast utilities paints 769 fire hydrants every year.

Sea Colony fire hydrants were last painted in Dec 2013 and are due to be painted again in December 2018

ITT set the standard paint color of blue, white and orange and currently the accepted color is blue and white.

The fire department uses these colors to identify city fire hydrants

It is great to know our fire

hydrants will be painted by years end and Gene promised if they can fit the painting of our fire hydrants in before the end of the year they will do so.

*-Deborah Seale*

### Which dog owner are you?



*This Photo by Unknown*



What is not to like about a dog on the beach or walking along Sea Colony Drive? You guessed it, dog waste. Pick up after your pet! It's not only the right thing to do, but the law. No excuse for not having bags with you when you can buy a small bag container that easily clips to your leash along with 220 bags

for \$7.99 at Wal-Mart. Dispose of the bags at your home, where your dog lives, not in a common area or on the side of someone else's home. Good owner!

Here's a cookie.

### Ho Ho Ho



Too early to think about Christmas? Last year the Progressive Dinner sold out in 48 hours, so this year we've added a night. Tickets are limited and available for December 14 and 15 at \$40 a couple. Included is a six-course tapas dinner at six different homes and a chance to celebrate the season with old and new friends. Tickets are first come, first serve and are available from Cathy Campbell, 6 Nantucket Dr, 446-5678. Please be prepared to pay when you order, either cash or check

made out to Sea Colony Social Committee.

Check the Guardhouse sign for updates

Full calendar can be found on our website:

[seacolonypalmcoasthoa.com](http://seacolonypalmcoasthoa.com)

## **Know Your Neighbor? Drive or bike around!**

## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

Exercise Class M, W, F 9 am

Aerobics Fri 8 am

Yoga \$ Fri 10 am

Pool Exercise M-Fr 10 am

Bridge Thurs 1 pm

Poker Tues 7 pm

Mahjongg Mon 12:30 & 7:30 pm  
Wed 1 pm

Book Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon at 10

Bingo will be posted

Movies will be posted

Check in the office or at the Social Committee meetings for more information on any of the activities



Board meetings: Thursday,  
**September 13 at 6:30 pm for discussion, 7 pm for meeting**

ARC: last Tuesday

Social Committee: **Monday,  
September 10 at 10**

