

October 2017

Hello Spicebush Owners,

Your Board of Directors meets twice a year, and we had our second two-day meeting of 2017 on October 7-8, coincidentally one year to the day after Hurricane Matthew passed over the island on October 8, 2016. This year, however, the weather in the area was beautiful with warmer than normal temperatures that made conditions delightful. Following our usual practice after each meeting, we are updating you with information about your Spicebush property.

Continuing with the weather topic, the late summer of 2017 was not completely without some stormy activity. On Friday, September 8, South Carolina's Governor ordered an evacuation of several barrier islands, including Hilton Head, as Hurricane Irma was heading north through Florida. For Spicebush, this required a suspension of Friday check-ins for week 35. While there was some flooding in the area that weekend as a result of the now-downgraded storm, fortunately it did not affect the Spicebush units, and check-ins resumed by Tuesday, September 12. As with Hurricane Matthew the year before, we gave affected Spicebush owners an opportunity to use an available week in a future period as a substitute.

In our May letter, we reported on a number of recent enhancements and improvements in the Spicebush property, both within the units and on the outside. Here are some updates on the previously-reported projects and information on new ones:

- The Board approved a badly-needed project to resurface the tennis court. That work will begin in mid-October with the result being a completely new, cushioned surface with an expected life of 20+ years. Installation should be complete by late-October to early-November.
- The asphalt parking surface has crumbled and become pitted, uneven and potentially hazardous in a number of spots. The Board approved a project to remove the old material and replace it with new asphalt. That work will begin in January 2018 and will take approximately 30 days to complete.

- At a previous meeting, the Board approved a project to replace the exterior doors to the units and, in the process, install a new keyless locking system. That work is scheduled to occur between November 2017-January 2018 during weeks when the various individual units are unoccupied. The fiberglass doors will have an improved appearance, and the locks will be activated by using an entry code on a numbered keypad, thus doing away with the need for the existing metal keys. In the months following the completion of installation, we will need to transition to a different check-in procedure, so in the weeks before your scheduled stay in 2018, please read your check-in notice carefully to determine whether any changes will be in effect for your arrival.
- Changes will be also taking place within the units. The absence of a full-length mirror in the master bedroom has been noted by a number of owners and guests, so we will be mounting one this winter on the interior side of the bedroom door. Also, the master bedroom bedspread is showing wear and will be replaced to give a fresh look with new colors. New accent pillows will also be added.
- We have already replaced about one-half of the aging washer-dryer units with modern high-efficiency units. Again, in response to owner/guest comments, we are accelerating the replacement schedule with the expectation that all units will have the new appliances by early next year.

More improvements and projects are under consideration, and we anticipate a busy agenda at our next Board meeting in late spring of 2018.

At the October meeting, the Board did approve the tentative operating and reserve budgets that you received in the mailing notifying you of the 2017 annual meeting of owners. As a result, the annual maintenance fees for 2018 will be \$845 per interval week, the third year without an increase. The \$130 special assessment ends in 2017, so the 2018 fees reflect that reduction. Further, if you pay the 2018 dues by December 31, 2017, you are entitled to an additional \$15 discount in the fee. Complete details are included in owner billing information included in this mailing.

As stated in the meeting notice, the Annual Meeting of Owners did take place this year at 10:00 a.m. on October 9. Thanks to your response in returning your proxies, we did have a quorum this year and were able to conduct the required business as scheduled.

We said goodbye to Cherri Disque, a long-time multi-week Spicebush owner from Colorado who is leaving the Board after serving two three-year terms. We will miss her insight and valued input. Many thanks and best wishes go out to Cherri. Four members volunteered to fill the Board vacancy, and owners elected Peter McElroy. Peter is a former Board member and past-Board President who will now be returning for a new term.

Thank you for your continued support. Remember the opportunities to enjoy even more time at Spicebush through the Getaway and resale programs handled by Theresa Thomas (800-785-3070) or the rental program for yourselves, friends or family handled by Mindy Burroughs (843-363-6300).

Best wishes.

The Spicebush Board of Directors

Paul Anderson, President
Kaleb Froehlich, Vice President
Theresa Thomas, Secretary
Helmut Knipp, Treasurer
Peter McElroy