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Hello Spicebush owners,

This is the spring edition of the regular information letter from your Board of Directors that we send after each of our two scheduled meetings on Hilton Head Island during the year, one now and the other in the fall. At our meeting on April 22-23, we welcomed Pete McElroy who was elected to the Board at the Annual Meeting of Owners last October. He brings valuable experience, having previously served two three-year terms on the Board including being its President from 2012-2015.

While spring has been somewhat slow in coming here on the island, as is the case in many parts of the country, the landscaping and plantings are still looking spectacular, making the entrance onto your property very appealing. If you will be visiting the island this summer, you will notice the progress that we have made on a number of improvements since your last visit, including these:

- We completely resurfaced the tennis court with a cushioned material that is a vast improvement over the badly-cracked concrete that existed previously. Later this year we will be making other improvements around the court to visually improve the court border and to reduce the amount of landscaping material that can wash back onto the court after heavy rains.
- The entry doors to all the units were replaced over the winter with fiberglass doors. In addition to their improved appearance, they feature new locks with a keypad that does away with the need for the bulky metal keys that we all had been used to. Instead, at check-in you now will be given a code number to use for access. Once in your unit, if you desire you can then quickly and simply change the code number to one of your choice that you can easily recall. More about check-in later.
- At the pool, we added another round table with umbrella and chairs. We lost some shade in the area after the large tree south of the pool toppled during the October 2016 hurricane, so we thought this was a needed addition. All the existing pool furniture was repainted and the vinyl straps replaced, so they look like new.
- The first phase of the asphalt parking surface repair project was performed during January-February to correct hazardous conditions. Final work will be completed late this year.

- As reported in our last letter, the old washer/dryer units are being replaced. Many have already been changed out, and the remaining units will be converted by June 1.
- In the master bedroom, a full-length mirror is being added, also to be completed in all units by June 1. In addition, a floor lamp will be positioned by the chair to improve light conditions for reading.

With the introduction of the keypad entry doors, we have the opportunity to streamline the check-in procedure beginning this year. We have received quite a few comments over the years about the inconvenience of owners and guests having to make two stops on the way to the unit, the first at the Sea Pines Welcome Center for the entry pass and the second at the Harbour Town Yacht Club for the key. For those coming to the property for the first time, especially after dark, finding these locations can be challenging. We are hoping by mid-year to be able to transition to a new procedure whereby we would notify owners by email of the entry code the week before the check-in date. Picking up the entry pass at the Sea Pines Welcome Center would still be necessary, but there would be no need for you also to come to the Harbour Town Yacht Club for the entry packet. There are still some details to be worked out, so please watch for your check-in letter and read it carefully to determine whether the new procedure will be in effect for the week you arrive. We will need your email address for you to receive the entry code information, so if you aren't already on our email list because we do not have your address, you can fix that by going to our website, [www.spicebushatseapines.com](http://www.spicebushatseapines.com), to create an account. Those without email would have to continue to follow the existing check-in procedure

Beginning in April, our information and orientation meetings for owners and guests moved back to poolside from their winter location at Low Country Produce in Sea Pines Center. Now in the second year outside, they start at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and, along with news and information about the property, have refreshments including wine and cheese. They continue to be well received, and we hope you will take advantage of the convenience of having them right on the Spicebush property and join in.

Completing the Comment Card in your unit at the end of your stay is very important. Every one of the cards is read, and the contents are shared with the Board. This is the easiest way to give us your feedback, to make sure problems are identified and corrected, and to guide us in planning for improvements. Many of our decisions are based on your input on these cards.

Rentals continue to be an important part of our operations. If you are unable to use your week, please consider offering it for rent through this program. Or, if you have friends or

family members who want to experience Spicebush and all its features, a rental may be a great opportunity. The contact for rentals is Mindy Burroughs with the Club Group at 843-363-6300 or email at [mindy@htyc.com](mailto:mindy@htyc.com). For owner Getaways for fall and winter weeks, or for weeks for sale, the contact is Theresa Thomas at 800-785-3070 or email at [theresa@villashares.com](mailto:theresa@villashares.com).

Finally, please note that included in this mailing is a Volunteer Form to serve on the Spicebush Board. (A copy is also available on the Spicebush website.) In the fall, we will have two open Board slots that will be filled by election at the Annual Meeting in October. If you have an interest in becoming a Board member, please complete this form and return it by the due date. Then, in preparation for the Meeting, all owners will receive the proxy mailing in September. It is very important that you return the proxy form to ensure that enough forms are returned to obtain a quorum. Please watch for the mailing later this summer and return your ballot promptly.

On behalf of all the Board members, thank you for the opportunity to serve you, have a great year and enjoy your vacation on Hilton Head and at Spicebush.

Best wishes,

The Spicebush Board of Directors

Paul Anderson, President

Kaleb Froehlich, Vice-President

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