



# O-Gram

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## OCEANS GRAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

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Tomorrow, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is Groundhog Day. Let's hope that little furry critter doesn't see its shadow.

**A. Maintenance Tip.** Does your plumbing “whistle” or “hum” when you open a faucet or flush a toilet? If so, try this possible solution. Find your unit’s main water shutoff valve. It should be adjacent to your Hot Water Heater. On the unit side of the valve is a pressure regulator. On the top of the regulator, there is an adjustment. Turn the adjustment slightly to increase the pressure. This fix has worked for other residents in the Oceans Grand. While you are there, inspect your Hot Water Tank, and the piping, for evidence of leaks and corrosion.

**B. “Disgusting Situation” O-Gram Special Edition.** This edition “stirred up” a fair amount of “*interest.*” It was also pointed out that some of the puddles are created by pool or spa users who do not thoroughly dry after bathing. The day after the special edition was published, another puddle of urine (definitely dog urine) was found in the center elevator. Come on, people, have some respect for other residents. Please don’t think we are biased against pet owners. We had dogs for years but moved into an apartment building, near the Pentagon, which prohibited pets. Our beloved Heidi, who was quite old for Dachshies, was “adopted” by other family members.

**C. Five-Year Planning Committee.** This committee is now functioning and consists of Director Bill Stevens as the chairman with Al Aldo, Vijay Sheth, Terry Smith and Rick Weiss as members. They will review the annual Reserve Study, identify capital expenditure projects needed to improve the Oceans Grand and also consider high cost maintenance or repair projects. Their findings and recommendations are then submitted to the Board of Directors.

**D. Lobby Fountains.** The proper replacement lobby fountains have finally been delivered. They will be installed after the Lobby carpet has been replaced.

**E. Carpet Replacement Project.** Director Debbie Searcy, the Board's action officer for this endeavor has obtained estimates for the work. She is now finalizing her recommendations. We will keep our owner members informed as we proceed.

**F. Parking Deck and Other Lighting.** All of the old parking deck fixtures have been replaced with new LED lamps which are much more energy efficient. We now, for the first time in several years, meet the illumination standards for such areas. The main entrance portico lighting and the parking garage entrance have also been replaced with LEDs. The lighting along the driveway from Oceans West Boulevard was included in the project as well as lighting around the pool. Thanks to Director Bill Stevens for his efforts in spearheading the project.

**G. Game Room Changes:**

a. Oceans Grand Library. Jo Stevens, Liz Bennett and Sharon Woodfin have made amazing improvements in the Library. The shelves have been rearranged and organized into categories. Book shelves are labeled and there is a box where book returns or donations are placed. They even have large-print books as well as magazines and puzzles. Go take a look. You will be pleased.

b. Pool Table. The damaged felt cover was removed and the slate was repaired before new felt was applied. The table was repositioned and re-leveled. In the new location in the room, there are a couple of angles where your shot might be hampered a wee bit but unless you are a budding Willie Hoppe, you can adjust.

c. Table Tennis. The Oceans Grand dedicated table tennis players weren't all that enthusiastic about the new room arrangements but they still use it. They also have the table tennis area on the ground floor and, if need be to have more space, the mobile table could be rolled out into the spacious corridor.

**H. Mail Room USPS Package Notices.** You probably have noticed the new marking system being utilized in the Mail Room for packages received via the US Postal Service. Jo Stevens, one of our owner members was uncomfortable with having to look through all of the packages to determine if she had received any. She learned through conversations with others that they also felt awkward about it. She then talked to Pam and requested that she coordinate with the mail carrier to determine if they would be willing to use the simple package marking system that she had used in her little post office in Kentucky. The mail carrier agreed and Jo made the markers. She also placed a box on the table where the markers can be returned. Thanks, Jo, for your innovation.

**I. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Items.** As announced in the January, 2016 O-Gram, the Board plans to hold a meeting in February, 2016 after the final 2015 financial reports are received. We should receive those documents soon and can then coordinate the meeting date/time. We will announce the schedule well in advance and will also issue a "call" for agenda item submittals. We will notify you via e-mail and will also place Suggested Agenda Item blank forms in the Mail Room. Be thinking now about agenda items you wish to submit for consideration.

**J. Cable Television Service.** It appears that the vast majority of Oceans Grand residents are quite satisfied with the new AT&T U-Verse Television and Internet Service. There have been, we hear, a few technical glitches but those have been resolved fairly rapidly. Yesterday, January 31, 2016 was the last day for cable television service furnished by Advanced Cable Systems, Inc. although we do understand that some residents retained their land-line. Our CAM is working with Advanced Cable Systems, Inc. and AT&T to have the security camera channel switched over to the AT&T system and that action should occur very soon.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS: February is a busy month.**

- Tuesday, Feb 2 - Groundhog Day
- Saturday, Feb 6 - Oceans Grand Potluck Supper
- Sunday, Feb 7 - Super Bowl 50
- Monday, Feb 8 - Chinese New Year (Year of the Monkey)
- Sunday, Feb 14 - St. Valentine's Day
- Monday, Feb 15 - President's Day
- Monday, Feb 29 - Leap Day

*Cut out the notice below and place it where you can find it:*

**IF YOU NEED AFTER HOURS ASSISTANCE FROM THE  
NAN TEAM, CONTACT DIRECTOR DEBBIE SEARCY AT  
1-904-662-4311.**

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The Oceans Grand is an interactive community of residents living in relative close proximity. Our goals are to maintain an attractive, clean, quiet, safe and secure place to live, to instill pride of ownership and to ensure our condominium remains a high quality real estate investment. We strive for harmony among our residents.

# **OCEANS GRAND RECYCLING GUIDE**



## **ITEMS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED:**

- **ALUMINUM:** Empty cans and aluminum foil.
- **CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOXES:** Please flatten, and either cut down or fold to a size of no more than 4' by 4' flattened. Staples and tape do not have to be removed.
- **GLASS:** Clear and color food and beverage jars and bottles. Please remove food and other contents, then rinse. Labels, rings and lids on glass containers are acceptable.
- **JUICE / MILK CARTONS:** All drink boxes and milk or juice cartons.
- **MAGAZINES:** Including catalogs and printed material with glossy pages.
- **MIXED PAPER:** Brown paper bags, junk mail, envelopes, copier paper, shredded paper, pizza boxes, cardboard egg cartons, paper towel & toilet tissue rolls, cereal and shoe boxes.
- **NEWSPAPERS:** Includes all paper that is distributed with or as part of newspapers.
- **PLASTICS:** With the recycling symbol 1 - 7 PET and HDPE containers such as beverage bottles, dishwashing soap bottles, shampoo bottles, plastic milk jugs and detergent bottles. Please remove contents and rinse. Labels, rings and lids on plastic containers are acceptable.
- **STEEL AND TIN CANS:** Please empty contents and rinse. Empty **AEROSOL CANS** are also acceptable.
- **TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES.**

## **ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED:**

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| - CERAMICS   | - LIGHT BULBS (INCANDESCENT OR FLUORESCENT)                    |
| - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS   | - MIRRORS  |
| - COAT HANGARS   | - PLASTIC BAGS   |
| - COMPUTERS, PRINTERS OR OTHER OFFICE EQUIPMENT                    | - PLASTICS WITHOUT RECYCLING SYMBOL                            |
| - ELECTRIC CORDS   | - STYROFOAM (EGG CARTONS, FOOD CONTAINERS OR PACKING MATERIAL) |
| - PORCELAIN  | - STRAW BASKETS, WREATHS, ETC.                                 |
| - GLASS COOKWARE / BAKEWARE  | - USED BATTERIES   |
| - HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (COOKING POTS & PANS, TOASTERS, FURNITURE, ETC.) | - WINDOW OR AUTO GLASS   |
| - LAMP SHADES  |  |

*Attachment to Oceans Grand Rules & Regulations*