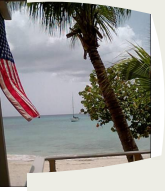




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Coakley View

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE COAKLEY BAY COMMUNITY: OWNERS, RENTERS AND GUESTS

What could possibly make perfect weather even better? How about enjoying it without power outages !! CB is all lit up for the Season!

From your General Manager

GOOD AFTERNOON,

The weather has been a balmy 83 with slightly cloudy skies with winds from the east at 15 to 20 mph. Pool is a little chilly okay once you are in the water.

This month we will be starting on a series of projects that were approved with the 2014 budget. The largest of the projects is the re-painting of buildings L, M, and N. The repair and painting of buildings J and H's roofs and the burial of the west power lines ending the large projects.

Some of the smaller projects include replacing 6 sets of sliding glass doors, replacing 6 to 8 sets of balcony door screens and the construction of a concrete retaining wall and replacing the older plants along the wall for building F.

Our landscaping group will be replacing the plants at F building when the retaining wall is installed. The plants in front of L, M, and N will be replaced and the soils turned and if necessary, replaced. A lot of our plants have gotten a little thin in the foliage so we will be looking at replacing them as well.

As always your suggestions are appreciated.



Join Your Fellow Owners February 19th



**Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
at the Coakley Bay office
at 9 a.m.**



Cultured Pelican Restaurant Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday from 6:00 pm

Sunday Brunch 10 am to 2 pm

What's Happening in February

- **Feb. 1** · Krewe de Croix kick off at Off the Wall
- **Feb. 7** · Valentine Day Jump Up
- **Feb. 14** — Valentine's Day
- **Feb. 17** · President's day
- **Feb. 21** · Sunset Jazz in Frederiksted

The Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was a great success even if it was a little long (4hours). The Officers of the Board of Directors for 2014 are :

Bob Waldman - President
 Dwain Ford · Vice President
 Cynthia Taylor· Treasurer
 Pamela Price · Secretary

We want to thank everyone that came to the Annual Meeting for their comments and suggestions. A lot was discussed and the following project was approved that had not been in the 2014 budget:

- Underground Burial of the west side electrical lines

DID YOU KNOW?

FUN FACTS OR FACTS!

FEEL FREE TO SEND YOUR FACT(S) TO THE COAKLEY BAY OFFICE.



In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweet-hearts, and pets!

President's Day is celebrated on the third Monday in February

Gas Prices

Regular \$3.89 per gallon
 Hi Test \$4.39 per gallon
 Diesel \$4.29 per gallon

Yard Sale 2/22/2014

Now accepting items for donations.

Please contact:

Aina 773-9329

Joanne 340.773.1585

CBA office 773-9600

Coakley Bay Polo / Golf Shirts

Coakley Bay has both men's and women's golf/polo shirts for sale. They are available in 8 different colors and all sizes. Men's shirts are \$55.00 and women's are \$45.00. They are Devon and Jones shirts, it takes about 7 business days.



Where Coakley Bay's Water Comes from and is it really free+?



A Layman's guide to how it all works and why water has real value.

Source of Our Water: All of the water that flows from our sink and shower faucets comes from a combination of rain water and well water. Rain water is collected from the roofs of the F & G buildings and stored in cisterns under the two buildings, then pumped to the various other buildings as needed. (F & G have very large surface roofs and large cistern capacity.) The water in these cisterns is chemically treated, then tested monthly by an outside quality control firm, as mandated by DPNR. In the past, all buildings caught water to be stored in the buildings' individual cisterns for resident usage, but recent DPNR requirements for monthly chemical analysis and periodic emptying and resealing of cisterns have made using all buildings cistern a prohibitably expensive. So the decision was made by recent Boards of Directors to use only F & G, and water from the other buildings could be used for landscaping. Well water is collected from drilled wells located below the CB office. Since these bores access the water table very close to sea level, there is considerable salinity in it which must be removed prior to our using it. The reverse osmosis (RO) plant located in a shed just east of the office uses high pressure pumps to force water through membranes, removing the salt and rendering the water potable.

Water Distribution The water is distributed to your tap through an intricate system of pipes and conduits connecting the wells and cisterns and fifteen buildings. In most towns in the states, water is held in a big tower high above ground, and the water pressure to bring it to residents is generated by gravity flow. In CB's hilly terrain, all water is moved by dozens of electric pumps and powered by WAPA electricity.

Sewage Treatment Since St. Croix has no public sewage treatment system outside of the towns, CB must treat its own sewage. This is accomplished at our water treatment plant locating a half mile up the road from Ziggy's Gas at the eastern edge of the CB property. Huge tanks use enzymes, aeration, and gravity settling to treat water in three stages, creating the "gray water" most of us use in our toilets. The complex was designed to use this water (only one or two levels below drinking quality) through a separate plumbing system to run our toilets, thus saving our precious drinking quality water for other purposes. Again, sewage is electrically pumped up over the hill east of the F-bldg to the treatment plant, and then re-pumped after treatment to a series of twelve above-ground cement holding tanks located above the F-bldg awaiting gravity feeding to your toilets.

Is Our Water Really Free? Our water is free in the sense that owners are not charged any separate fees on their homeowners bill for water. (The Reef Condos, for example, charges 8 cents a gallon, amounting to about \$200 a month from a family of two.) But the costs of our elaborate water system are financially supported by our homeowner fees and these expenses can be considerable. Pumps need regular replacement, pipes can break requiring repair, water treatment chemicals must be purchased, time is spent by staff to maintain the system, water testing and permits cost money, and all water is pushed by pumps resulting in a monthly WAPA bill that would scare Bill Gates!

What Can I Do To Help? Think of our water as the valuable commodity it is, and do whatever you can to conserve it and limit its usage. Fixing dripping faucets, taking shorter showers, replacing old, water-guzzling toilets with newer models, going back to your original plumbing design of using gray water in the toilets instead of fresh water, turning off taps at sinks when brushing your teeth, these are all simple little steps that can make a difference. And when renting your unit, make sure your tenant has an understanding of how valuable and precious our water is to us. And don't forget limiting expenses associated with our water usage can help us keep our monthly fees as low as possible. *Drafted by the Coakley Bay Conservation Committee of Tom Pearson, Judi Perazzo & Eric Joyce*