

Homeowner Newsletter

Homeowner News straight from your local team



Quarter 3• 2019

A NOTE FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER:

Hello Patricia Grand owners! I am happy to report that we remained relatively unscathed from Hurricane Dorian. Patricia Grand was evacuated on 9/2 due to the mandatory evacuation order for the area and was able to reopen on 9/7. The property experienced limited damage such as water damage in the units and water intrusion in the lobby, however we did lose our new roof top awnings and the new awnings above the pool bar. Despite this, we were relieved that we did not experience the same type of damage as Hurricane Florence. Now we are getting into the off-season where we will focus on preventative maintenance and deep cleaning. Please stay tuned for further communication regarding your unit from our Homeowner Services Team.



Lastly, quick note regarding our merger with Vacasa - the close that was scheduled for the week of October 1 has been temporarily postponed. We will learn more in the coming weeks and will communicate as soon as we have more information.

Bob Singleton, General Manager

STAFF INTRODUCTION: Meet Your Marketing Team



Chris Harmon - Graphic Artist

Chris has been a valued member of the Oceana Resorts team for almost 7 years as our Graphic Artist. In addition to graphic design, Chris also takes on the role of creating and maintaining content on the company website and 10 microsites, creates emails, and is our "go-to" guy for all things media! "I enjoy having the opportunity to design engaging graphics and logos for promotional campaigns, resort amenities, events, etc. Also, as technology constantly evolves, discovering new marketing trends and the opportunities they provide offers something new to learn every day.", Chris states. Check out some of Chris' awesome graphics below that were designed for past promotions:





Presley Fullum - Marketing Coordinator

Presley joined the Oceana Resorts team a year and half ago as our Marketing Coordinator. Her day to day roles include communicating with our vendors and partners, coordinating supply deliveries to our properties, maintaining our social media accounts, and various admin tasks that help the department run smoothly. When asked what she loves most about her role she replied, "One of my favorite parts of my job is getting to connect with our guests through social media. Guests truly cherish the time they get to spend here in Myrtle Beach and getting to share bits of our beach town with them when they are away is always fun."





MARKETING UPDATE: Quarter 3

Our marketing efforts this quarter were heavily focused on last minute bookings. July and August both proved to be a challenge in the market, particularly for mid-week stays. Our promotions were centered around Deal of the Day offers that focused on need periods. We paired these special deals with all of the free perks that come when booking direct with Patricia Grand. Our guests receive unlimited free access to Wild Water & Wheels water park, free play at Lost Mine Miniature Golf, free DVD rentals, free seasonal attraction tickets at check-in, free golf green fees, and children's activities program during the summer months. We pack a lot of value into a stay with Oceana Resorts! Our evergreen extended stay deals remained a focus for advertising, promoting direct bookings through paid search marketing and website featured offers.

Other seasonal offers included Christmas in July, which offered travel discounts from August 18, 2019 through March 31, 2020. This sale was bookable for our 12 Days of Christmas in July and was supported by local email sends, Wyndham Vacation Rentals emails, social media posts, paid social media, paid search marketing, and inclusion in online deal sites. This limited time offer produced 720 nights for Patricia Grand.

Wyndham Vacation Rentals coordinated a Fall Kickoff Sale during Labor Day Weekend, which was a fantastic opportunity

to participate in a nationally coordinated offer. The sale featured discounted travel through November 27th. In addition to the nationally coordinated efforts, we supported with local marketing emails, social media posts, paid social advertising and inclusion for online deal sites.

Our focus has now changed to monthly winter rentals and fall travel while we gear up for our holiday offers. This year, Oceana Resorts is gifting our winter rentals who stay 90+ nights a fabulous welcome gift valued over \$100. We are marketing this offer online and via social media to generate more of these long-term booking opportunities for owners. We will create look-a-like audiences on Facebook by uploading our current and past monthly rentals in our continued efforts to tap into this type of guest.

I am super excited to announce that our first Flip.to contest has come to an end and we announced our winners last week. This tool has garnered 960 warm leads for Patricia Grand through social engagement by our past guests. If you haven't visited the website lately, take a look at our photo stories and vote for your favorite to see how it works!

Our local team continues to monitor market and industry trends to best position the property for success.

Theresa Koren, Sales and Marketing Director

Below are examples of emails sent to guests to promote our Christmas in July, Flip.to, and Fall Kick Off campaigns.











FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Market Intel

For the majority of the year we have seen a more "heads in beds" strategy throughout the market - meaning properties are selling lower rates in an effort to fill their rooms, making the market highly competitive. Part of the competitiveness is due to additional inventory added to the market, three brand new properties built and open in 2019, and the continuation of more last minute travel from our 150-200 mile radius drive market or as we like to call them, "Weekend Weather Warriors". In Q4, we are seeing some of our competitors down 45.9% in occupancy compared to the same time last year but just slightly up in Average Daily Rate compared to the same time last year.

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Although the property did see some negative effects during the summer months due to lower and more aggressive rates in the market, the minimal damage we saw from the hurricane this year compared to last year allowed us to reopen and start taking reservations sooner. This helped contribute to a much better September compared to last year, which helped the quarter overall. All Average Daily Rate miss was attributed to the storm this year impacting the Labor Day holiday weekend, as well as lower rates in the market post storm to attract visitors back to the beach post Hurricane Dorian.

Property	ADR Change YOY	Occ Change YOY
Patricia Grand Resort	-2.65%	+0.43%

Q3 - 2019: Looking Ahead

Patricia Grand is slightly difficult to compare against last year. Although it is great to see we are pacing ahead of last year in occupancy by such a large percentage, the property was closed for about two weeks in October due to the after effects of Hurricane Florence. Additionally, last year we had rooms down throughout the first two weeks in October and continued to remove units from rental as damage was assessed. In an effort to help drive this lower demand quarter, we are pushing our Autumn Escape campaign with worry-free cancellation and early-check in and have just launched our holiday shopping and show package for the winter.

Property	ADR Change YOY	Occ Change YOY
Patricia Grand Resort	-5.78%	+41.88%

Anthony Bottaro, Revenue Manager

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOMEOWNERS

We welcome our new owners to The Patricia Grand and to the Oceana Resorts family!

Stephan V., Indiana

Debra S., Virginia

Sable Kendle, Business Development Specialist 877-261-3357





HOMEOWNER SERVICES:

Hello Homeowners! By now I'm sure you have received communication regarding our new owner improvement program. Oceana Resorts and the Homeowner Services team has worked diligently to create and offer participation in this program and have come up with three versions of a theme for all of our units. By creating a theme of common elements, this will provide cohesion and unity, as well as refreshing the aging condition of the units (design boards can be viewed below). Each renovation option will include commercial furnishings that will last up to 4x longer than residential furnishings, which is extremely important in fulfilling the many needs of the business and improvement of your investment. Oceana Resorts will continue to provide our rental management services and guidance, offering the best negotiated costs and financing assistance. In doing so, we have extended the deadline to participate in the improvement program to November 2nd, 2019. Please make a strong consideration into replacing and updating the items and elements needed. We look forward to getting a start on moving up our scores and sustainability!

In other news, we have implemented a different approach with our compliance policy. We view and grade all items through the eyes of our guests, as value compared to cost. These are the condition options used when determining a unit's compliance rating:

Good Condition - Item is either new or has not met its life expectancy; Items are in "like-new" condition; Minimal signs of wear

Showing Wear - Item may or may not have met its life expectancy; Medium signs of wear; May have small issues that may or may not be fixed

Needs Replaced - Item is showing extreme signs of wear; Replacement is needed

Additionally, we follow AAA guidelines for a 3 star property, listen to guest feedback, as well as take into account the inventory of competition. There were several new properties to open in 2019 and many of our neighbors made extensive upgrades and/or renovations. In order to stay competitive in the market, we have had to step up our game.

As your Homeowner Representative I am always here to address any questions or concerns you may have. We are looking forward to putting our best foot forward in the next quarter and continuing to create the best vacation experience possible for our guests!

Design Concepts

CASEGOOD CONCEPTS







Design Concepts

FURNISHING OPTIONS





















WARM PALETTE CUSTOMIZATION



LIVING ROOM ART

LIVING ROOM ART

BEDROOM ART

Wendy Broyles, Product Enhancement Specialist





PROPERTY HAPPENINGS Patricia Grand

Triple Sheeting Package

We are excited to announce the installation of the new triple sheeting package! The new top sheets were put into circulation in

June. The new product allows for a consistent look throughout the property accentuating the clean whites that travelers have come to expect. The new box spring wraps were installed in September. This new product pairs perfectly with the new top sheet and makes cleaning efficient and hassle-free for the housekeeping staff. The box spring wrap is elastic making it easy to stretch and tuck without the need to find perfect placement of the bed skirt. Please look for the charges on your owner statement. All owners will be charged for the new box spring wraps in October and owners who had not complied with the triple sheeting standard were charged for the upgrade in September.



Preventative Maintenance & Deep Clean Season

We continue to review our processes to improve communication with our owners. This year we will complete an inspection prior to any work being completed so we can communicate items identified for repair and replacement. This will include an estimate of charges we expect will apply for the preventative maintenance items. We will also have both the Preventative Maintenance and Deep Clean walked and approved by the General Manager. Please find a list below of common theme issues we plan to address this PM & Deep Clean Season:

- Mismatched and worn light switches/outlets
- Kitchen cabinetry that is worn or showing age
- Closet doors that have rusted tracks and rusted door frames
- Toilets that are scarred from years of snaking and wear
- Safes that are showing rust or have operational issues (these will be replaced at no cost to owners)
- Bathroom and bedroom doors that have no lamination due to water damage or wear and tear
- Carpet and flooring
- Painting This will be assessed on a unit by unit basis as many units are showing wear and tear after a heavy rental season 单

2019 SERVICE RESULTS

To the right is a chart illustrating an aggregate of all online media review sites including Trip Advisor, Facebook, Booking.com, Expedia, and others. We are excited to report that we are seeing great improvement. Our guests have spoken and the results are indicating a 3 year high.







UPCOMING EVENTS

Pawleys Island Festival of Music & Art October 18 The Reserve Golf Club, Pawleys Island

40th Annual Loris Bog-Off Festival October 19 Downtown Loris

Hippie Fest October 26 MB Speedway, Myrtle Beach

BooFest! at Barefoot Landing October 26 Barefoot Landing, North Myrtle Beach

Howl-O-Scream October 26 NMB Park & Sports Complex, North Myrtle Beach

Halloween on the Marshwalk October 31 The Marshwalk, Murrells Inlet Myrtle Beach Seafood Festival November 1-2 Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach

Brew at the Zoo November 2 Brookgreen Gardens, Murrells Inlet

Thanksgiving Dinner at Bay Watch Resort November 28 Bay Watch Resort, North Myrtle Beach

Thanksgiving Dinner at The Patricia Grand November 28 The Patricia Grand, North Myrtle Beach

The Great Christmas Light Show November 25 - December 30 NMB Park & Sports Complex, North Myrtle Beach

Christmas Parade December 7 North Myrtle Beach

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