

Happy Holidays from the Morrises at Sand Torini!

We are finally [AT HOME](#) as of July 10!!! It feels so good to be settled after camping in a tiny 2-bedroom condo for two years! We're still not completely unpacked but we are starting to find things we didn't know we were missing after they had been in storage for so long.

Moving was a BIG ordeal! We realized that we have not been sympathetic enough to people when they moved. We thought we pared down our belongings before we put them into storage, but we still have WAY TOO MUCH stuff! Figuring out where to put things will probably take us the rest of our lives!

The building process really curtailed our international [travel](#) over these last couple of years. This year we made 9 flights back & forth to Atlanta plus a couple of driving trips involving packing & moving. BJ went to Greenville for a weekend embroidery conference and to the Delta Ladies' Golf Tournament in Palm Coast.



We took one international [trip to Germany](#) where we traveled the Romantic Road and enjoyed views from the Eagle's Nest, Hitler's retreat, high in the mountains.



Animals seem to be a big part of our life here. A tiny screech owl tried to lay claim to our house while it was being built, an alligator visited the beach in front of the house, a 12 point buck poked his nose into our outdoor security camera and a mommy sea turtle laid her eggs just off of our deck on the 4th of July!



Speaking of animals, Lucy & Lola are doing well. Lucy was diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure, but we think it was caught early and with medication we believe she will have a long healthy life.



Tony is still working for BJ and Tony, Inc. as a contract programmer for LGE Community Credit Union. BJ and two friends have started a vacation rental management company, [Sand Dollar Vacation Rentals](#). The new company is keeping BJ and her friends quite busy!

As if we didn't already have enough vehicles, Tony bought two vintage Sunbeam Tigers. He's wanted ONE all his life. Now he has TWO. BJ wants him to have ONE also! See the ad on [Craigslist](#).



After we moved out of Paws Awhile, our condo at Sand Dollar Villas, we had a lot of work to do to get it ready to be a rental unit. BJ scraped the popcorn ceilings, ripped out the old carpeting and reupholstered the storage ottoman that Lola had shredded. We changed the name of our unit to [Beauty and the Beach](#) since it is no longer pet friendly (per the condo association rules).

Shortly after we moved into Sand Torini, we got to experience our first Hurricane. We considered evacuating, but after watch the path Dorian was taking as it approached our coast, we decided to ride it out. We had lots of wind and waves but no damage. It was fascinating to watch.

We've had lots and lots of company this year. They say you never know how many friends you have until you have a beach house! Pet sitters are also not hard to come by in a beach house! We've had fun showing off our new home!

We are looking forward to our first Christmas in our new home. We hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

BJ and Tony