

TRAILS



March 2007

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HOWARD PASCOE



At the recent Deer Creek Annual Meeting held on January 30, 2007, I was shocked to find that the majority of homeowners could

the Board to raise your assessment.

Luckily, we managed to get a quorum, but not by much. Maybe the ballot format was too complicated to understand. We hope to revise the ballot before next year's Annual Meeting, making it easier to understand and fill out.

not find the time to attend the meeting or find the time to fill out a proxy form to help establish a quorum. A quorum is necessary to be able to conduct important business at this meeting, such as carrying over the excess of last year's budget and applying it against the subsequent tax year members' assessments as provided by IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604. If not carried forward, the excess would be subject to Corporate Income Tax, thus possibly forcing

Participation in Deer Creek activities seems to be lacking. The Social Committee tries to plan sufficient and diversified activities so that participation is fun, educational and provides a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Our holiday dinner party at Prestancia, for example, was attended by only 55 people (some of which were outside guests of

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Notice of Next Board Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held at 2 PM on Tuesday, March 27 at the Faith Lutheran Church on Beneva Road.

Residents are always welcome to attend Board meetings.

ALLIGATOR PAYS HOUSE CALL

Ed and Helen Oswald, 8443 Woodbriar, were surprised when they got a call from neighbor Dr. Jim Malcolm saying that there was a "big alligator" at their door. Helen knew there was something amiss when she looked out and saw that the floor mat was in an unusual position. Then she discovered the new (and very much alive) floor mat as shown in the photo.



(see "House Call" on page 5)



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

DCCA Board of Directors

| Position | Name | Term Ends |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| President | Howard Pascoe | 2008 |
| V. President | Howard Tisch | 2009 |
| Secretary | Claire Power | 2008 |
| Treasurer | Tom Frey | 2008 |
| Director | Jay Olin | 2009 |
| Director | Phil Mentz | 2008 |
| Director | Linda Slack | 2009 |
| Director | Richard Tabor | 2009 |
| Director | Sandy Twyon | 2009 |

Committee Chairpersons

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Budget & Finance | Tom Frey |
| Communications | Howard Tisch |
| Design & Development | Howard Pascoe |
| Landscape & Irrigation | Grace Cufarro |
| Lakes & Animals | Dick Spayd |
| Rails to Trails (<i>ad hoc</i>) | Al Mahan |
| Social Committee | Nancy Zeman & Dee Forsyth |
| Streets & Structures | Richard Tabor |
| Rules & Regulations | Phil Mentz |
| Traffic | Jay Olin |

Key Positions

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Palmer Ranch Communities Coalition | Howard Pascoe |
| Palmer Ranch Master Association | Sandy Twyon |
| Pref. Vendors List | Ron Meijer |
| Telephone Book | Clark Southworth |
| TRAILS Distribution | Candi Messerschmidt |
| TRAILS Editor | Clark Southworth |
| Webmaster | Fred Rowley |
| Welcoming | Mary Ann Spayd |
| Gatehouse Captain | Dmitriy Khasik |

EDITOR'S DESK

CLARK SOUTHWORTH



Reading the President's message got me thinking about how hard Deer Creek volunteers

Many of you work or have other commitments that preclude volunteering to work on a committee or to run for a director position, but supporting your community in other ways is always possible. How about taking the time to vote in the annual election of officers? Sure there were only five candidates

work for so little thanks or recognition. OK, they don't expect hugs, but a nice word to some of the committee chairs or officers once in awhile would be nice. What is the old saying? Ten percent do ninety percent of the work? If they did not, our assessments would be a lot more than they are now.

“OK, they don't expect hugs, but a nice word to some of the committee chairs or officers once in awhile would be nice.”

for five officers, but where were the other volunteers to run for office?

Are you happy with they way things are going? You shouldn't wait for something negative to happen to make your first call to become Deer Creek volunteer.

Probably as it is everywhere else, we in Deer Creek seem to take it for granted that everything is going to be done just the way that we want it. We are silent because we are happy. But then when something is not what we expect, we complain, rant and carry on about how our officers should be doing - well, something.

You may notice that with this month's edition of the *TRAILS*, I have started inserting photos of those writing the reports that appear in our newsletter. It's a change that I have wanted to make for some time, and I hope that it adds a bit more personalization to our little community.☐

Questions or suggestions regarding publication of the Deer Creek Community Association *TRAILS* newsletter should be directed to Clark Southworth:
clarktrails@verizon.net



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

homeowners). What a shame! Everyone had a wonderful time, but we would have liked to see many more friendly faces. I hope the new bulletin boards help to keep residents abreast of our forthcoming events. While driving in or out of our community, take a look. Social Committee activities are on the left side of the board, and Deer Creek Association events are on the right. If you have any suggestions for future activities, give Nancy Zeman, Dee Forsyth or myself a call. We'd love to hear from you.

I hate to make this message one of complaints, but it goes with the territory. I drive around the community almost daily and find to my disappointment that several

homeowners still do not adhere to the State and County regulations by putting out garbage too early or watering their lawns on the wrong day or watering more than one day a week. Why is it so difficult for some homeowners to abide by the rules such as keeping within the 25 mile speed limit and making a full stop at stop signs?

We have lots of great committees working to make our community a more lovely place to be. We're always looking for new members who could apply their talents for the betterment of all of our residents. The Communications Committee can always use help in assembling and distributing this newsletter. Our Landscaping and Irrigation

Committee could always use more help in planning what adorns our common areas. The Lakes and Waterways Committee might need skillful handymen to keep our fountains spurting their beauty. The Rules and Regulations Committee, the Design and Development Committee, the Traffic Committee, the Streets and Structures Committee and the Social Committee all may function a little smoother with your help. So if you have some time to spare, and do not have a specific agenda, get involved. Join your neighbors by volunteering. We all appreciate the efforts of those who care enough to contribute. Please contact a director or committee chairman. ▣

BOARD ACTIONS

CLAIRE POWER



The following actions were taken at the February 27th meeting:

- The Board approved the initiation of

collection proceedings which may lead to the filing of liens for rule violations and/or delinquent community fees against the following properties:

Lot Numbers:

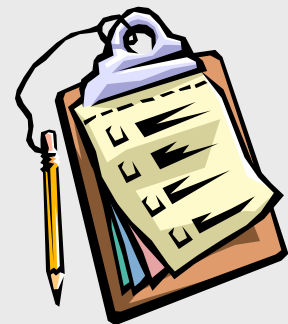
1014, 1040, 1072, 1074, 2021, 4023, 4039, 4084, 5121, 5138, and 5142.

- The Board unanimously approved the levying of \$1,000 fines against the following properties:

Lot Numbers:

5142, 1039, 1041, & 1074.

- The Board rejected a proposal to cosmetically seal the streets in Deer Creek. ▣



Editor's Note: A lot number index can be found on the "Documents" page of our Web site (www.deercreeksarasota.org).

WELCOME TO DEER CREEK!

MARY ANN SPAYD



Michael and Marilyn Halsted - 8502 Shady Oak Lane, 922-1465, after spending eight years of vacationing in their condo here in Sarasota, they

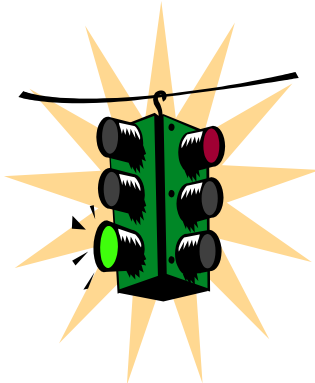
decided to purchase a home in Deer Creek. However, they will continue to spend part of the year back in Valparaiso, Indiana. Michael retired after spending 30 years in chemical sales with three different companies - U.S. Steel, D. Stuart, and Henkel Corp. Marilyn also retired after 30 years of working as a manager of computer installations for E.J. and E. Railroad. They have three grown children and enjoy golfing, cycling, and swimming.

Gene and Dottie McGonigle - 4450 Deer Creek Blvd., 925-7518, were renting a house in the Hamptons for the season when rather "spur of the moment" they found themselves buying a house in Deer Creek - much to their delight! Gene is a retired chemist having worked for 30 years with Merck, Johnson & Johnson, and Plough Pharmaceuticals. He is a private pilot and enjoys playing golf. Dottie was employed as a Sales Director for Holiday Inn in New Hope, Pa. They will be spending quite a bit of time at their residence in Doylestown, Pa. throughout the year in order to enjoy the activities of their 6 grandchildren.▣



TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

JAY OLIN



The 2007 Traffic Committee has been formed consisting of the following members:

Jay Olin – Chairperson
 Richard Tabor – Liaison
 Ron Benice
 Kurt Ottinger
 Clark Southworth

reviewing the Committee functions in order to develop job descriptions to be assigned to respective members. Two primary initial objectives are to limit access to the gatehouse computer system and to review the ability to create an economic, integrated gate access control system. Clark Southworth will be making a presentation to the Committee in March on the new (and recently-installed) access control and information database computer system.▣

Additional Committee members will be added as needed from a list of interested residents. I am

LAKES, WATERWAYS AND ANIMALS

DICK SPAYD



If you hear a knock at your front door, you might be well advised to see who is there before you open the door! Fortunately,

Helen and Ed Oswald have a glass panel in their front door and spotted the huge alligator shown below. They immediately called Animal Control who eventually sent out two female officers to remove the alligator. Upon their arrival they saw this was a 9' alligator, and they were not equipped to handle any alligator longer than 4'. They then called the Florida Game Commission

who dispatched a trapper to the scene. The trapper estimated the alligator weighed about 250 lbs. **A word of caution to the residents of Deer Creek:** please be advised that we are approaching the mating season for alligators, and they might be moving overland between our lakes and the preserve areas "looking for love!" This was definitely a time to call for assistance in removing an alligator. In the future, please let me know if you encounter an alligator, and I will place the appropriate calls to the Game Commission.

We've had sufficient

rains in the past months to fill our lakes beyond the designed water level of 14' 2". Therefore, the water above that level is currently flowing out to the Trunk Canal and Catfish Creek. Our lakes are looking very good at the moment. We have minimal algae in just a few lakes.

The lighting of the fountain in Lake 1-1 (the right side upon entering Deer Creek from McIntosh Rd.) is looking quite dim. This may be due



either to bulbs being burned out or algae covering the light bulbs. We are evaluating the situation and will take corrective action.■

HOUSE CALL (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)



Helen and Ed Oswald
with visiting alligator at front door.



Helen said: "I use the front door to go out and get the mail. Thank goodness I got the call before I went out today!"

The alligator was too large for the sheriff's animal control squad, so professional trappers were called in to remove what

turned out to be a nine foot long (and approximately 250 pound) beast.■

Another good reason for keeping your garage door closed!



Professional trappers removing the nine foot alligator. Photo courtesy of Jim Malcolm.



SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

DEE FORSYTH & NANCY ZEMAN



A group of 38 residents and guests took the bus trip to the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa on February 5. Everyone reported having a good time, and another trip is being considered for the fall or next year.

Approximately 20 Deer Creek ladies met for lunch at Prestancia on March 1. The weather was beautiful, so the month came in more like a lamb than a lion. Thanks to Pat Krug for arranging the lunch, serving as a gracious hostess and providing the darling "lion and lamb" door prizes won by Nita Schotsch and Lois Hopson.

Don't forget the **mixer at Suzi and John Harkolas'** (4794 Dove Tail Court) from 6 till 8 pm Friday, March 9. Please call the Harkolas at 927-5689 to make your reservations. Please bring your own beverage of choice and an appetizer to share plus \$1 each to cover cost of paper goods and mixes. Come and meet your neighbors.

The first ever **Palmer Ranch SpringFest** will be held March 31 and April 1 from 10 am to 4 pm. Please call Sandy Twyon (921-6022) if you can spare a few hours to work at this event.

The April **Ladies' Luncheon** will be at Café Baci on Thursday, April 5, at noon. We will have the upstairs party room but will order off the menu with separate checks. No need to prepay for this luncheon. Suzi Harkola and Pat Beckwith will serve as hostesses. Please call (927-

5689) or e-mail Suzi (jl21652@comcast.net) by April 2 for reservations. All Deer Creek ladies and their friends are invited to join us for a couple of hours of fun, laughter, conversation and camaraderie on April 5.

There will be a **Deer Creek Mixer from 6 – 8pm on Friday, April 13** at the home of Ali and Greg Goebel, 8687 Woodbriar Drive. Make reservations by calling the Goebels at 927-8309 or e-mail greg@autodealermonthly.com. Please bring your own beverage of choice and an appetizer to share plus \$1 each to cover the cost of paper goods and mixes.

The "LAST CALL" Ballet Sunday, April 29 Matinee

Did you visit Sarasota artist, Jack Dowd's LAST CALL exhibit at the Ringling some months ago? The

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Social Opportunities at a Glance:

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| March 9 | Mixer at John and Suzi Harkola's - 927-5689 |
| March 31/April 1 | Palmer Ranch SPRINGFEST (flyer on last page) |
| April 5 | Ladies Luncheon at Café Baci - Suzi Harkola 927-5689 |
| April 13 | Mixer at Ali and Greg Goebel's - 927-8309 |
| April 29 | Ballet - <i>Last Call</i> at the Asolo Theater - Mahans 929-7694 |
| May 5 | Kentucky Derby Party - Emersons 924-4572 |

Ongoing:

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 st Monday/month | Artists of Palmer Ranch (Jeanne C. Romance - 924-8182) |
| 2 nd Wednesday/month | Men's Poker (Herman Freese - 927-6805) |
| Variable | Book Club (Joan Saunders - 925-0453) |
| Variable | Mah Jongg (Pat Krug - 927-5062) |



SOCIAL CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

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exhibit was delightful—13 life-like figures seated at or near a 222 foot mahogany bar. LAST CALL is a newly choreographed Robert deWarren ballet inspired by Dowd's life-like figures.

Our D.C. Social Committee has ordered a limited number of group tickets (at a discount price). To reserve your seats, please send names of those attending and a check (payable to Deer Creek Social Committee) ASAP to Sharron & Al Mahan, 8607 Woodbriar. (929-7694). Choose from **\$50 seats** in Section 1-Orchestra (rows D-K) (seats sell individually for \$64); **OR \$26 seats** In Mezzanine ends of rows B-C-D-E); (individually sold for \$34). Seats not reserved will eventually be released back to the Asolo. We hope that you can join us for this event.

Derby Day Party May 5: Charlotte and Pat Emerson have graciously offered to host this fun event at their home at 8398 Cypress Hollow Drive again this year. Everyone who attended last year agreed it was a great day and they met some really nice fellow "Deer Creekers." More information on this event will be in next month's TRAILS.



The Committee is exploring activities to replace the annual Holiday Dinner Dance in December. Suggestions include a dinner boat ride to see holiday lights, the Rockettes Christmas Show in Tampa, and a Holiday Mixer in someone's home. The dinner dance is still an option. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Mixers: Please call Charlotte Emerson (927-4572) to host a mixer at your home. There is no cost to you. Everyone attending is asked to contribute \$1 and bring their own beverage and an appetizer to share.



NEW IDEAS

Deer Creek Ladies Golf Group: Call Judy Kupperbusch (961-8401) for more information.

Softball anyone? Call Howard Pascoe (923-1516) if you're interested in playing some softball.

Spring Training at Ed Smith Stadium: Group tickets. Call Greg Goebel (927-8309) for information.

Tropicana Field Trip: Watch a major league game. Call Herman

Freese (927-6805) if you're interested.

Cooking Class at the Rolling Pin Emporium in Sarasota Square Mall - limited number. More information to follow.

We are always interested in new ideas for interesting, fun activities. Please call one of the committee members if there's something you'd like to help plan.

We're hoping to see you at our next event! It's a great way to meet fun-loving, interesting people.

Let's all make Deer Creek a friendlier place to live!☐

Dee Forsyth
(bndif@comcast.net)
and
Nancy Zeman
(nzeman@comcast.net)
Co-chairs

PALMER RANCH SPRINGFEST

SANDY TWYON



DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PALMER RANCH SPRINGFEST
 MARCH 31 and APRIL 1, 2007
 LOCATION: CLARK AND SAWYER LOOP ROAD
 TIME; 10 AM to 4 PM
 FREE ADMISSION
 AMPLE PARKING

Join your neighbors and friends for one of Sarasota's newest and most fun events!

- 12K run and 5K family walk -3/31
- Children's crazy hat run -3/31
- 100+Arts and Crafts Vendors
- 8-10 Major Restaurants participating
- Healthy Living Exhibit
- Artists' Exhibits
- Fabulous Prize Drawings
- Mote Marine 's Mobile Research Unit
- Easter Egg Hunt -4/1
- Historic Spanish Point Living History
- Classic Cars Display
- Entertainment by local groups

All proceeds will go to supporting the Sarasota Family YMCA, which provides shelter, counseling, and other activities for homeless and disadvantaged children.

We have 25 volunteers already from Deer Creek, and more are needed! If you would like to be part of this very worthwhile event, please contact: Judith Treloar, Volunteer Coordinator (JTS Springfest@comcast.net) 921-9697 [home] 993-8827 [cell]. FREE T-SHIRTS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

For more information regarding **races**, please contact: Alan Knusr - 925-4572 x1350.

We hope to see you all there on 3/31 and 4/1, 2007!
 BE PART OF OUR FIRST HISTORIC EVENT!

STREETS AND STRUCTURES

RICHARD TABOR



Gatehouses

The decal reader at the McIntosh gate experienced a malfunction. A replacement part was ordered from a

manufacturer and installed by a security firm. The Woodbriar exit gate was struck by an unknown vehicle which resulted in damage to the gate operator. Repairs were completed by a contractor.

Street Lights

The Streets and Structures Committee conducted a survey of Deer Creek and found one street light in the Villas and one street light on Dove Tail Court not working. Two street lights were also found not to be properly functioning on Deer Creek Boulevard and Shadow Pine Way. Committee members repaired the lights by replacing photo-electric cells and a defective ballast.

Streets

Two small potholes were repaired by committee members in front of the McIntosh gate. Pothole repairs were also completed on Deer Creek Boulevard and Shadow Pine Way

If you have questions or concerns regarding streets and structures, I can be contacted at rttennis@att.net. ■



RULES AND REGULATIONS

PHIL MENTZ



There are covenants or rules addressing the placement of curbside debris and garbage and the control of pets.

In the past violations in these two areas were handled through use of letters to the homeowner. Both will now be handled through the established system. Depending upon the circumstances, violators may still be notified by letter, but not routinely. It should be noted that the rule regarding debris and garbage mirrors the county ordinance. The covenant regarding pets applies to all pets. Again, this mirrors the county ordinance.

Curbside Pickup

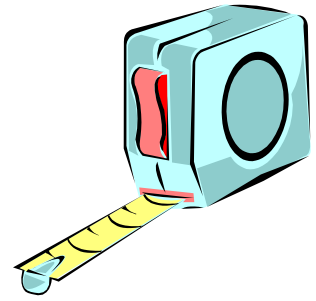
“Trash receptacles, recycling bins, garbage cans, debris bags and loose or bound debris may be placed at the curb after 5 PM of the day before pickup. Empty containers must be taken in by 10 AM of the day following pickup.” Exception will be considered in case of very large and/or heavy

items such as those placed by landscapers, etc. and which cannot be moved by the homeowner.

Pets

“House pets may be kept on any lot as long as they do not become a nuisance to other residents in the neighborhood. Pet owners shall assume full responsibility for all actions of their pets. Exposed excrement on lots, lawn areas or boulevards is prohibited and shall be considered a nuisance. Vicious or threatening behavior or free-running pets shall be considered a nuisance.”

Please note that some residents have put bird feeders out on their property. Complaints have been received about free-running cats frequenting these and attempting to catch the birds. This is a violation, and will be cited. Sarasota Animal Control will also be notified.☐



Assessment Reminder

Quarterly 2007 assessments of \$210 are due as follows:

1. Jan 1, 2006
2. **April 1, 2006**
3. July 1, 2006
4. Oct 1, 2006

Payments must be received within 30 days of the due date to avoid a late charge of \$25 plus interest and other costs.

For your convenience, sign up for automatic payment whereby your bank, at no charge to you, sends in the exact amount each quarter.

To sign up for automatic payment or for questions regarding payments, please call AMI at 359-1134

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

HOWARD PASCOE



In accordance with Deer Creek Development Standards and Architectural Requirements

4450 Deer Creek Blvd. - Approved installation of hurricane protection panels. Replace garage door with a Florida code-approved door.

8492 Woodbriar Dr. - Approved additional plantings next to driveway.

8323 Cypress Hollow Dr. - Approved removal of Schefflera tree compromising the foundation of the house.

8314 Cypress Hollow Dr. - Approved landscaping in front of house. Plans on file.

8464 Woodbriar Dr. - Approved installation of hurricane protection devices.

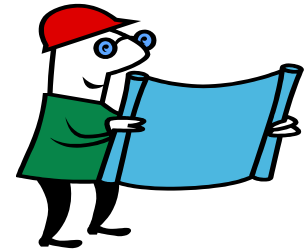
8414 Shadow Pine Way - Approved installation of lights on side of garage door and install wind restraint garage door. Approved landscaping alterations.

8612 Woodbriar Dr. - Approved installation of solar panels. Plan on file.

4480 White Egret Lane - Approved replacing entry door with hurricane protection door.

8587 Woodbriar Dr. - Removal of Maple tree denied.

8378 Shadow Pine Way - Approved installation of new roof same as before. ■



(now posted on the Deer Creek Web site: www.deercreeksarasota.org), approval from the Design and Development Board is required before any changes are made to the exterior of any home in our community. This includes painting the exterior, installing a new roof, as well as any additions or removals from the property (e.g. trees, shrubs, decorative items, etc.).

The following covers D&D activities through February 20, 2007:

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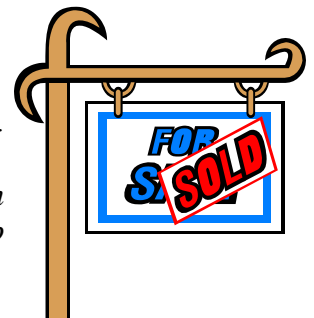
ISABELLA DEJOHN



Another quiet time in Deer Creek--real estate-wise. Since my report five weeks ago, there have been no closed sales. There is one house pending closure. Twenty three houses and six villas are actively listed, many with price reductions and many weeks on the market. The houses range in price from \$499,000 to \$815,000. The Villas range from \$399,000 to \$499,000. All of Sarasota has much inventory to choose from and slow movement at this time! ■

Information taken from Sarasota Association of Realtors.

Isabella Phillips DeJohn
Realtor with Crown Properties Group



RECOMMENDED VENDORS LIST

RON MEIJER



This is another reminder that your Deer Creek neighbors are providing me information regarding vendors and

services with which they were satisfied. These vendors and their phone

numbers, along with the name and phone number of the Deer Creek resident who recommends them, are listed in the Deer

Creek neighborhood vendors list on the Deer Creek Web site (click link at bottom of the home page or link found on "Documents" page).

It is great to know that so many of you are visiting the Web site and checking up on companies or individuals. Roof cleaning seems to be very popular now.

I need YOUR input! If you recently have done business with vendors that you are very satisfied with, please let me know, so that I can put that

"I need YOUR input! If you recently have done business with vendors that you are very satisfied with, please let me know, so that I can put that information on the Web site."

information on the Web site.

If you have used vendors from the existing list and you were **NOT satisfied**, please let me

know, and I will **remove these vendors from our list.**

Please send your input by e-mail only to: ron-meijer@comcast.net

Your neighbors thank you!☐



Vendor Question Letter

As recent newcomers to Florida (and to Deer Creek), my husband Roger and I occasionally come across aspects of home care and maintenance that are unique to life on the Gulf Coast and unfamiliar to us. There is much to learn! We currently are baffled about tile roof maintenance and hope that if we post our "consumer affairs" question in the *TRAILS* newsletter, someone in Deer Creek will have some helpful information for us.

We know that our tile roofs must be powerwashed every few years and we plan to have ours cleaned this spring (after the live oaks pollen season is over). However, we have noticed advertisements for sealants like "Durashield" that can be applied to the clean tiles supposedly to inhibit the growth of mold and mildew. Has anyone in Deer Creek used these sealants on their tile roofs or know whether sealants are effective or worthwhile or not? We would appreciate learning more about it from folks in Deer Creek. Please e-mail Carla Manley or Roger Garcia at carlafm@cox.net. Many thanks!

Carla Manley



HURRICANE PREPARATION

LARRY ALTMAN



The time for preparing for this year's hurricane season is fast approaching – especially with word of the increasing *La Niña*. A small

bonus for protecting all of your windows and doors with approved materials is a discount available from your insurance company. You should check with your insurance company as to how big the discount is and what is necessary to receive the discount.

As I did last year, I would like to point out some unpublicized weaknesses in our homes as well as briefly summarize some of the solutions.

One not so obvious weakness is your garage door. The force on this large flat area during a severe windstorm is enormous. Fortunately, the strengthening of the doors, including bringing the attachment of the hardware to today's standards, is not very expensive. In addition, vertical supports that tie into the concrete floor as well as the overhead joist add considerable strength and are also not very expensive. Any licensed garage door installer can do both jobs in a couple of hours. Even replacing the whole garage door with a wind-rated door is not prohibitive.

Studies of hurricane-hit areas suggest that gable ends of roofs are more susceptible to damage than hip roofs. Gable ends may be

strengthened from the inside by cross-bracing against several of the roof trusses. This can be a do-it-yourself job or any competent carpenter can do it.

Loose or improperly attached roof tiles will be torn away quickly in a hurricane. It's a concern not only for you, but flying tiles from your roof may end up striking your neighbor's house. There are several methods now available for dealing with these situations. Consultation with building and/or roofing experts is highly recommended.

Roof sheathing should be nailed or screwed to the rafters. In some of our older homes, staples were used. This can be fixed during re-roofing or by gluing down the sheathing to the rafters from the inside. Call me if you have a problem.

Sliding glass doors, double front doors, and aquarium windows are especially vulnerable areas for intrusion by either flying objects (like concrete roof tiles) or from the force of the wind. Of course, our windows are also vulnerable. Either roll-down or accordion shutters can be used, but these permanent installations are very costly. Alternatively these openings can be protected by



Lexan® or aluminum panels, or by installation of trampoline type polypropylene fabric. Whatever you choose, make sure that the material (and installation technique) has been tested to pass our current standards (130 mph winds) or, better yet, Miami-Dade standards. If you do the installation yourself, make sure that you do it according to current code. Applying window film to the inside of the glass does strengthen the window somewhat, but it does not bring it up to modern hurricane standards.

For any job, I strongly advise using only licensed contractors. Sarasota County requires contractors to obtain a permit for any hurricane reinforcement job. Ask to see the permit before work begins as this gives you protection in that the final installation is inspected by the County to ensure a proper job. Even if you do it yourself, I advise pulling a building permit

so that you can prove to your insurance company that the installation was done to code – although some insurance companies may require a separate inspection by their inspectors.■

REMINDER

7th ANNUAL SARASOTA COUNTY
HURRICANE AND FLOOD PREPAREDNESS EXPO

WESTFIELD SARASOTA SQUARE MALL
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2007
10:00 A M to 7:00 PM



CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are Free for Deer Creek Residents!
E-mail items to
clarktrails@verizon.net

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Please contact Jaleh Mobasser
 Tel# 924-9212

COMPANIONS/HOMEMAKERS WANTED

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