

TRAILS



December 2007

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ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday, Jan. 31,
2007 at the Faith
Lutheran Church at
7750 Beneva Road**

7:00 PM

**Come hear what your
Board and Committees
have accomplished and
discuss current issues.**

All invited!

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Deer Creek homeowners will soon have the opportunity to express their preferences for community association leaders. At press time, there were six (6) candidates for four (4) open positions. Ballots and instructions on how to cast your vote will be mailed to each homeowner by our management

contractor, AMI, Inc..

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church at 7750 Beneva Road. The meeting date has been set for **THURSDAY January 31, 2007**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Refreshments from 6:30 PM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Each year, a Deer Creek homeowner is entitled to vote for Deer Creek's vacant seats on our Board of Directors as well as other

important matters. This year, we will be voting to approve the carry-over of surplus funds into next year's budget. If we do not vote "yes" on this issue, the community can be taxed for the overage. The other issue to vote on is, in essence, that any petition brought forth by homeowners to change our documents must have the required number of member signatures within 180 days of the date on which the solicitation first began. After the 180 days, the petition on the same subject can not be started again for 2 years.

Early next month, you will receive in the mail a completely revised, easy to understand voting packet. Enclosed you will find an agenda for the Annual

Meeting, ballots on which to vote, and a proxy which is to be filled out if you are NOT attending the meeting. It is imperative that this proxy be filled out so that a quorum (the required number of members) is met to enable us to conduct business at the meeting. This newly revised format should enable every homeowner to cast a vote for the proposed nominees and ballots. Recently, a "Voting Certificate" was placed in your mailbox tube. It is important that you fill it out and hand it to the guard at the guardhouse ASAP. If you do not have one, call me at 923-1516. We still need a few more volunteers to act as ballot counters at the Annual Meeting. If you would like to serve, call me!

I wish to thank the Nominating Committee, comprised of Gwen Wilson (Chair), Bob Bell, Herman Freese, Bob Krug, and Marie Tabor for the great effort they put into getting this year's qualified candidates to run

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DCCA Board of Directors

Position	Name	Term Ends
President	Howard Pascoe	2008
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	Howard Tisch	2008
Director	Sandy Twyon	2009

Committee Chairpersons

Budget & Finance	Tom Frey
Communications	Linda Slack
Design & Development	Howard Pascoe
Landscape & Irrigation	Grace Cufarro
Lakes & Animals	Dick Spayd
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
Preferred Vendors List	Ron Meijer
Telephone Book	Clark Southworth
TRAILS Distribution	Candi Messerschmidt
TRAILS Editor	Clark Southworth
Website Manager	Clark Southworth
Welcoming	Mary Ann Spayd
Gatehouse Captain	Cheryl Rankin

EDITOR'S DESK

CLARK SOUTHWORTH



After more than four years in this seat, I am stepping down as editor of the TRAILS. It's been a great ride on

which I've met many nice neighbors and learned a lot about how our community operates (it does so very well, I might add). There are no negatives that have triggered this decision. Rather it's the fact that I am involved with so many volunteer activities that my golf game is in shambles (OK, it never was very good) and I don't seem to have enough time for other fun things that I like to do.

I love working on Deer Creek committees and activities. I will continue to manage our Website, maintain the Gatehouse entry control system/

community database, work on the Traffic and Lakes committees, and publish the Deer Creek phone book.

To ease the transition, I will publish the February 2008 issue in which the results of the January election of new directors will appear. So by the time the March issue is expected three months from now, the Board of Directors will likely have found a new editor.

Thank all of you who have encouraged and have provided positive feedback over the last few years. I especially thank those other volunteers on the Communications Committee who work in the background making these publications possible.

Finally, knowing that there are many residents who read and are informed by the TRAILS has been the most important and rewarding part of this job. Thank you!☐

Notice

NO JANUARY TRAILS

As in past years, since there will not be a December board meeting, there will be not be a newsletter published in January. The next Trails will be printed the first week in February.

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 CONTINUED

for our 2008-2009 Board of Directors. Getting six homeowners to run for the four openings on the Board is like trying to get the pine needles off your pool cage. Not an easy task. In my opinion, if a Board Director is dedicated to our community by willing to serve on the Board, why not have him or her run again when their term of office has expired. Personally, I love being on the Board. I love working to keep our community beautiful, efficiently run, friendly and keeping our property values at the highest level.

MORE MAILBOX NEWS

In the last *TRAILS*, I said that the mailboxes should be cleaned with soap and water when needed, and every six months, clean it and then use a car wax to maintain it. I recently found out that the car wax

to use is the spray type, not the rub on type. Spray it on...wipe it off. It's that easy!

I know that some of the address numbers have begun to curl up on the edges. The mailbox company placed new address numbers on a few of the mailboxes last week to see if these would curl. They turned out to be a lot better, but not perfect. Other methods are being tested at their Tampa plant. They assured me that they will do whatever is necessary to correct the issue.

FYI, the state of Florida wants every home to have their address number shown on the front of the house or garage - makes it easier for emergency vehicles to locate the house since some mailboxes are located far from the house.

As my second term as your DCCA President nears its end, I want to thank the Directors of the two Boards with whom I've served for their fine cooperation and support. It certainly has been a privilege to have worked with them. On behalf of the Board, I also want to thank our committee chairs and their members for their contributions in helping to make Deer Creek a wonderful community. Although my term on the Board will shortly expire and I cannot run for the Board next year, my commitment to Deer Creek will be as strong as ever.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish all of our homeowners and their families the best holiday season ever!

Howard Pascoe





Nominating Committee Report

The 2008 DCCA Nominating Committee, composed of residents Bob Bell, Herman Freese, Bob Krug, Marie Tabor, and Gwen Wilson, interviewed potential candidates and is pleased to offer the following six (6) names as candidates for the four (4) vacating director positions, to serve for the two-year term beginning January 2008 and ending January 2010:

Committee Nominees:

Ed Caldwell	Jim Farnum
Tom Frey	Al Mahan
Phil Mentz	John Zwakman

Additional Nominations

The DCCA Bylaws provide that additional nominations may be made by written petition signed by residents representing 25 or more Deer Creek platted properties. Such petitions may be submitted to the Board of Directors up to 30 days before the Annual Meeting to be held on January 31, 2008. Any names so presented will be added to the individuals listed above and all will be included in random order on the election ballot that will be mailed to Deer Creek lot owners. Additionally, nominations may be made from the floor at the January 31, 2008 Annual Meeting.

*Gwen Wilson - Chairman
2008 Nominating Committee*

ANNUAL MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 PM Meeting Begins

Faith Lutheran Church, 7750 Beneva Road

The Deer Creek bylaws require that an Annual Meeting be held each year. If you do not mail in your election ballots, bring them to this important event. At this meeting there will be:

- Casting of votes by residents who did not mail in a ballot.
- Tally of votes and announcement of election results.
- Financial Report and 2008 Budget.
- Committee reports on the past year's accomplishments and current issues.
- Opportunity for questions and concerns from Deer Creek residents.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about your community. Also consider volunteering for a committee whose work is of particular interest to you. It is also a great opportunity to ask questions about any concerns that you may have. Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the newly elected Directors will join the rest of the Board for organizational discussions.

Ballots and proxy forms will be mailed by AMI in early January. **If you do not** plan on attending the annual meeting, it is **very important to mail your ballot and proxy** as instructed. The proxy is needed to establish a quorum so that we can conduct business at the Annual Meeting.

The mailed ballots will not be opened until the evening of the meeting, January 31. Please take time to **vote and, if not coming to the meeting, complete your proxy!! Thanks!**

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

ED CALDWELL
8560 Woodbriar Drive



Education: AB Education, Dipl. Eng., Mechanical Engineering, MBA Accounting and Finance, PhD History.

Business Experience: Director of Foreign Operations for an electronics manufacturing firm (building and developing plants around the world). Speaking several foreign languages helped. Sales and Marketing Manager for a packaging machinery manufacturer.

President and Managing Partner for a machinery design and development company. My partner and I also sold our services as management and business consultants in a great many industries and business entities around the country.

Civic Experience: Served as President of local School Board (not here), active primarily in church activities at this time.

Why I'm A Candidate: Simply put, my lovely wife and I have enjoyed living in this community for nearly 15 years. We have benefited from the efforts of past boards and committees in a great many wonderful ways. It is time since we have both retired, to give something back to Deer Creek and our neighbors. Offering my experience and knowledge in management, finance and operations is along with being a good neighbor the best way I can think of at this time.

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

JAMES FARNUM
8492 Woodbriar Drive



Education: Bachelor of Fine Arts, William Paterson University, New Jersey

Business Experience:

Started Farnum Foto-Grafx in 1985; a photography, graphic design, web design, internet marketing and printing company.

Member: Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
National Association of Photoshop Professionals (NAPP)
American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP)

Civic Experience:

Volunteer to publish the *TRAILS* newsletter whenever necessary. Help with the installation and dismantling of the Deer Creek Holiday decorations. Volunteer at Selby Gardens.

Why I'm A Candidate:

I feel that the current Board of Directors has done an exemplary job in managing Deer Creek, and I would like to assist in that effort. My experience in running a business and, my dealings with clients and vendors, will help me attain the goals of our community, efficiently and economically. I would also like to ensure that as a member of the Board, I will try my best to accomplish the needs of our community, without inconveniencing the residents of Deer Creek.

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

TOM FREY
4739 White Tail Lane



Education:

University of Pennsylvania,
Northwestern University – B.S. in Business 1949
Certified Public Accountant - 1949

Business Experience:

Arthur Andersen & Co. 1949 -1987 – Senior Partner specializing in auditing, tax and consulting with closely held businesses.

Civic Experience:

I was a member of American Institute of CPA's and a member of one of its Senior Technical Committees. I have served several terms as Deer Creek's treasurer and have been a treasurer of many non-profit organizations.

Why I'm A Candidate:

I have been closely involved in the financial affairs of Deer Creek ever since moving here and served as a Director and Treasurer from 2000 to January 2005 and January 2007 to present. I look forward to continuing to be of service to the community.

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

AL MAHAN
8607 Woodbriar



Education: Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree and Educational Specialist Degree.

Professional Experience: 30+ years in counseling and educational positions: Probate and Circuit Courts, Educational Advisor, University Assistant Professor, Assistant Superintendent and State Department of Education Consultant.

Civic Responsibilities: Board Member, Treasurer and President of a State Association; Member of Homeowners Committees, including serving on the Landscaping and Social Committees in Deer Creek; member of the Palmer Ranch Parks Committee.

Sharron and I serve as volunteers in the Peri-Operative Transport Service Area at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital; we are Co-chairs of the SMH Volunteer Services Committee.

Candidacy Issues: We have a lovely community of conscientious residents for whom it would be an honor to represent and serve their best interests. We surely need to conserve the nature of our community and at the same time, be progressive and anticipatory in meeting the demands of the future.

It has been my practice to approach most issues from the following perspectives:

- Listen attentively to the issue.
- Conduct appropriate research on the issue; rely on the anecdotal when necessary.
- Retain objectivity to gain insight to the issues.
- Develop a personal rationale for the decision to be made and foremost,
- Give my absolute sincerity of purpose to the issues.

These characteristics shall be paramount in my deliberations if elected to the Deer Creek Homeowners Association Board of Directors. Thank you.

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

PHIL MENTZ
8683 Woodbriar



Education:

BSIE, MSIE, BSChE, MBA,
Notre Dame, U of Alabama, Purdue, LSU

Business Experience:

Retired from plastics/rubber products company as vice-president and officer. Forty year career included companies in industrial chemicals, aluminum, food, rubber and plastics. Held positions in engineering, research and development, production supervision, operational auditing, corporate planning and material management. Taught several years as full-time and adjunct professor at Purdue and Ferris State Universities.

Civic Experience:

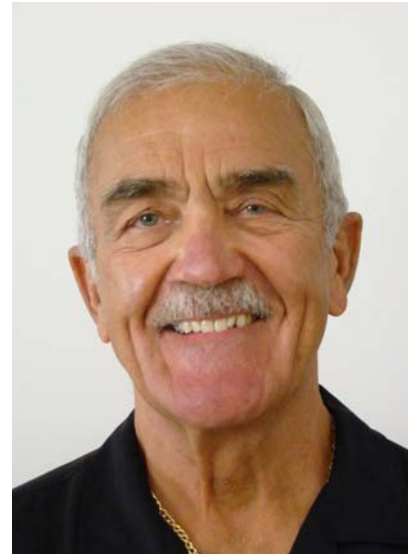
The majority of my civic experience is with the Deer Creek Community Association. After moving into Deer Creek in early 1992, I joined the Design and Development Board in 1995. Deer Creek was still building and most of the work involved review of plans for new construction and landscaping. In 1997 I moved from the D&DB to the Rules and Regulations (R&R) committee, becoming chairman in 1998. Nominated and elected to the Board of Directors in 1999, I became liaison to the R&R committee as well as chairman. I was re-elected to the Board in 2001 and again in 2006. I served as Deer Creek Board liaison to the Villas Board.

Why I'm A Candidate:

Soon after becoming involved with the association, I realized that the spirit of involvement here was central to the success in maintaining the appearance and desirability of Deer Creek. I found it rewarding to participate in the activities and working with a willing group. I wish to serve on the Board again because I find it personally rewarding, and I believe that my extensive experience here would be of value to the Board and the community.

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

JOHN ZWAKMAN
8009 Bobcat Circle



Education:

University of Wisconsin, Madison:
BA in Economics; Law Degree

Business Experience:

Partner with the Minneapolis based law firm of Dorsey & Whitney LLP during my thirty year career. The firm has approximately 650 lawyers with offices in more than a dozen cities. I was elected by my partners to serve on the governing committee for several years. I also served as chair, labor and employment law group for several years.

Civic Experience:

I currently serve on the DCCA Rules and Regulations Committee, and I have also become familiar with the functions and responsibilities of other committees. It is clear that a core strength of our community is the committee structure our Board has put in place. As we move forward, we must continue to focus on identifying and retaining volunteers who will be able to continue to serve at this very high level.

Why I'm A Candidate:

I have been involved in financial and operational planning at the management level with a large service organization. I believe the most significant part of my background, in terms of relevance to my role on our Board, is my involvement for many years in the committee-based decision making process. By design and for good reason, we have many voices to be heard in our community on a wide range of subjects. The importance of a fair, open, and efficiently functioning decision making process cannot be over emphasized. Our Board has set a good example over the years and I believe I can contribute to that process.



BOARD ACTIONS

CLAIRE POWER

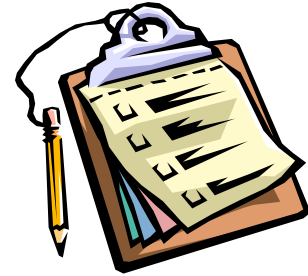


The following motions were presented at the November 27, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting:

- The Board approved changes to Section 6.03, page 27, paragraph (a) Of the Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Deer Creek. To summarize the action, “ a petition brought by homeowners must have the appropriate number of
- The Board unanimously approved the purchase and installation of an enhanced camera system for the Woodbriar Gate, said system to cost \$3,988.
- Pursuant to the above, the Board also approved board

signatures within 180 days of inception. If not validated within 180 days, the petition cannot be brought up again for two years”. Said changes will be submitted to the Homeowners for vote in January, 2008.

member Jay Olin signing a contract with Kevin Freeman of Surveillance Cameras & More for said purchase.▣



WELCOME TO DEER CREEK!

MARY ANN SPAYD



John and Barbara Newcomer, 4735 White Tail Lane, Tel. # 350-3159, moved to Deer Creek from The Landings. John worked in Tampa, Detroit, and Los

Angeles as a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office. He has been retired since 1995. When living in Michigan, Barbara worked in a commercial art studio.

Jeff Hawkins and Maggie Reyes-Hawkins, 8395 Shadow Pine Way. Jeff is an oral surgeon in Chicago, but he and Maggie try to get to Sarasota as often as possible. Jeff's parents, Gerald and Shelia Hawkins spend their winters "house sitting" the Shadow Pine Way residence for Jeff. Their

summers are spent at their home in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri.

Douglas Manning and Melissa Perkins, 8371 Cypress Hollow Drive, Tel.# 925-2906 moved from the Gulf Gate area along with their dog, Kokomo - a chocolate lab. Doug is a Senior Health Service Analyst with the Florida Dept. of Health who grew up in the Philadelphia, PA area. Melissa was born in Sarasota, graduated from Sarasota High School and Manatee Community College, and works as a dental hygienist.

Benjamin Morgan and Evan Davis, 8227 Cypress Hollow Dr., Tel. # 921-9021 both grew up in Sarasota, attended undergraduate school at Duke University and

graduate school at Ohio State.....and returned to Sarasota to live and work! Benjamin does stock market research at Ned Davis Research in Venice, and Evan is a preschool teacher at the Forty Carrots Family Center. Between working and getting settled in their new home, there isn't a lot of time for doing some of their favorite things - running or going to the beach.▣



SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

DEE FORSYTH & NANCY ZEMAN



Flu shots were given to 140 people on November 10 at Stoneybrook at the event scheduled for Deer Creek residents.

Deer Creek Ladies Lunch

The January Ladies Lunch will be held at noon on Thursday, January 3 at the British Open, off Central Sarasota Parkway in the Publix/Target/Haverty shopping center. We will be ordering from the menu. Ladies wishing to attend should either call Mary Lou Mercer (923-0597) or e-mail Carla Manley at (carlafm@comcast.net) no later than December 27.

Our February Ladies Lunch will be at noon on Thursday, February 7, at Sharron Mahan's home (8607 Woodbriar). Guests are welcome.

Our plans are to make this event an easy "favorite salad" pot-luck (an appetizer or dessert would be welcome). Coffee will be on; if you enjoy a special beverage, please bring it. RSVP to Sharron (929-7694) so we can make appropriate plans; it will be helpful to know what food you'd like to bring. We'll have our usual name tags. Please join us for an informal, relaxing couple of hours together ...without the noise, confusion and rush of a restaurant.

New Groups

Carla Manley wishes to start a **Deer Creek Knitting Group** that would meet once or twice a month at a member's home. The group will be for individuals who wish to learn to knit or who want to improve and/or share their knitting skills. We will make knitted items for personal use or

for local charities. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Carla at carlafm@comcast.net or phone her at (703) 354-1618. All Deer Creek residents who are interested in joining a group to play the **card game *Hand and Foot***, please call J.C. Grimme at 925-0014. This group will provide a good opportunity to meet others in Deer Creek and have a lot of fun.

The Deer Creek Travel Club will begin meeting if there are enough interested residents. If you are a travel lover and would like to share your experiences and tips with others who share your enthusiasm, or if you are just looking for information about places you might like to visit, please call Nancy Zeman (927-7522) or Judy Kupperbusch (961-8401).

Anyone for **Ballroom Dancing**? We have a special opportunity to have a Deer Creek Table (or tables) at the Venice Community Center (326 S.



Social Opportunities at a Glance:

Jan. 3	Ladies Luncheon	Mary Lou Mercer	(923-0597)
Jan 10, 24	Ballroom Dancing	Sharron Mahan	(929-7694)
Feb. 7	Ladies Luncheon	Sharron Mahan	(929-7694)
May 3	Derby Day Party		
June 1	<i>Lion King</i>	Nancy Zeman	(927-7522)

Ongoing:

- 1st Monday/month - Artists of Palmer Ranch - Jeanne C. Romance (924-8182)
- 1st Thursday/month - Deer Creek Ladies Lunch - Sharron Mahan (929-7694)
- 2nd Thursday/month - Men's Poker - Herman Freese (927-6805)
- 2nd Friday/month - Book Club (Joan Saunders (925-0453)
- Variable - Mah Jongg - Pat Krug (927-5062)





SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS (CONTINUED)

Nokomis Avenue) for their twice-a-month dances – 7:30-10:30 – sponsored by the Community Center, Inc. Their room is very large and has a lovely dance floor; each evening has a different band. Please



call Sharron and Al Mahan (929-7694) by the Monday prior to each dance so that we can reserve

a chair for you at the Deer Creek table – singles and guests most welcome. Dress code is no shorts or t-shirts. There is a 50-50 drawing each night with nice prizes. BYO beverages and snacks. Dates are:

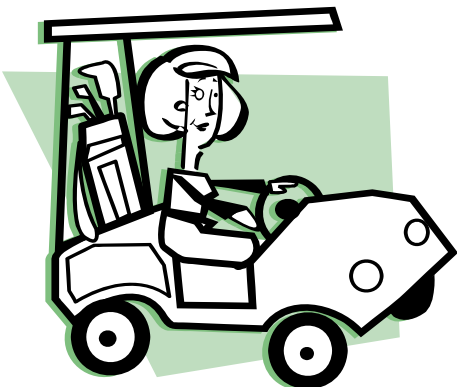
Jan. 10, 2008 (music by Troubadours) - \$5.00 per person

Jan. 24 (music by MC2 Squared) - \$5.00 per person

Feb. 14 (Melody Booth Orchestra) - \$7.00 per person

Feb. 28 (Jimmy J. Trio) - \$5.00 per person.

Won't it be fun for Deer Creek to have a very long table? We can dance the night away ...



If you are interested in joining the **Ladies Golf Group**, call Judy Kupperbusch (961-8401).

If you would like to play **Mahjong** or would like to learn, call Pat Krug at 927-5062 for information.



Upcoming Events

The **fabulous *Lion King*** is coming to Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center for a limited engagement. The Deer Creek Social Committee has reserved 100 excellent seats for the Sunday, June 1, 2008 matinee performance. We also have two buses reserved to take us directly from the Villas pool to the Carol Morsani Theater at Tampa Bay and return when the play is over. The cost per person, including round-trip bus service is \$98 per person. What a great family Christmas gift! Call Nancy Zeman (927-7522) for more information and to get on the reservation list. A flyer will follow with details in a later issue of the *TRAILS*. Don't miss this wonderful show!

Coming up on Saturday, May 3, will be the always popular **Deer Creek Derby Day Party**. We hope that you'll plan to attend.

Mixers: We are seeking residents to host a mixer in their home in February, March or April. Please call Charlotte Emerson (924-4572) for information. There is no cost to you. All those attending are asked to bring their own beverages, an appetizer to share, and \$1 per person to cover any costs.

The Deer Creek Social Committee meets monthly to plan events for Deer Creek residents and their friends. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Planning Committee, please call Dee Forsyth (927-1355) or Nancy Zeman (927-7522) for information. If you have ideas for new activities or events, please call one of the committee members.

*Nancy Zeman and Dee Forsyth,
co-chairs
Deer Creek Social Committee*



GATEHOUSE GOINGS

BY CLARK SOUTHWORTH

Our gatehouse guard staff is an essential foundation of our community association. While we have had a lot of turnover since this time last year, the current staffing is stable and we are fortunate to have these outstanding security officers working on our behalf.

CPO (Certified Protection Officer)

Cheryl Rankin is now the Deer Creek site supervisor. She was selected for this assignment when our former site supervisor Dmitriy Khasik left to take a job at USF. Cheryl has a degree in Forensic Science. Living in Venice, she is married with



two children and the whole family loves outdoor sports. Officer Rankin is currently on medical leave for a surgical procedure and should be back in Deer Creek by mid-December.

USO (Uniformed Security Officer)

Stan Copenhaver is the acting site supervisor while Officer Rankin is away. Running the day shift and issuing bar codes for resident vehicles, Stan's smiling face is probably the most familiar to Deer Creek residents.



Stan came out of retirement to work at Deer Creek because he likes the environment and needed something to fill his time while his wife was working. Officer Copenhaver commutes daily from Englewood Isles.

USO (Uniformed Security Officer)

Kim Jenkins often works the late night/early morning shift and some residents may have never met this friendly person. She began working in Deer Creek last February and commutes to Deer Creek all the way from North Port. Kim is a single mother of four and wants to expand her choices by getting into a course for medical coding.



USO (Uniformed Security Officer) **April Fossett** often works the weekend and holiday shifts. She lives in Nokomis and began working at Deer Creek in January 2007. As you may be able to tell by her distinctive accent, April was born and raised in London. She immigrated to the US in 1961. April has two daughters who currently live in Venice.

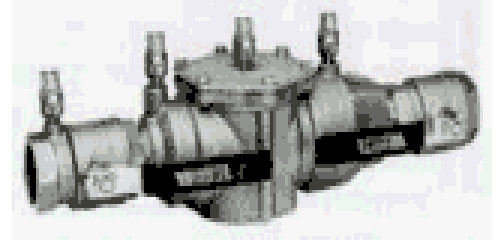




BACKFLOW PREVENTION

HOWARD PASCOE

Many homeowners have received in the mail a letter from Sarasota County requesting those who have a backflow device to be enrolled in the Optional Testing Program, which will be managed by SC Utilities using licensed contractors.



The fee for testing will be applied in small, equal monthly charges to your water bill totaling \$30. If your backflow needs repair or replacement, SC Utilities will contact you to explain the problem and your options. You may then use a contractor of your choice or SC will provide one at additional cost.

Beginning November 1, 2007, you have 45 days to respond. You have two choices. Do nothing and you will automatically be enrolled in their program or provide a current copy of your backflow test results along with the form provided with the letter to Sarasota County Utilities C/O Douglas Bailey, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34240 or fax to 941-861-0528.

If 15 or more homeowners decide to have their backflow tested by the company who tested it last year, the cost will be \$20.00 payable after the test has been completed. Call Casey Backflow Plumbing 739-6582.

For questions, call 861-5000 and ask for cross connection program office.

WATERING RULES (AND FINES)

HOWARD PASCOE

As you know, the amount of available water in Sarasota County is at a critical stage. Yet, some homeowners constantly water their lawns on days and times not permissible. Our committees responsible for monitoring this Sarasota County regulation have been lenient by giving a courtesy notice advising homeowners that their irrigation system has to be reset to conform with regulations. Following the County's watering rules benefit all in our community as well as the County.



Once you have received a courtesy notice and your irrigation system is still watering on the wrong day(s) or at the wrong times, we are obligated to notify the County. We do not take pleasure in reporting our neighbors, who may receive a \$500 fine, but if they persist in violating this important ruling we may have no choice. Therefore, check your system so that it conforms to your allowed day for watering, which is:

1. Even numbered addresses may water only on Tuesdays before 8 AM and after 6 PM.
2. Odd numbered addresses may only water on Thursday before 8 AM and after 6 PM.
3. During the above times, each may water only once on that day.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PHIL MENTZ

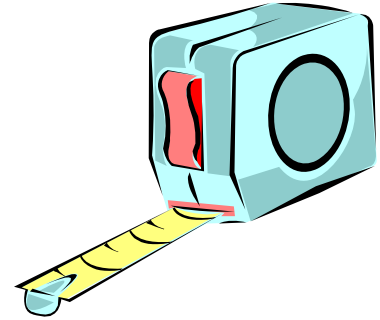


A tip regarding garage doors. Occasionally the switch which controls the door in the “down” position will

fail to operate properly. In such a case the door will go down, strike the floor and go back up. If the homeowner who closed the door leaves the area immediately the door may re-open and the condition remain unknown. This could result in an erroneous citation for an open garage door as well as compromise the

security of the home. The cure is to stand by until the door is down for a few seconds. If the door should go up, a second try will usually succeed.

Please note that a boat on the lake must have the resident owner or a family member on board. Guests may accompany the resident family member. All watercraft must be out of the water and stored out of sight each day before nightfall.■



Notice of Annual Meeting

The 2008 Annual Meeting will be the evening of January 31, 2008.
Mark Your Calendar!

Assessment Reminder

Quarterly 2008 assessments of
\$280 are due as follows:

1. Jan 1, 2008
2. April 1, 2008
3. July 1, 2008
4. Oct 1, 2008

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

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STREETS AND STRUCTURES

RICHARD TABOR



Gatehouses

The McIntosh and Woodbriar gatehouses were inspected and sprayed for insect control. The

Woodbriar gatehouse also underwent a quarterly termite inspection.

Street Lights

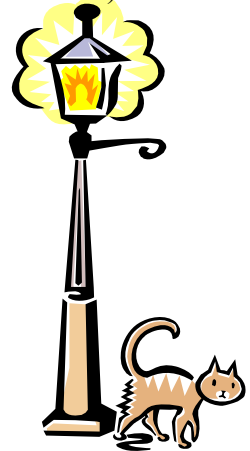
The Streets and Structures Committee conducted a survey of

the Deer Creek Community and discovered one street light on Indian Point Trail and one street light on Deer Creek Boulevard not properly functioning. Committee members made repairs by replacing a defective ballast and installing new photo-electric cells.

Sidewalks

Tree root intrusion and root uplift caused four sidewalk slabs to break in the common area bordering Deer Creek Boulevard. A contractor subsequently replaced the slabs and leveled the concrete joints.

If you have questions or concerns regarding streets and structures, please contact me at my new e-mail (rttennis@verizon.net).☐



TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

JAY OLIN



The Committee completed the due diligence process to determine the advisability of replacing the Wackenhut security guard service. This

produced one lower quote from a comparable local competitor. When Wackenhut was so informed, they agreed to hold their 2007 total cost unchanged through 2008, foregoing their planned increase to \$145,304. This no-increase agreement significantly reduced the cost/benefit of changing to a new guard service. After thorough Committee discussion, the non-financial benefits of remaining with Wackenhut through 2008 were considered substantial enough to more than

offset the small savings of changing services.

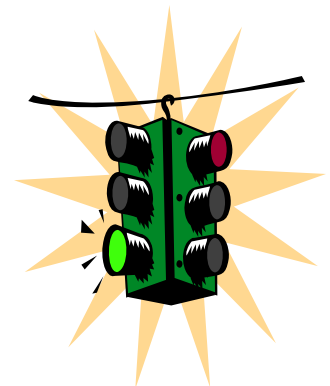
After considerable time and effort expended, primarily by Committee



member Kurt Ottinger, we received an acceptable bid to complete the installation of an enhanced Woodbriar gate camera security system. The installed cost will be \$3988 and includes an appropriate infrared license plate reading camera, a new pedestrian monitoring camera, and a motion-

activated PC-based digital DVR. The vendor has been reference-checked and has indicated that installation could be completed prior to year end.

Other issues handled on a case by case basis throughout the month included some instances of resident's speeding, vendor's tailgating residents in through the Woodbriar Gate and several requests from residents for parking exceptions.☐



DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

HOWARD PASCOE



In accordance with Deer Creek Development Standards and Architectural Requirements (now posted on the Deer

Creek website:

deercreeksarasota.org), approval from the Design and Development Board is required before any changes are made to the appearance 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). We only list approved requests, not those that have been denied.

The following covers D&D activities through November 23, 2007:

8556 Woodbriar Dr. - Approved removal of dead Pine tree. No replacement required.

4520 Longspur Ln. - Approved painting exterior of house same color as before.

8254 Cypress Hollow Dr. - Approved replacement of garage door - same as before.

4452 Staghorn Ln. - Approved extending lanai and pool cage to end of house, removing an outside wall, and replacing with glass sliders. Removed landscaping to be restored. Plans on file.

4553 Deer Creek Blvd. - Approved installation of new walkways in front and rear, and a 4'x4' concrete pad in rear. Plans on file.

8167 Shadow Pine Way - Approved painting exterior of house same colors as before.

4421 Staghorn Ln. - Approved installation of hurricane protection devices.

4472 Deer Trail Blvd. - Approved the addition of two bird houses on the perimeter of Tract 603. Map on file.

4401 White Cedar Tr. - Approved painting exterior of house. Color chip on file.

8692 Woodbriar Dr. - Approved removal of diseased Pine tree. No replacement required.

8440 Woodbriar Dr. - Approved painting exterior of house. Color chips on file.

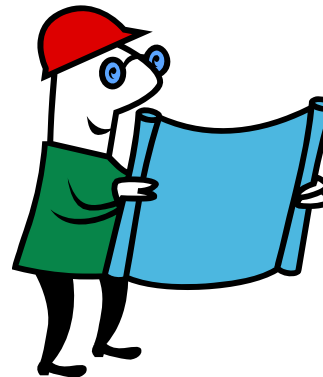
8620 Woodbriar Dr. - Approved landscaping modification.

8371 Cypress Hollow Dr. - Approved painting exterior of house. Color chips on file.

8620 Woodbriar Dr. - Approved landscaping modification.

8440 Woodbriar Dr. - Approved addition of third car garage. Plans on file.

4463 Deer Trail Blvd. - Approved installation of tubular skylights.



4468 Deer Trail Blvd. - Approved installation of tubular skylights.

4424 Deer Trail Blvd. - Approved replacement of exterior light fixtures.

4491 Deer Trail Blvd. - Approved installation of hurricane protection devices.■

LAKES, WATERWAYS AND ANIMALS

DICK SPAYD



The condition of our lakes is looking very good. There are minimum amounts of algae and no grass present in any of our lakes. There

are two lakes that are low in water. Hopefully we will get some rain that will help fill them.

There is a special problem with Lake 1-6, which is the one located between Staghorn Lane on the south and Shadow Pine Way to its north

and east. The auxiliary water flow to that lake has stopped completely, and the level of that lake is almost two feet below design. The likely cause is a faulty valve, but to replace it will require digging up the whole valve field located west of Lake 1-7. We are working on the problem.

Those of us who live adjacent to a lake on which fruit trees are growing close to the water's edge, I ask that you please pick up the citrus fruit before it falls into the lake. In the last week, the County

cut the grasses and weeds along Catfish Creek and the Trunk Canal. Our Deer Creek property along these waterways looks very good.☐



LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION

GRACE CUFFARO



During the month of November a number of projects have been completed:

1. The common areas of Deer Creek were mulched.
2. Geraniums were planted in the McIntosh entrance beds.
3. The irrigation system at the corner of Central Sarasota Parkway and Macintosh received extensive repairs.

The Holiday decorations are now in place and the two Queen Palms in the center Island of the front (McIntosh) entrance are being monitored and treated for possible disease.

I would like to mention that in months when only routine maintenance is performed there will be no Landscape and Irrigation Report. If homeowners have questions about L & I matters, I am only a phone call away.☐



Jim and Rachele Farnum installing holiday decorations at McIntosh entrance bridge.



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Thursday December 13, 2007
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Prestancia's gate is located off Sarasota Square Boulevard, just one tenth of a mile from Deer Creek's McIntosh entrance.

ALL RESIDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

6:00 pm Cocktails. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres
7:00 pm Buffet dinner
7:00 pm Music by LaCroix for your listening and dancing pleasure

Buffet will include: Prime rib, salmon, salads, vegetables, starch, rolls and butter, coffee or tea and dessert

\$55 per person (includes hors d'oeuvres, buffet, tax, gratuity and entertainment)

EVENT CONTACTS: Dee & Bart Forsyth, Nancy & Jack Zeman

Reserve early as space is limited. Deadline is December 6.

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Mail (or drop off) this reservation to one of the following:

Dee & Bart Forsyth 8326 Cypress Hollow Dr. 927-1355

Nancy & Jack Zeman 4572 Deer Trail Blvd. 927-7522

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP DEADLINE DECEMBER 6, 2007

(Sorry no refunds after December 8)