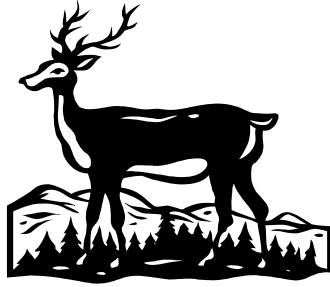


The Villas Voice



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Message from the President:

This past year we accomplished things we have been trying to accomplish for a while.

1. With the hard work of our Architectural Review Board (ARB), Mary Brown, Jeanne-Collette Romance and Joni Rushforth, we added more colors we can paint the exterior of our homes. We are also now able to paint the garage door the same as the approved trim. They do not have to be just white anymore. Anyone wishing to paint can get approval from the ARB for the approved colors.

2. We have been trying for some time to get approval to remove the tallest Washingtonian palms. As the trees grow taller, they become more expensive to maintain and remove. We received approval to remove 13 of these trees.

3. We also had the now infamous "pipe leak" at the pool house, a problem many of us have faced in our homes. Ron Benice, our only pool committee member, headed up this project and did an outstanding job. There was extensive water damage to the floor, walls, doors and door castings because of this leak. Ron contacted several contractors for bids on the project and either received no response or an extremely high quote. Fortunately, he found someone to do the work at a reasonable price, but unfortunately, the contractor ran into a lot of personal problems, which delayed the work. The work is complete now and looks great.

4. A new activity starting in the New Year is a Newcomer's Reception. This will be held every six months in the form of a coffee and cookie reception for all newcomers and our Board of Directors, which will be planned and hosted by Doris Benice, Pat Koch and Joan Wills, who comprise our Welcoming Committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board for their hard work and dedication this past year. It has benefited all in the Villas neighborhood.

Also, a big "Thank You" to the people who served on all the committees:

Budget Committee: Ken McKinnon, Peggy Eaton & George Ulrich.

Landscape Committee: Gloria & Len Nathanson.

Pool Committee: Ron Benice.

ARB Board: Mary Brown, Jeanne-Collette Romance & Joni Rushforth. Thank you Ron Benice for taking over the Chair when Mary Brown moved.

Welcoming Committee: Ginner Cunningham & Joan Wills.

Irrigation Committee: Jerry Brock & Don Beckwith.

Also, I wish to thank the many people who have helped in so many ways this past year.

Gary Koch, President

Treasurer's Report:

The attached budget was approved and adopted at the Annual Members Meeting on November 29,2005. You will note that the monthly assessment will increase from \$172.00 to \$170.00 (approximately 4%). This was a result of increasing expenses the most significant of which are:

1. Increase in cable by 6%
2. 15% increase in Insurance
3. 2.5% increase in Lawn Maintenance & associated services
4. 20% increase in Pool Maintenance Contract
5. 6% increase in Irrigation Maintenance Contract

Expenses for 2005 were pretty much within the 2005 budget with the exception of the repairs and renovation of the restrooms at the swimming pool which were funded out of reserves.

Ken McKinnon, Treasurer

Landscape & Irrigation Committee:

Ann Brock has assumed the landscaping chairman duties with Pat Beckwith as assistant.

Ann reports that due to the maturity of our landscape plants, there will be major cutbacks and trimming done during January and February. This will produce spring growth which will enhance our community. Some of the areas of concern are the walkway to the pool, which will be trimmed to allow access to the walkway and the hedges along Macintosh, which will be trimmed to an even 6 feet.

The committee requests that all concerns be stated on an Action Request Form, available at the guardhouse, and NOT BY TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL. This will only delay the response time.

This is a good time, since we have many new residents, to remind you that encroachment into the Preserves, which are owned and maintained by the County, is punishable by fines from the County. County Code Enforcement determines the fine. It is levied against both Deer Creek and the homeowner. There is an additional fine of \$100.00 a day to both Deer Creek and the homeowner until the affected area is restored.

Ann Brock & Pat Beckwith, Landscape Comm.

A Note From Gloria & Len Nathanson:

We tried our best to please everyone and to keep our villas looking presentable. It was not an easy task.

We want to thank the Board and all others who were so helpful in helping us to accomplish goals, and we wish the incoming committee the best of luck in their endeavors.

ARB Committee:

The Committee approved the installation of a window on the side of the house at 4615 DTB.



If you are planning any changes to the outside of your home or have landscape or irrigation problems, pick up an Action Request Form from the guardhouse, complete it and place in the appropriate Committee Chairman's tube.

Ron Benice, Chairman

Pool Committee:

During Sarasota's cold season our goal is to maintain the temperature of the water in the swimming pool between 80 and 82 degrees.

The pool heater has limited capability and is not a precision instrument.

If the overnight outdoor temperature drops below 50 degrees or the daytime high is below 70 degrees, the water temperature goal will not be attained. If such a "cold spell" lasts for more than three days, it will take one warm day before the pool temperature recovers to 80 degrees.

Ron Benice, Chairman



FYI: An alternative for swimming & pool exercising can be done at the Arlington Park Pool, 2650 Waldemere St. The pool is located between Tuttle Road and US 41.

Phone: 316-1346 for information.

The 50-meter pool is maintained by Parks & Recreation. The water temperature is 82 degrees year round. Cost is \$1.00 for adults over 55 and children between 4 and 11 years. Children under 4 years are admitted free. All others are charged \$2.00.

Pool hours:

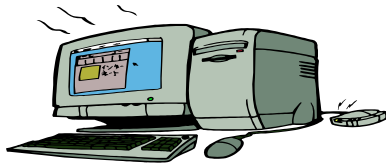
Monday – Friday	10:30 am – 7:30 PM
Saturday	Noon – 5:00 PM
Sunday	Closed

This facility is kept in top-notch condition. Hot showers and lockers are available. An exercise pool and a toddler’s pool are also available. Lifeguards are on duty at all times.

One class offered is: “Aqua Aerobics.” A Water Wellness Class - 7:45 to 8:45 am. Monday through Friday and 6 to 7 PM, Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Phone: 355-1544

Joni

Deer Creek website:



Good news! Thanks to Clark Southworth’s help, our newsletter is now available on the Deer Creek website: Check it out!

Log onto www.deercreeksarasota.org. Look for and click on the link **Villas Voice**, which appears in the lower right hand corner of the first screen.

Anyone with a computer now has the ability to look it up. I wish to eliminate the task of mailing the newsletter to our seasonal residents and this is the perfect opportunity. Of course, if anyone does not have access to a computer, let us know and we’ll outline the procedure for you to receive the Villas Voice by mail. *Joni*

Deer Creek Social Activities:

There are still several tickets available to the **King Tut Exhibition in Fort Lauderdale**. This is a two-day, one overnight trip scheduled for 22-23 March 2006.



“Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs,” is an exhibit of 3,500-year-old artifacts from Tut’s tomb and those of his predecessors. The Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale is one of only four museums to get the exhibit in the United States. The original exhibit, “The Treasures of King Tutankhumun” toured the United States from 1976-1979. It consisted of 55 artifacts vs. 130 for this second tour. Tut’s tomb was uncovered in 1922 by archeologists and some of the pieces to be shown include the golden diadem, or crown, that was on the mummy’s head plus the gold dagger that was tied around the king’s waist to protect him in the afterlife.

You may contact either Marijean Hardiman @929-9199 or Jeanne-Collette Romance @924-8182 for more information.

Keep in mind the March 11th trip to Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center to see the acclaimed musical “You’re Perfect, Now Change.” There will be more information on this trip forthcoming in a Deer Creek Social Committee column published in the Trails.



Valentine’s Day: We have chosen the day of **Wednesday, 15 February** for our first pool party of 2006. Bring your sweethearts and guests. We will also celebrate the return of our “longtime no see” neighbors. There will be flyers with more detail posted in the glass bulletin boards outside the pool gate and directly in the pool area. Keep a sharp eye out for the hot pink flyers! Mark the date now!

Pat & Joni

Joan Wills will be hosting a trip for Glenridge residents on 8 March to the South Florida Museum, Bishop Planetarium and Parker Manatee Aquarium. Departure will be from Glenridge at 10:00 a.m. This trip will include lunch, time to browse and view the largest Natural & Cultural History Collection on Florida's Gulf Coast. Be sure to see the dramatic exhibits and extensive fossil evidence of the regions earliest inhabitants. Don't miss the Highwaymen, a small but interesting collection of paintings by the band of African/Americans (grove workers) who painted Florida landscapes, (a unique story.)

There will be a short talk and close up look at Snooty, The longest living manatee in history.

The trip's final activity will be in the state-of-the-science, all-digital full dome theatre, The Bishop Planetarium. Sit back under the stars and be entranced by Tom Hanks of "Apollo 13" fame as he narrates "Passport to the Universe. Questions: Please call Joan @921-3846 after mid January when she will have more details on price and logistics for this trip.

Joan will be looking into an overnight trip to Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral in the spring of 2006. It will include a stopover in Winter Haven for lunch and the opportunity to visit The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art which houses the world's most comprehensive collection of the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933), the legendary stained-class artisan. An impressive collection of late-nineteenth and early twentieth century paintings, graphics and decorative arts are also on display.

Lighting Festival:

On Saturday, 3 December our hearty and agile crew of electricians Don Beckwith, George Ulrich, speedy ladder-climber, Gary Koch, and decorators met to set up the seasonal decorations for everyone's enjoyment. Jack Zeman, our lineman, found himself untangling yards and yards of lights to be strung around trees, over and under bushes and any other entity that was not breathing. Hurrah for Jack for tackling such a tedious task. His helpers Nancy, Joan Wills and several other supervisors did a magnificent job. Pat Koch put

in her time with wreaths, garlands and bows. Good job!

After several hours of hanging, changing and discussing where to put what, those of us still standing were rewarded by George Ulrich, who brought a cooler of refreshing drinks. George, you are invited back each year from hereon in! Thank you to all who gave their time and talents.

Sunday evening at 6:00 a lively group of residents gathered for the "Ceremony of the Lights."

While waiting for complete darkness to descend, we sang several seasonal songs – almost on key – then the countdown – **10, 9, 8, 7,6,5,4,3,2,1,0** And then there was light! (Phew! We did it again!) Thank you for the many compliments on the display. The work crew hopes everyone has enjoyed looking at the lights each evening.



Thank you to Bob Angers for planting the beautiful poinsettias by the pool. Thanks also to Wilhelm for the colorfulimpatience plants. These lovely plantings have added so much to our holiday decorations!

Villas Phone Directory 2006:

We are presently working on the 2006Villas Phone Directory. Please check the spelling of your name, house address and phone numbers as they appear in the 2005 orange directory and if any of the information needs to be changed, **please call or send e-mail to me ASAP.** 922-0094 or jonirush@verizon.com

We do not have local phone numbers for many of our newer residents. A note or call from you would be most appreciated. Also, please state your preference as to how you wish your name(s) be published. Thank you.

FYI: we have included a list of the Villas Board of Directors & Committees for 2006.

“Keeping Up Appearances”

Regarding cleaning the roofs of attached villas:
In order to maintain the pleasing appearance of the shared roof, may we suggest that both owners consider scheduling a power washing at the same time?



Queen futon, wood frame, very comfy, blue cover. \$125.00
Please call Patricia Koch @921-1892

