

# TRAILS

DEER CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



August 2008

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Jack Sullivan*



We are fortunate that there are residents in Deer Creek who hold our Community in such high esteem that they are willing to spend their valuable time to support us, our families, and all the good things we enjoy here. Five such individuals were recently unanimously approved by the Board of Directors to be the members of the Nominating Committee for 2008. These valued neighbors are Larry Altman, Bobbi Eggert, Judy Kupperbusch, Brian Lavery, and Mary Ann Spayd. They will nominate candidates for the five (5) vacancies on the Deer Creek Community Association Board of Directors who will be selected at our annual balloting. Their role is a significant one in maintaining the strength of our Association. Any resident who has an interest in being considered for the Board of Directors is encouraged to contact any one of the above named Committee members. There are many residents in Deer Creek who would benefit this Community by being members of the Board. Please consider doing so and take the first step by making that telephone call .

In early August we will employ the speed monitoring device provided by Wackenhut on the roadways in Deer Creek. Jay Olin, Chair of the Traffic Committee, and his Committee members are coordinating this effort. This initiative is an important one for the protection and safety of every individual who resides or visits here. Please cooperate with and join us in our efforts to make this Community as much of a safe haven as is humanly possible.

Communications Chair Linda Slack's article in this issue of the *Trails* announces the current and future availability of the Agenda for Board of Directors' meeting on line at our Community website. Linda's efforts do much to advance the information and knowledge base of every resident who wishes to use this tool to their benefit.

The next Board of Directors' meeting is September 23, 2008. There will be several important items on the agenda. Your presence and input is requested.





**DCCA Board of Directors**

Position	Name	Term Ends
President	Jack Sullivan	2009
V. President	Sandy Twyon	2009
Secretary	Linda Slack	2009
Treasurer	Tom Frey	2010
Director	Jay Olin	2009
Director	Al Mahan	2010
Director	Phil Mentz	2010
Director	Richard Tabor	2009
Director	John Zwakman	2010

**Committee Chairpersons**

Budget & Finance	Tom Frey
Communications	Linda Slack
Design & Development	Howard Pascoe
Landscape & Irrigation	Grace Cuffarro
Lakes & Animals	Dick Spayd
Social Committee	Sharron Mahan
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
Prof. Vendors List	Irwin Cooper
Telephone Book	Clark Southworth
Trails Distribution	Candi Messerschmidt
Trails Editor	James Farnum
Website Manager	Clark Southworth
Welcoming	Mary Ann Spayd
Gatehouse Captain	TBD

**EDITOR'S DESK**



*James Farnum*

**Deer Creek Advertising Policy**

Personal classified ads are free for Deer Creek residents. "Commercial" ads for residents will be accepted on a space available basis and subject to modification at the discretion of the editor. Please send unformatted text ads (upper & lower case only), and/or graphics to farnumfoto@comcast.net. You will receive an e-mail confirmation when the ad is received. Ad DEADLINE is the 26th of the month. Those without computers may call in their ads at: 921-3063.



**WELCOME COMMITTEE**

*Mary Ann Spayd*

Bob and Carol Johnson, 8341 Shadow Pine Way, Tel. # 921-7210 moved to an apartment in Palmer Ranch from Dallas, TX for several months before selecting a home in Deer Creek as their permanent home. They are both originally from Ohio. Bob retired after spending 35 years in the computer business, and Carol was a teacher specializing in Elementary Reading Recovery. Carol belongs to the Garden Club of Sarasota, and Bob volunteers with the Coast Guard in addition to Operation ReHabitat, a program of Habitat for Humanity. You may have recently seen his picture in the Sarasota Herald Tribune painting a house in association with this program along with other volunteers from Church of the Palms. Carol has participated in a tutoring program at the church along with serving on the Mission Committee. They have three grown children - two daughters and a son.



**❖ Notice of Next Board Meeting ❖**

*The next regular meeting will be held at 2 PM on Tuesday, September 23, 2008*

*at*

*the Faith Lutheran Church*

*on Beneva Road. Residents are always welcome and encouraged to attend Board meetings.*

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

*Linda Slack*



**Preferred Vendor List** - After almost 19 years we will be bidding a fond farewell and best wishes to longstanding members of the community. Communications Committee member and Preferred Vendor List Manager, Ron Meijer and his wife Helen are moving to South Venice at the end of August. Irwin Cooper has kindly agreed to manage our vendor list.

**Agenda on the Web Site** - The agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting is now published on Deer Creek's web site. At the bottom of the home page is a link to the most current agenda. The new agenda will be posted the weekend before each Board of Directors' meeting.

**Pedestrian and Bicycling Safety** - With the close proximity of the Legacy Trail we have many more walkers and bicyclers in Deer Creek. A couple of safety tips: make sure someone knows your route and estimated return time, have identification with you, wear a medical emergency bracelet if you have a special condition, and carry your cell phone.

**Another way to Recycle - Habitat for Humanity - [www.sarasotahabitat.com](http://www.sarasotahabitat.com)**

### If it's coming down...call us up!



You can help provide affordable housing in Sarasota for the cost of a phone call. Habitat for Humanity salvages items from buildings being demolished or renovated and sells them at their Home Improvement Outlet. Proceeds purchase materials to build homes for low-income working families in need. You can donate used cabinets, toilets, sinks, appliances, building materials and furnishings. It's true; they take almost everything including the kitchen sink! Habitat recycles by reselling hundreds of different kinds of items. In doing so, they keep tons of usable items out of the landfill and use the monies generated to help build homes for deserving, hardworking families. Think of Habitat for Humanity when you are replacing items in your home.

Donors receive a receipt for their donation. Call the **Donation Department** and they'll do the rest. **(941)363-0777**.

### Wanted: Donations

Donated items may be dropped off during store hours, Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Restore is located at **2095 17th Street** (corner of 17th Street and East Avenue, just 1 block east of US 301) or to schedule a pick up of larger items, please call 363-0777.



Our truck drivers are happy to pick up your donations.

Donations are always welcome and are tax-deductible.



LAKES, WATERWAYS & ANIMALS

*Dick Spayd*



Mother Nature has been good to us over the past few weeks and occasionally drops enough rain to keep our lakes full. Those of us who live on a lake can appreciate the myriad of birds, animals, etc. that stop by to feed. We've had a recent report of an otter with five pups frolicking in Lake 1-5 much to the enjoyment of the residents around that lake. We've also had a report of a bobcat in the vicinity of the Woodbriar Gate.



Aquagenix continues to do a good job of spraying the grasses and weeds along the shoreline of our lakes. Remember - we have a ban on the use of nitrogen and phosphorus from June 1 until Sept. 3.



STREETS & STRUCTURES

*Richard Tabor*



**Street Lights**

An inspection of all the street lights was made in Deer Creek and four lights were found to be in need of repair. Members of the Streets and Structures Committee made repairs by replacing bulbs, photo cells and ballasts.

**Street Signs**

Committee members painted stop signs on Cypress Hollow Drive, Longspur Lane, Eagle Ridge Lane, White Tail Lane and Dove Tail Court. A special thank you is extended to Ed Plankey who helped in completing this project.

**Gatehouses**

Brick pavers at the Woodbriar gate were dislodged due to root intrusion. Members of the Streets and Structures Committee made repairs after cutting a large root and leveling the pavers. Committee members also power washed the Woodbriar gate.

**Roads**

Small potholes were repaired by committee members on Deer Creek Boulevard, Longspur Lane and Indian Point Trail.

The hurricane season is here and homeowners are reminded to clear debris from street drains in order to facilitate storm drainage.

*Homeowners with questions regarding streets and structures can contact me at:  
rttennis@verizon.net.*

## LANDSCAPE / IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

*Grace Cuffaro*



- The new oak implant at the McIntosh gate is doing well.
- Three estimates have been requested for removing vines and pepper trees from the preserve behind Woodbriar and White Tail Lane.
- New plantings and sod have been installed along Central Sarasota Parkway wall.

As Friends, Neighbors and Community Leaders,  
I pass this information on to you to share with others. *Margaret Brading*

### ***FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE • FORECLOSURES***

The Florida Bar is offering free legal advice to any one  
having foreclosure issues.  
The FB will assign an attorney to assist you.

*Please call: 1-866-607-2187*

## PREFERRED VENDOR LIST

*Ron Meijer*

After nearly 19 wonderful years in Deer Creek, Helen and I are downsizing to a new home in Venice. Our next door neighbor, Irwin Cooper, has kindly volunteered to take over the maintenance of the Preferred Vendor list from me. "Coop" has been involved in many other Deer Creek volunteer activities. By now there are more than 40 categories with over 200 recommended vendors listed, with comments from your Deer Creek neighbors. The list can be accessed from the Deer Creek website: [www.deercreeksarasota.org](http://www.deercreeksarasota.org) – look for the "vendors list" link at the bottom of the web page. Starting August 1, please **e-mail** your input regarding vendors that you would recommend to your Deer Creek neighbors to Irwin Cooper at **coop939@aol.com** If you have used vendors from the list and you are NOT satisfied, please advise Irwin as well, so we may remove them. Thanks!



**RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE***Philip S. Mentz*

**W**ith the advent of the July rains mildew growth will accelerate. Although roofs are the most obviously affected, sidewalks and concrete driveways as well as the house itself may be involved. Please watch for evidence of mildew growth and take steps to have it removed.

On the subject of summer weather, the frequent rains will also wash debris onto the catch basin gratings. This can create a localized flooding problem if the rainfall is heavy enough. Routine cleaning will help avoid any flooding. Since the drains feed directly into the lakes, as little debris as possible should be allowed to flow into them. Of course, the catch basins should never be used as a dumping spot for leftover building materials.

Several new residents have moved into Deer Creek lately. We want to let them know that there is a six week grace period after arrival in which to become established before the parking restrictions will be enforced.

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE***Jay Olin*

**T**he Committee met to discuss the issue of vehicles tailgating through the Woodbriar Gate and whether we should change our procedures for following up on complaints received from residents. It appears that a significant majority of the reported tailgating incidents involve residents following other residents through the gate before the gate closes. This remains the prerogative of the residents themselves and does not warrant general intervention by the Traffic Committee at this time. The Committee was unanimous in concluding that existing procedures to follow-up reported incidents involving either residents or non-residents are currently sufficient. It was again stressed that preventing entrance by non-residents at the Woodbriar Gate requires increased resident cooperation by fully identifying the offending vehicle, time of the incident and any other pertinent information helpful in later identifying the vehicle and where the vehicle was destined. Then the enhanced camera system at the Woodbriar Gate can be queried to determine license plate number, make, model, color, etc. Periodic reminders will be placed in the *Trails* to remind residents of the role they must play in identifying the unauthorized entrance of vehicles into Deer Creek. Also, the Sheriff's Department will be contacted to ensure that our signage is accurate and complete regarding "No Trespassing" in the Community.



The use of the Wackenhut speed monitoring trailer was briefly discussed and it was decided that having residents volunteer to monitor the speeds registered and any offending vehicles was appropriate. The trailer is expected before the end of July and will be moved to various locations within the Community over 5-7 days. Solicitation of volunteers to observe and record results will be sought once we have definite dates.

Officer Stan Copenhaver is back at the McIntosh gatehouse from his forced absence and is back in the groove after a quick introduction to the new cameras, monitors and software enhancements installed by Clark Southworth.

The audio capability remains inadequate, but is being corrected with the vendor. AMI is in contact with Verizon to activate the phone line at the Woodbriar Gatehouse so that the McIntosh Gatehouse will be notified automatically if there is a system failure within the Woodbriar Gate system.

## DESIGN &amp; DEVELOPMENT

*Howard Pascoe*

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

Web Site ([www.deercreeksarasota.org](http://www.deercreeksarasota.org)), approval from the Design and Development Board is required before any changes are made to the appearance of 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 July 18, 2008. We only list approved requests, not those that have been denied.

**8335 Cypress Hollow Dr. -**  
Approved landscaping modification. Plan on file.

**8263 Cypress Hollow Dr. -**  
Approved removal of diseased Queen palm tree. No replacement required.

**4368 Maplewood Ln. -**  
Approved replacing garage door with hurricane proof door. Same color.

**8691 Woodbriar Dr. -**  
Approved painting exterior of house same color as before.

**8411 Woodbriar Dr. -**  
Approved painting exterior of house. Color chips on file.

**4403 Staghorn Ln. -**  
Approved replacing roof shingles with Timberlaine GAF Shingles, and adding a new skylight.

**4739 White Tail Ln. -**  
Approved installation of new pavers on driveway and walkway.

**8283 Shadow Pine Way -**  
Approved removal of dead Hibiscus tree and replacement with Giant Ixoria.

**8275 Cypress Hollow Dr. -**  
Approved removal of diseased fruit tree. No replacement required.

**8383 Shadow Pine Way -**  
Approved replacing front doors with similar set.

**4729 White Tail Ln. -**  
Approved painting exterior of house same color as before.

**8248 Shadow Pine Way -**  
Approved installation of hurricane protection devices.

**4601 Deer Creek Blvd. -**  
Approved removal of Pittosporum bushes and replacement with Ixora plants.



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***

***Assessment Reminder***

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.



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

*Sharron Mahan*



The July 13 D.C. Social Committee meeting was held at Joan Wills' home. D.C. resident, George

Ulrich, joined the meeting to discuss opportunities at Oscar Sherer Park where he is a volunteer. Our Committee members are planning to visit the Park on Tuesday, August 12, meet with the Park Manager, John Roche, and review the facilities. Stay tuned for details of activities the Park has to offer.

We are very saddened by the unexpected death of one of our active Social Committee members—Dr. Chuck Baldwin. Chuck had wonderful ideas and was planning a variety of activities for Deer Creek residents. In the months to come, other Committee members will follow-through with his ideas. Chuck's obituary (in the *Herald Tribune* on Thursday, July 17, page 5B, plus a wonderful tribute on Sunday, July 20, page 7B) further explains why Chuck Baldwin will be missed by all of us. It was our privilege to know and work with Chuck (and Erika) Baldwin.

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

**(New) OLD-FASHIONED COMMUNITY PICNIC** – Sunday, November 9 – Be sure to mark your calendars now and plan to attend Deer Creek's Community Picnic at Oscar Sherer Park starting at noon! The Social Committee will

reserve a pavilion for our use and organize family-friendly park activities for us all to enjoy. There will be something for everyone! Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity to enjoy an old-time picnic outing with your Deer Creek friends! More details will follow.

If you are interested in being on the Picnic Planning Committee, please call Joan Wills (921-3846) or Carla Manley (706-4531).

**(New) D.C. MEN'S BREAKFAST** - October 2 (Thursday) is the date for the first D.C. Men's Breakfast coordinated by Howard Pascoe and Burt Raimi. Read future *Trails* for time, place and RSVP info.

**LADIES LUNCHEONS:** If you haven't joined us for lunch the first Thursday of each month, we encourage you to do so. A great opportunity for new friends and continuing friendships. Call or e-mail your RSVP so we can confirm with the restaurant.

If there are any women who wish to attend a luncheon for the first time, please call Diane Geimer (924-4184) and she will pick you up or arrange a ride. Sometimes it is easier going with someone when you meet with a new group.

Established dates and restaurants for the Ladies Luncheons:

**August 7**, noon, at JRyans– Call Sandy Twyon (921-6022) or RSVP by e-mail: STWYON@att.net.

**September 4**, noon, at Sam Snead's Tavern on Osprey and Hillview – Suzi Harkola 927-5689 or j121652@comcast.net. Sam Snead's and Sally's Fashions of Sarasota are teaming up to offer a fun lunch and fashion show! Suzi will need a head count by August 30, so please let her know ASAP if you'll be able to attend this luncheon.

**October 2**, noon, at Gecko's on Clark – Please confirm with Diane Geimer 924-4184 or geimer@aol.com & Fran Plankey 929-1367 or firecnslt@verizon.net.

**November 6** - Pat Koch (921-1892) & Nancy Zeman (927-7522); details later.

**December 4** - Donna Hurley (924-1052) & Sharron Mahan (929-7694).

For more information about hosting a luncheon, please contact Carla Manley at 706-4531 or carlafm@comcast.net.

**MYSTERY-THEATER TRAIN:** Sunday, October 26 - For our planning purposes, we request your RSVP for this Ft. Myers event. Flyer and RSVP form are in this issue. We will assist with car pooling. Call Erika Baldwin (929-1629) if you have questions.

**SPRINGTIME in CHARLESTON:** RSVPs and deposit checks have been arriving for this delightful trip – don't delay; flyer in this issue explains the exciting details. The motor coach will only hold 36.

**MIXERS:**

**OMELETTE MIXER** - September 27 – Saturday – 10:00 AM to “noonish” at Al & Sharron Mahan’s home. It isn’t too early to get your name on the RSVP list for this relaxing Saturday morning. For the catered brunch (\$15), the Omelettes will be made-to-order and the Mimosas will be refreshing. See July *Trails* for details.

**MORE MIXERS:**

October 17: (6 to 8 PM) Joe & Grace Cuffaro.

November 14, (6 to 8 PM) Bill & Joan Kayser.

Please call Charlotte Emerson (924-4572) for information if you are willing to host a mixer in your home -- at no cost to you.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** Friday, October 31 – 5:30 to 6:00 PM followed by trick or treat. Event at White Egret Lane off Cypress Hollow Drive, snacks, games, and lots of fun. Call Charlotte Emerson (924-4572) or Diane Geimer (924-4184) to RSVP.

**Halloween Treaters:** You’re invited to bring your treats and join the fun; you can see the children and pass out your treats.

**BOOK CLUB:** October 10 (Friday) – 1:00; for details, read the July *Trails* or call Joan Saunders (925-0453). This club has its full complement of members, so we are suggesting a new book group.

**CO-ED BOOK GROUP:** (new) Any interest? Please let us know your thoughts. Call Joan Saunders (925-0453) or Sharron Mahan (929-7694).

**MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP:** Are you interested in a limited-book discussion group focusing on the works considered masterpieces of Western literature? If so, please call Roger Garcia (706-4531).

**HOLIDAY PARTY:** December 10 (Wednesday) – Mark your calendars - Prestancia is the location and La Croix will provide the listening and dancing music for our lovely annual gathering. Details soon thanks to Dee & Bart Forsyth and Nancy & Jack Zeman.

**OTHER EVENTS**

Please refer to the details in the last *Trails* (July) for upcoming and ongoing social activities. Our Committee plans to distribute a flier in the mail-tubes in September as there will be no September *Trails* issue.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

The Artists of Palmer Ranch group has many pieces of their art displayed at the Gulf Gate Library in July and August. Deer Creek residents’ work includes Jean Southworth, Jeanne Romance and Al Mahan. If you’re near the library, you might enjoy seeing the many pieces of art displayed among the books and shelves.

Remember to check the Deer Creek Web Site (calendar section) for Social Committee events along with a host of other information.

We hope that many Deer Creek residents and guests will join in, offer suggestions and enjoy these activities.



***Social Opportunities at a Glance:***

- August 7 . . . . . Ladies luncheon @ J Ryan's – Sandy Twyon (921-6022)
- September 4 . . . . . Ladies lunch – Suzi Harkola (927-5689)
- September 27 . . . . . Omelette MIXER – Al & Sharron Mahan (929-7694)
- October 2 . . . . . Ladies Lunch – Diane Geimer (924-4184) & Fran Plankey (929-1367)
- October 2 . . . . . Men's Breakfast – Howard Pascoe (923-1516)
- October 10 . . . . . Book Club – Joan Saunders (925-0453)
- October 17 . . . . . MIXER – Joe & Grace Cuffaro (925-0414)
- October 26 . . . . . Mystery-Theater Train – Erika Baldwin (929-1629)
- October 31 . . . . . Halloween event – Charlotte Emerson (924-4572) & Diane Geimer (924-4184)
- Nov. 6 . . . . . Ladies Lunch – Pat Koch (921-1892) & Nancy Zeman (927-7522)
- Nov. 9 . . . . . D.C. Picnic at Oscar Sherer – Joan Wills (921-3846) & Carla Manley (706-4531)
- Nov. 14 . . . . . MIXER – Bill & Joan Kayser (924-7123)
- Dec. 4 . . . . . Ladies Lunch – Donna Hurley (924-1052) & Sharron Mahan (929-7694)
- Dec. 10 . . . . . Holiday Party – Bart & Dee Forsyth (927-1355)/Jack & Nancy Zeman (927-7522)
- March 2-6, 2009 . . . . . Trip to Charleston/Savannah – Joan Wills (921-3846) or  
Carla Manley (carlafm@comcast.net)

***Ongoing:***

- 1st Monday/month Artists of Palmer Ranch – Jeanne C. Romance (924-8182)
- 1st Thursday/month . . . . . Deer Creek Ladies Luncheon – Carla Manley (706-4531)
- 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)

***Mote Sea Life Encounter trip on June 11***



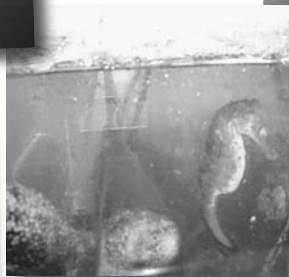
*Donna & Richard Hurley*



*Sharron Mahan*



*Roger Garcia & Marine Biologist*



*Sea Horses at Mote Marine*



*John & Fran Van Schoor*



Sponsored by Deer Creek Social Committee



## Seminole Gulf Railway

# DINNER TRAIN THEATER

Join your Deer Creek neighbors and bring your friends and family for a **DELIGHTFUL TRAIN RIDE** in our private rail car through the old Florida landscape. Enjoy a sumptuous **5 COURSE DINNER** (cash bar service available) while watching an exciting **MYSTERY THEATER PRESENTATION**.

Departing COLONIAL STATION—FT MYERS  
5:30pm **SUNDAY October 26, 2008**  
Boarding begins at 5:00pm

Group Rate \$64 per person (includes tax & gratuity)  
Overnight packages available  
Carpooling an option

For more information contact the event co-coordinators:  
Sharron & Al Mahan 929-7694 or Erika Baldwin 929-1629

Reserve your space NOW!

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ # of people @ \$64 each= \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: *Deer Creek Social Committee*  
Send to: Sharron Mahan, 8607 Woodbriar Drive  
Sarasota FL 34238

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## BOARD ACTIONS

*Linda Slack*

The following items were voted upon by the Board of Directors at the July 22, 2008 meeting.

1. The new owner of 8704 Woodbriar Drive was in attendance to request approval for removal of four (4) pine trees on his property although he had originally requested to remove three pine trees: one dead tree at the left rear side of the house and two healthy trees planted on a mound extremely close to the left side of the home. There have been several leaks in the room adjacent to the two trees planted on the mound possibly due to drainage issues of the original improper grading. The homeowner will re-grade the mounded areas and do extensive new landscaping. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Frey, seconded and approved unanimously to approve only the removal of the three pine trees as originally requested, one dead and two healthy trees.

2. Howard Pascoe presented a request from the owner of 8446 Cypress Hollow to remove an oak tree from the right front side of the lawn, so that an addition could be built on his house for a third car garage. A consultant from Sarasota County Resource Protection Dept. inspected the tree in question on June 23, and he advised that the tree is a Laurel Oak and is not a protected species, nor is it considered a "grand" tree from its size. He informed the homeowner that a permit is not required to remove the tree. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Tabor, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the removal of the tree so that the owner may go to an architect and get plans to add the third car garage to his home. The removal of the tree is subject to the approval of the garage plans and set-back variance requirements by the D&D Board and Board of Directors. The homeowner will not remove the tree until the garage plans are approved and will plant another tree after the garage is built.

3. The following names were put forth by President Sullivan as the nominating committee for the 2009 election: Larry Altman, Bobbi Eggert, Judy Kupperbusch, Brian Lavery and Mary Ann Spayd. A motion was made by Director Twyon, seconded and approved unanimously to approve these five residents as the committee to nominate candidates for the five (5) vacating director positions for the two year term beginning January 2009 and ending January 2011. ❖

## REAL ESTATE CORNER

*Isabella DeJohn*

Deer Creek has fourteen houses and three villas listed for sale. The houses range from \$399,800 to \$750,000. The villas range from \$309,000 to \$360,000.

Two houses have sold in the last month:

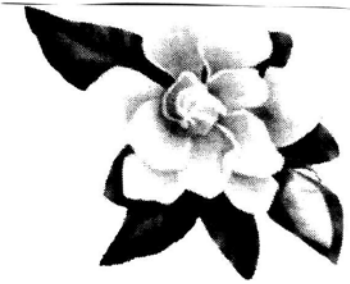
8704 Woodbriar Drive, originally listed at \$599,000, reduced to \$469,900, and sold at \$405,000 after 246 days on the market.

4678 Deer Creek boulevard, listed at \$599,000 has sold for \$515,000 after 82 days on the market. Two houses are pending closure.



(As a member Realtor my information is supplied directly from The Sarasota Board of Realtors and does not include any private sales activity.)





**SPRINGTIME IN  
CHARLESTON  
& SAVANNAH  
March 2 - 6, 2009**

**JOIN YOUR DEER CREEK FRIENDS ON A 5-DAY/4 NIGHT SPRINGTIME MOTORCOACH TRIP TO CHARLESTON AND SAVANNAH!**

**At 7:15 a.m. we will gather at the Deer Creek Villas pool area, to meet our tour escort who will accompany the group for five days. Departure is at 7:30 a.m.**

**Itinerary Highlights:**

- March 2:** Depart Sarasota for Charleston, arrive Charleston, depart for Spirit of Carolina Yacht Dinner Cruise  
**March 3:** Tour The Citadel-Military College of SC, lunch at The Marketplace, tour Boone Hall Plantation, dine at Bubba Gump's  
**March 4:** Tour Wadmalaw Island-Charleston Tea Plantation, tour Beaufort, S.C., and surrounding areas, travel to Savannah, GA, check in at The Promenade Historic Hotel in Downtown Savannah, dine at the famous Mrs. Wilkes Boarding House, visit with professional group "Puppet People"-enjoy orientation and show  
**March 5:** Guided tour of Savannah, tour Low Country of Tybee Island, Fort Pulaski, visit Byrd Cookie Company -The Gourmet Marketplace, dine at Paula Dean's Lady & Sons restaurant, and enjoy a show at the historic Savannah Theater  
**March 6:** Depart for Winter Park, FL, tour Morse Museum (featuring world famous Tiffany collection), depart for Sarasota and arrive early to mid-evening

**Package Includes:**

- Accommodations for four nights!
- Meals! Nine-including four deluxe continental breakfasts, one lunch & four dinners!
- Tours & Attractions as highlighted in the Itinerary above.
- Local guides while in Charleston & Savannah
- All applicable taxes, included meal gratuities, luggage handling
- Round trip motor coach transportation
- Travel arrangements and escort provided by an independent, licensed travel agency

**Not included:** Driver, tour escort and step-on guides gratuities

<b><u>Rates:</u> (per person)</b>	<b>Single:</b>	<b>Double:</b>	<b>Triple:</b>
	<b>\$1,099</b>	<b>\$849</b>	<b>\$779</b>

**Deposit: \$100 per person (fully refundable) up to 45 days prior to departure**

**Full payment due 45 days prior to departure (Friday, January 16, 2009)**

Insurance rate form available upon request

**Make checks payable to Deer Creek Social Committee and send to Joan Wills, 4531DeerTrail Blvd.**

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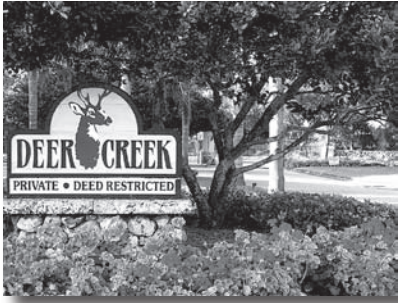
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FYI ~ WOODBRIAR GATE

*Jack Messerschmidt*



I've found a possible solution to the problem entering the Woodbriar gate during those sunny afternoon hours when the scanner can't see the bar code because of the reflection. As you drive in, angle your vehicle slightly to the right so the scanner sees the barcode at a different angle. So far it's worked for me.



**OLD TRAILS COPIES – PLEASE**

Clark Southworth has started a project to make electronic copies of all the old issues of the *Trails*. The idea is to preserve some of the history of our community that would easily be accessible to all residents – perhaps through our Web site. Clark already has copies of the newsletter beginning February 2004 forward, but if you have paper or electronic copies of the Trails earlier than that, please e-mail Clark (clarktrails@verizon.net) or call him at 922-5081. Thanks!



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**AUGUST 2008**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Artists of Palmer Ranch	5	6	7 Ladies Luncheon at J. Ryan's	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Men's Poker	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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**SEPTEMBER 2008**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY Artists of Palmer Ranch	2	3	4 Ladies Luncheon at Sam Snead's Tavern	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Men's Poker	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Board of Directors' Meeting	24	25	26	27 Omelet Mixer at Mahan's
28	29 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	30				

*Classifieds*

**BABYSITTER AVAILABLE**

- 15 years old, has been babysitting for 4 years
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dining room table, beige lacquer finish,  
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 Five chairs - with gray cloth seats  
 Table: wood 45 ½ round, with 16” built-in leaf  
 Excellent condition - \$100.00  
 Love Seat: 72” x 36 “ – Sturdy/heavy duty  
 Excellent condition  
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