

TRAILS

DEER CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



July 2008

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jack Sullivan



At the recent Board of Directors' meeting, the Board, with considerable input from residents in attendance, voted not to outsource publication of our Association Directory/Handbook. The Directory for the past several years has been prepared for publication by Deer Creek residents Clark and Jean Southworth with support from other Communications Committee members. Their effort in this regard is a voluntary, intensive week long process in the early Spring of each year. The Directory produced is an exceptional document in appearance and content. As such, it is strongly recommended that each resident review and utilize the current Directory as it sets forth pertinent homeowner information including certain Deer Creek rules and regulations (Section IV), our organizational structure which includes information on the functions of each committee (Section V), and resident data. Residents are reminded that changes to personal data contained in the Directory should be currently updated as necessary by submission of the Entry Control and Resident Data form available at the McIntosh Road gatehouse, which can also be downloaded from our Community website: www.deercreeksarasota.org.

As we look forward to the second half of 2008, it is a good time for each Deer Creek resident to consider becoming involved with one of the many committees we have and/or consider becoming a candidate for the Board of Directors. For example, in the May 2008 *Trails* issue regarding our Emergency Response Team, several areas were noted as needing more members. Also, the terms of five members of the Board of Directors expire in January 2009. Being a member of the Board is a challenging yet informative, worthwhile, and rewarding experience. In the near future a Nominating Committee for 2009 Board candidates will be appointed by the current Board. If any resident has questions or is interested in becoming a candidate for the Board please contact me or any other member of the Board of Directors.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on July 22, 2008 at 2:00 PM. There is no Board meeting in August. As our Association is strengthened by the participation of every resident of Deer Creek. Please join us at Faith Lutheran Church on the 22nd.





EDITOR'S DESK

James Farnum



If you are sending artwork for a classified ad, please make sure the artwork is 300 dpi and in PDF, TIFF, JPEG, or EPS format. Ads are due by the 26th of the month. All "For Sale" ads are deleted after first publication, unless otherwise notified.



There will be no Board Meeting in August and thus no publication of the *Trails* for the month of September.



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	Ron Meijer
Telephone Book	Clark Southworth
<i>Trails</i> Distribution	Candi Messerschmidt
<i>Trails</i> Editor	James Farnum
Website Manager	Clark Southworth
Welcoming	Mary Ann Spayd
Gatehouse Captain	TBD

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.

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

❖ Notice of Next Board Meeting ❖

The next regular meeting will be held at 2 PM on Tuesday, July 22

at

the Faith Lutheran Church

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

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Linda Slack



Recycling

We have had several accounts of recycling bins being put out only half full in the evening and then are found mysteriously filled to the brim by morning – with some of the added items being recyclable and some not. Did you know that Waste Management can refuse to pick up recyclables if trash is mixed in the bin? If you have an overabundance of recycling, please don't dump those items in your neighbor's bin without first calling and asking permission. You can use an extra trash can or box marked recycling for infrequent situations. You can also order a second red or blue recycling bin at no cost by calling Waste Management at 493-4100 if one is needed on a regular basis.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste is not collected curbside. Sarasota County operates three locations where these materials may be delivered. Residents may take hazardous waste to a Chemical Collection Center for safe, free disposal as long as the waste has been generated from your personal use.

Collection Centers are located at:

- 8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota Open Wednesday through Saturday, 8 am – 4 pm
- 4010 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis Open Monday through Saturday, 8 am – 5 pm
- 250 S. Jackson Road, Venice Open Wednesday through Saturday, 8 am – 4 pm

Visit Hazardous Waste Collection Center for proper disposal of items such as:

- acids
- aerosol cans (with product)
- antifreeze
- automotive fluids
- beauty products such as nail polish and remover, hair permanents
- cell phones
- diesel fuel
- drain cleaners
- fertilizers
- fire extinguishers
- fluorescent light bulbs
- gasoline
- herbicides
- household cleaners
- kerosene

- lawn and garden chemicals
- mercury containing items such as thermometers, thermostats
- paints and stains
- paint thinner, solvent and stripper
- perfume, alcohol based
- pesticides
- poisons
- pool and spa chemicals
- propane tanks (20# only, from barbeque grills)
- rechargeable batteries, button batteries for watches and hearing aids
- nickel-cadmium and lithium-ion batteries found in cordless phones
- rechargeable batteries like those found in cordless drills or laptops
- varnishes and shellac

Alkaline based batteries can go in the garbage for disposal.

(recycling continued on page 14)



LAKES, WATERWAYS & ANIMALS

Dick Spayd



Over the past few weeks we've been fortunate to have sufficient rain to keep our lakes full. Aquagenix continues to spray for algae and grasses which also contributes to keeping our lakes looking well maintained.



I assume many of you are aware of the fact that Sarasota County has passed a four month hiatus from fertilizer applications to our yards - June 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008. This specifically applies to a ban on the use of nitrogen and phosphorus. The only exception is a one time application to new plants/grass during this period of time. Be sure that any commercial service used is fully aware of this ban.

I'm asking the board to consider a proposal whereby Deer Creek will be designated as a "Targeted Harvest Area" for alligators. This means that one person in the community would have the authority to contact an alligator trapper if an alligator is deemed a nuisance. I am proposing that the chairman for the Lakes, Waterways, and Animals be given this designation. When this person is not on the premises, the president of Deer Creek would have the authority to fulfill this role. An alligator will be considered a nuisance if it shows aggressive behavior to pets in addition to having lost its fear of humans.

STREETS & STRUCTURES

Richard Tabor



Street Lights

The Streets and Structures Committee conducted a survey of our community and discovered a street light not working on Antler Trail. Repairs were made by replacing a blown fuse and a defective ballast.

Gatehouses

The scanner at the Woodbriar gate continues to experience problems reading decals between 2pm and 4pm. A security firm has adjusted the scanner and advised that sunlight reflecting from vehicle windows interferes with the proper functioning of the reader during this time frame.

Sidewalks

A broken sidewalk slab was repaired by the Streets and Structures Committee on Shadow Pine Way. A special thank you is extended to Clark Southworth who assisted in this project.

Roads

Potholes were repaired on Deer Creek Boulevard and Longspur Lane by committee members. Ed Plankey volunteered his time working on this project.

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

LANDSCAPE / IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

Grace Cuffaro



The oak tree in the circle at the front entrance to Deer Creek was assessed to have been damaged by lightning, was badly weakened, and needed to be removed. This was done on 6/25 and a new tree planted.

After consultation with the Code Enforcement Agency, Aquagenics was contacted to assess the situation of vines encroaching on trees in the preserve at the corner of White Tail Lane and Woodbriar Dr. They will submit a report and proposal for discussion at the July Board meeting.



GARDEN CORNER by Rachele Farnum

At last, the rainy season is here! Check your trees now to minimize possible damage from the devastating storms. Remove dead wood, crossing limbs, stubs and weak wood from your trees. Bugs are at their height of activity, particularly mealybugs. Be alert for scale, whitefly, mites, thrips, aphids, caterpillars, chinch bugs, beetles and weevils.

Make sure that your plants are getting enough water. A lot of problems are the result of record-breaking heat and lack of rain.

Finally a word of advice to those of you who, coming from out of state, like myself, planted the wrong plant in a particular area of the landscape, as I did.

The Florida Gardener's Book of Lists by Lois Trigg Chapin and Minica Moran Brandies contains over 200 lists of plants that do well in certain conditions.

There are lists for flowering and foliage plants for shade, exotic flowering plants, sun-loving plants, ground covers for wet soils, and roses. There are lists of trees, shrubs, vines, ferns, ground covers, roses, perennials, annuals and specialty plants.

The plant that I have chosen to feature for the month of July is called Plumeria (Frangipani, Temple Tree). The genus contains 8 species of mainly deciduous shrubs and trees, originally from Central America, known for their strongly fragrant flowers. Their fleshy branches contain a poisonous, milky sap. The "Singapore White" frangipani can be grown in frost-free, subtropical climates. The scented creamy white flowers have a bright yellow center. With its elegant rounded flowers and soft perfume, it is one of the loveliest of all Plumerias.



Plumeria © James Farnum

RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Philip S. Mentz



There have been a few instances of frequent visitors who became visitors on a routine, often daily basis. Examples are caregivers, housekeepers, etc. They were admitted via the frequent visitor list, or a telephone call. Such admittance is acceptable, but long term it has created some difficulties in parking enforcement. It is not possible to properly identify such a vehicle, which has neither a bar code record nor a visitor pass. Because of the continual presence, R&R must consider the possibility that it is an illegally parked vehicle. To avoid any problems for R&R and the homeowner please call R&R if you will have an on-going visitor such as a housekeeper or caregiver. We will record the address and handle enforcement appropriately. Thank you for your cooperation.

On a very happy note. Jim and Wilma Baxter, 8692 Woodbriar, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, 6/21. Jim has been a faithful member of the R&R committee for several years. Please join me and the members of the R&R committee in wishing Jim and Wilma the very best 50th and many more.



TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Jay Olin

With the new McIntosh Gate camera system in place, training on its capabilities is underway. Recent power surges and/or failures have accelerated the Committee's review of the options available for battery or emergency backup power and for connecting the Woodbriar Gate system via phone line to alert the guard at McIntosh Gate in the event of any system failures. This capability was included in the Committee's original plan, but implementation was delayed until after the new system was operational and fully tested. Both the Woodbriar Gate and McIntosh Gate camera systems are performing well. Additional signage has been ordered to properly inform anyone using the McIntosh Gate that audio as well as video recording is in use.



During the month, several written warnings were sent to residents regarding either their violation of the Deer Creek traffic regulations or violations by guests or vendors of residents. These were possible because the violation descriptions from residents were more detailed than those usually received in the past. Our thanks to the residents for complying with the Committee's request for this more detailed information on the alleged infraction of the traffic regulations. In order to further remind residents, guests and service personnel of the 25 mph Deer Creek speed limit, Wackenhut will be stationing a visual speed indication trailer at various locations in the very near future. Speaking of Wackenhut, Stan Copenhaver has been cleared to return to work and we have told Wackenhut that Deer Creek expects that he will be assigned here to resume his former duties.

It has recently come to our attention that several residents are using the McIntosh Guardhouse as a dropoff point for items such as luggage, paperwork, mail, etc. The guards have been instructed not to accept these items or any other items and residents are advised not to use the Guardhouse for this purpose.

DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Howard Pascoe



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

Web Site: 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). The following covers D&D activities through June 20, 2008:

4420 Deer Trail Blvd. -

Approved installation of tubular skylight, new garage light fixtures and house paint.

8034 & 8038 Bobcat Circle -

Approved removal of giant Schefflera between the homes.

8038 Bobcat Circle -

Approved removal of two sick Queen palms. One new Queen palm will be planted in its place.

8005 Bobcat Circle -

Approved removal of eight crowded and deformed Cabbage palms, leaving four healthy Cabbage palms.

4544 Deer Trail Blvd. -

Approved removal of Cabbage palm too close to house in the

rear. No replacement required. Approved removal of diseased Queen palm, to be replaced with a Magnolia tree.

4448 & 4452 Deer Trail Blvd. -

Approved removal of Wax Myrtle between the homes.

4551 Deer Trail Blvd. -

Approved planting a Magnolia tree.

NOTE: ALL OF THE ACTIONS LISTED ABOVE WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE VILLAS LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE, APPROVED AND PAID FOR BY THE VILLAS HOMEOWNERS ASSN.

4368 Maplewood Ln. -

Approved removal of Carrotwood tree in rear.

8475 Woodbriar Dr. -

Approved installation of pavers for front entry.

4386 Indian Point Tr. -

Approved installation of a barrel type metal roof. (with BOD approval).

8295 Shadow Pine Way -

Approved replacing pool cage.

8161 Shadow Pine Way -

Approved removal of Oak tree as invasive. (with BOD approval).

8555 Woodbriar Dr. -

Approved removal of diseased

Queen palm. Will plant Areca palm in its place.

4725 White Tail Ln. -

Approved painting exterior of house same colors as before.

4367 Maplewood Ln. -

Approved pavers for driveway.

8395 Shadow Pine Way -

Approved landscape modification and sod for front yard.

4452 Staghorn Ln. -

Approved painting exterior of house same colors as before.

4508 Longspur Ln. -

Approved planting of Princess Flower (*Lasiandra*) tree.

8146 Shadow Pine Way -

Approved installing hurricane protection devices.

4654 Deer Creek Blvd. -

Approved removal of dead bushes and shrubbery so that flowering plants can grow.

4558 Eagle Ridge Ln. -

Approved flagstone decorative edging in rear of property.

4596 Deer Trail Blvd. -

Approved garage light fixtures and house paint color.

THE D&D BOARD ALSO DENIED TWO REQUESTS TO HAVE TREES REMOVED.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS



Were you one of the participants who spent a couple of glorious hours aboard the Mote Sea-Life Encounter 40-foot pontoon boat on June 11? If not, you missed a wonderful event. The Lion King and baseball game were also most enjoyable.

Our Social Committee meets monthly and we spend a lot of hours investigating, planning, and working on Deer Creek social activities. It may seem early to be asking for down-payments for a trip in October or next March. However, we have already made a substantial deposit to hold these trips, so we need a commitment from you and your guests if you are interested. If no one responds, we can cancel by a certain date. We surely appreciate your interest and support. (see flyers in this issue)

Please be assured that no one on our Social Committee benefits from any trip or activity; we all pay the exact same charge for each event. We are mindful of the tight economy today; we work hard to keep all prices as low as possible for everyone.

NEW ADDITION: Please check out the Deer Creek web site (www.deercreeksarasota.org) and the calendar section for an update on our social activities. We thank Judy Kupperbusch for designing, developing, and updating the site. The site looks great, Judy!

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

LADIES LUNCHEON:

Our Deer Creek Ladies Lunch group continues to expand. We welcomed several new residents at our last luncheon and we'd love to see more DC ladies involved. If you have a new neighbor or a friend who hasn't participated, please encourage them to consider an upcoming luncheon. It's a great way to meet people, catch up with old friends and forge new relationships.

July 3 - No official ladies lunch has been planned. As always, we encourage our new-found friends to get together when their schedules allow and continue to build on these friendships throughout the month and year.

August 7, Thursday - Sandy Twyon has made arrangements for us to lunch at J.Ryan's, (located off Club Drive and Rte. 41) always a popular location because of the great food and easy "commute." Please RSVP by calling Sandy at 921-6022.

September 4 luncheon is being arranged by Suzi Harkola. The location and plans for this day will be announced in the next *Trails*.

October, November, and December luncheons are in the planning stages. Diane Geimer and Fran Plankey are organizing October 2; Pat Koch and Nancy Zeman will be arranging November 6; Donna Hurley and Sharron Mahan are

Sharron Mahan

planning December 4. Look for details in upcoming issues of the *Trails*.

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

MYSTERY-THEATER TRAIN:

****New Date**** Sunday, October 26 - We have sponsored this event very successfully in the past, so we don't want anyone to miss out. We have made a deposit for this Ft. Myers Theater Train event; see flyer in this *Trails* for details. We request your RSVP for our planning. We will assist with car pooling. Call Chuck & Erika Baldwin if you have questions - 929-1629.

SPRINGTIME in CHARLES-

TON: (March 2 to 6, 2009) Please see flyer in this issue. We hear of a lot of interest in this wonderful trip, but we need to know of your intent and receive your deposit prior to our cancellation deadline. The motor coach will only hold 36.

MIXERS:

OMELETTE MIXER - September 27 - Saturday - 10:00 AM to "noonish" at Al & Sharron Mahan's home. We are planning a "catered" event—Omelettes (3-eggs); the numerous choice of fillings include peppers, onion, mushrooms, spinach, black olives, tomatoes, ham, Swiss & cheddar cheese, plus a fresh fruit platter, mini muffins, coffee, and even Mimosas. We are now accepting checks (\$15.00 payable to DCSC) and have started a list of attendees for this informal, relaxing and fun event. Please send

check (payable to DCSC) to the Mahans at 8607 Woodbriar Drive. It isn't too early to reply.

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: On Friday, October 31, there will be a Halloween party with games, treats, and other Halloween activities for the children or grandchildren of Deer Creek residents. Mark your calendars for this early evening event to launch Halloween for our youngest in the neighborhood. Save the date!!! (We thank Diane Geimer and Charlotte Emerson for planning this event.)

BOOK CLUB: October 10 (Friday) – 1:00 – is the next scheduled meeting. Since the Book Club does not meet until fall, they have selected a tome or two to chew on for the hot summer months. Both books are by Ken Follett and both feature a small cathedral town in England during the Middle Ages. The first, "Pillars of the Earth," takes place in the 12th century. Many people have already read this novel, so as a bonus the group added the second for those wanting to read the sequel. It is titled "World Without End" and takes place in the same setting two hundred years later. If interested, please call Joan Saunders (925-0453) for the location.

CO-ED BOOK GROUP? A few Deer Creek neighbors have ex-

pressed interest. Some suggestions thus far are to 1) meet in the evening, 2) include genres other than novels, for example biographies, histories, travel narratives, mysteries, science fiction. We would like to know if this idea has enough merit to start such a group, so 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) after July.

HOLIDAY PARTY: December 10 (Wednesday) – Prestancia is the location and La Croix will provide the listening and dancing music for our lovely annual gathering. Once again, we thank Dee & Bart Forsyth and Nancy & Jack Zeman, our coordinators. Details coming soon--but please save the date.

RECAP:

LION KING: What a show! On Sunday, June 1, 42 of us shared a wonderful afternoon at Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. We had a very nice motor coach; the whole trip was most relaxing and enjoyable. We thank Nancy Zeman and Dee Forsyth for their efforts.

LADIES LUNCHEON: On June 5, twenty-four Deer Creek ladies gathered for lunch at Turtles on Siesta Key. The luncheon, organized by Joan Wills, was very pleasant, and everyone appreciated Turtles' beautiful waterfront views of Robert's Bay. The scenery was almost as interesting as the conversations!

SEA-LIFE CRUISE: Sea Life Encounter Cruise – Under ideal weather conditions, twenty-five Deer Creek sea lovers assembled at Mote Marine Aquarium on June 11 to explore Sarasota and Roberts Bays aboard a chartered pontoon boat. On the cruise the group sighted dolphins and manatees, and numerous sea birds nesting in the bird sanctuary in Robert's Bay. A Mote marine biologist accompanying the group netted and identified some of the bays' plant and animal life, which included seahorses, crabs, clams, sea squirts, and other shellfish, sea sponges, anemones, starfish, fish and sea grasses. The cruise surpassed all expectations! Thank you, Roger Garcia, for planning this adventure.

Numerous possible future events are being discussed. Resident input and participation are welcomed and needed.

NEW ACTIVITIES: The following new activities are still in the planning stage. Please read future *Trails* for more details.

Cooking Class at Rolling Pin – Fran Van Schoor & Sharron Mahan
Historical Trolley Tour of Sarasota – Judy Kupperbusch
Men's Breakfast – in the fall – Howard Pascoe
Evening at Dog Track – Chuck Baldwin
Big Cat Habitat – Chuck Baldwin
Lipizzan Stallion Training Facility – Howard Pascoe
Coed or Men's Book Discussion Group – Roger Garcia
Starlite Princess Boat trip out of St. Pete – Chuck Baldwin

Other thoughts/ideas for activities are pending.

Social Opportunities at a Glance:

- July No Ladies Luncheon
- August 7 Ladies luncheon @ J Ryan's – Sandy Twyon (921-6022)
- September 4 Ladies lunch (see next TRAILS) – 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 10 Book Club – Joan Saunders (925-0453)
- October 17 MIXER – Joe & Grace Cuffaro (925-0414)
- October 26 Mystery-Theater Train – Chuck & 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. 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)

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)

LOWE'S UPDATE

Al Mahan



Of the seventeen stipulations that were part of the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners unanimous approval of the Lowe's Store, the following items pertained to issues germane to our community, i.e., noise, traffic and congestion:

- Prohibit use of outdoor loudspeakers.
- Utilize strobe-activated/self-adjusting back-up alarms on delivery trucks and forklifts.
- Parking lot and drive aisle lighting for this store reduced to minimum "security levels" on site within one hour after store closing.
- Delivery hours for this store shall be restricted to 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday.

-Hours of Operation shall be limited to: Monday through Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

-The owner shall direct its merchandise suppliers, in writing, not to use McIntosh Road and /or Honore Avenue as a truck delivery route to and from the store. Copies of the requests and any replies shall be filed with the Sarasota County Zoning Department.

Other issues which we were able to have included in the stipulations or later by Board of Commissioners consensus were:

The developer shall construct a traffic light signal at no cost to the County at the intersection of Central Sarasota Parkway and Potter Park Drive.

In discussions with Board of Commission members, we believe we were able to have sidewalks extended from the front of the apartments/condos, across the bridge and there-in connecting with the sidewalk in front of Lowe's which will give safe and secure travel for wheelchairs, bikes and pedestrians along that entire area, including the YMCA and Potter Park parking lots which serve the Legacy Trail.



If there is interest in looking at all the stipulations, please contact me. Al Mahan.



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 THEATRE 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:
Erika & Chuck Baldwin 929-1629 or Sharron & Al Mahan 929-7694

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 June 24, 2008 meeting.

A motion was made by Director Frey, seconded and approved unanimously to approve turning over units 4011 and 5116 over to legal counsel for collections and the possible filing of a lien for payment delinquencies.

There was a presentation by Craig Tirgrath, owner of SunDown Publishing on a possible new format for the community directory. After the presentation, a motion was made by Director Slack and seconded to use Sundown Publishing for the community directory in 2009. The motion failed with seven directors voting against and Director Frey voting in favor.

Howard Pascoe presented the proposed new wording to amend Section 2.10 of the Architectural Standards to allow metal barrel tile roofs. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Mahan, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the recommended language omitting “only” from the existing language and adding the following statements: “Metal roofing of barrel tile configuration, and carrying the same or better rating or warranty shall be permitted. Appearance shall be indistinguishable from barrel tile made from cement or clay. A Request for Action to install such a metal roof shall be accompanied by a manufacturer’s specification sheet.”

Also, a motion was made by Director Slack, seconded and approved unanimously to confirm the appointments of Ed Caldwell and Lynn Towson to the D&D Board.

Director Mahan gave the final report and recommendation to the Board on the benches that were selected by the committee to be installed in Deer Creek. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Twyon and seconded to delay the vote on the funding for this issue until the November meeting. The motion passed with six directors voting in favor and Directors Tabor and Mahan opposed. ❖

REAL ESTATE CORNER

Isabella DeJohn

Some optimistic news for a change! Home sales in the Sarasota area have risen to the highest level in the past fourteen months! Hopefully this will soon be reflected in Deer Creek sales!

We currently have twelve houses and four villas listed for sale. The houses range from \$399,800 to \$697,000, with an average asking price of \$534,333 or \$183.72 psf.

The villas range from \$309,000 to \$360,000 or \$184.97 psf.

Since June, a year ago, nine houses have sold with an average sales price of \$480,444 or \$173 psf.

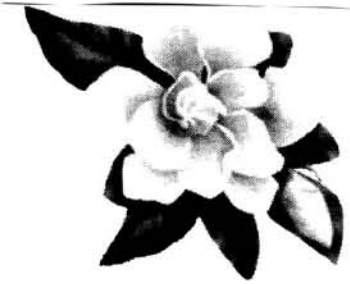
The three villas that sold averaged a sales price of \$272,333 or \$150.61 psf.



4588 Deer Trail Boulevard has sold recently for \$217,000, and there is one house under contract with “back-up offers” needed.

(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

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

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.

For reservations & information call Joan Wills (921-3846) or e-mail Carla Manley (carlafm@comcast.net).

RESERVATION FORM • Springtime in Charleston & Savannah March 2-6, 2009

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

DEPOSIT AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Linda Slack

(recycling continued from page 3)

The ReUzIt Shop

The ReUzIt Shop handles products that are dropped off at the county's chemical collection centers. Useable products are offered to residents and businesses free of charge with a photo ID. Resident must be 18 years of age or older. Recycled paint, depending upon availability, is available for a nominal fee.

8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota Open Monday – Friday, 8 – 11 am and Noon – 4 pm

Ammunition, Fireworks and Flare Disposal

The 4th of July celebrations are drawing to a close. Flares, fireworks, ammunition, guns and bullets should be taken to your local law enforcement agency for disposal. Call your local law enforcement agency for details.

- City of Sarasota at 941-954-7025
- Sarasota County Sheriff's Office at 941-951-8000 or 941-316-1201

Home Electronics Disposal

If electronic equipment (see list below) has been generated through your own personal use, it may be taken to one of Sarasota County's three Household Chemical Collection drop-off centers for disposal.

- televisions
- computer systems
- monitors
- printers
- scanners/fax machines
- power supplier



Other electronic equipment can still be placed in the garbage for disposal (see list below).



- vacuum cleaners
- stereos
- speakers
- telephones (remove the battery first)





JULY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Quarterly assessment of \$280 due	2	3	4	5
6	7 Artists of Palmer Ranch	8	9	10 Men's Poker	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Board of Directors' Meeting, 2 PM, Faith Lutheran Church	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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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Classifieds

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

- 15 years old, has been babysitting for 4 years
 - Pine View student; gets out of school at 1:30 (available on weekday afternoons & weekends)
 - Red Cross certified • Flexible hours & rates
- Contact: kellygrace@hotmail.com
 Cell phone (941) 685-8665
 Kelly McManus - (941) 921-5349

FOR SALE - NEW MOEN BATH PARTS
 Moen shower heads (2), goosenecks, wall rings, tub spout (1), all chrome, new, and in original packaging, plus one Moen push-pull teardrop shower knob \$25.00
George Ulrich 921-3426

FOR SALE
 1995 Mercedes, black, great condition, high freeway mileage, original owner, \$8,000. Deer Creek
Call Jim: 587-5574

SITTER AVAILABLE
 Experienced, Reliable, Mature Days • Evenings
 All age groups, Pediatric to Geriatric
Patti Galey • 922-6031

HANDY HOME HELPER
 Clean, organize garages, patios. Put up/take down holiday decorations. Minor repairs. Outside plantings, etc.
Mike Kaiser 962-0495

FOR SALE
 Queen size wicker headboard, light beige color, \$50.00. *Call Saga Larson 925.8207*

TEENAGER - Responsible, Reliable, Dependable, Needed for Around the House Chores on Saturday Mornings. Yardwork, Planting, Painting, Garage & Lanai Cleanup.
Call Lorraine 923-6644 or (Cell) 400-1975.

SARA'S PET SITTING AND BABYSITTING
 Sara Ellis • 14 years old
 Student at Cardinal Mooney High School
 Experienced, Reliable, Flexible rates and hours. Red Cross certified.
*Contact me at: sellis133@yahoo.com
 cell: 941-735-2841
 home: 941-925-7397*

Computer Problems?
 Scott Bell
 809-4143
 8029 Bobcat Circle
 I make house calls!
 I build and repair computers!

COMPANIONS / HOMEMAKERS WANTED
 Looking for some extra money and making a difference in our clients lives?
 Non-Medical Care for Seniors
 Flexible Hours \$9 /hour
 Call Michael Jones 921-4747 (office)
*Special discounts for home care for Deer Creek Residents**

Senior Moves
 Moving isn't much fun, especially when you're downsizing.
Senior Moves can help!
We can pack, find a mover, unpack, dispose of unwanted items, organize, and do anything else you need us to do.
 Sue Ellen Addicott
 941-924-2842
 Sue Ellen hosts "Senior Savvy" every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at www.radioearnetwork.com.