

The Villas Voice
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Message from the President:

It's nice to see so many of you, who were gone for the summer, back home.

We had a very hot and dry summer that gave our landscape and irrigation committees a real challenge. They, as always, have done a wonderful job and our community should be thankful for their hard work.

New mailboxes are being installed, a nice update to our community. Also, mulch will be applied starting November 12th, so it will be done before the holidays.

During the first week in November, we will be having the sidewalks, curb and gutters power washed. Anyone wishing to have his or her driveway power washed at the same time can do so for \$25.00. A notice and form was distributed to this effect and should be filled in and dropped in my tube at 4596 DTB.

All of these projects will add to making our neighborhood look even better for the holidays!

Gary Koch,

Architectural Review Board (ARB):

ARB Approvals:

Hurricane panels - 4440, 4564, 4580 and 4592 DTB
Gutters for 4472 and 4476 DTB
Front walkway resurfacing - 4507 DTB
Patio slab extension - 4464 DTB
Privacy blinds for lanai - 8006 BCC
Tubular Skylight - 4468 DTB

Ron Benice, Chairman

Landscape Committee:



After a long hot summer, we are ready to begin our fall schedule of mowing the turf every 2 weeks rather than weekly. Beds and hard surfaces will be edged every other mowing.

Most of the yards that were sodded or plugged have responded well and the general appearance of most lawns is good. Hopefully with cooler weather on the way they will continue to improve. We are aware that there are still a few areas, which need attention. They will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Mulch will be applied the week of November 12th so that it will look fresh for the holidays.

Plant Replacement: Wilhelm will be doing some plant replacements in the next few weeks. If you are scheduled for a replacement, a member of the Committee will contact you to make sure you will be able to water the new plants. Please notify one of us if you notice a replacement is not doing well.

In addition, our landscape contractor will be sending in an extra crew in the next week or two to help Sue and Tom with extra trimming of palms and trees under 15 feet. The oaks and tall palms were trimmed this past spring and they should not have to be trimmed again for a few years.

New Resident Information: We welcome our new neighbors and take this opportunity to inform you of the proper steps to report landscape, irrigation or pest control problems.

Landscape problems should be reported on a "Villas Action Request" form, which you may pick up at the gatehouse. Fill in the information and return it to the gatehouse to be picked up by the landscape chairman. If you have a problem with ants or other insects, call Fahey Pest Control @ 366-9090 before Wednesday morning when Fahey comes to the Villas.

Please do not ever park on the grass. Sprinkler heads have been broken and the sod has been damaged. Kindly remind your workmen and guests also.

Pet owner reminder: Please pick up after your animals. This includes your own yard.

The lawn workers and the Irrigation and Landscape Committee members would really appreciate it. Thank you.

Let's keep the Villas beautiful!

Nancy Zeman, Chairman

Irrigation Committee:

We are trying to regulate the lawn and shrub watering after such a dry season to keep things healthy and green.

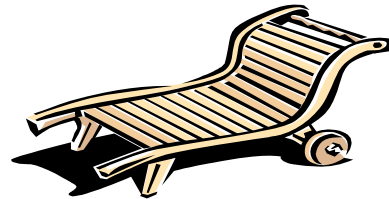
We request residents take a look around their yards after their Tuesday (even numbered homes) and Thursday (uneven & some even numbers) watering to see if any of the pop up sprinklers are still protruding above the ground. These should be tapped down gently. If they go down with difficulty, please flag them and let us know which ones need to be fixed.

Russ Weber – 921-9150

George Ulrich – 921-3426

Pool Committee:

New furniture for pool deck -



We will be replacing the chairs, tables and umbrella on the pool deck this season. We hope to have it all in place in December. The old furniture will be available free to residents who want to sand, repaint, re-sling and restore the furniture or even want to use it as is. If you want to reserve any of the items we will be discarding, call *Ron* at 927-8765 to reserve your selection. You'll be called when the new furniture is being delivered to come and get your selections.

We've made a number of repairs to the pool house. Most noticeable are the fascia. Rotted

wood sections have been replaced; other sections have been scraped and sanded. All were repainted. Also, repairs were made to the doorframes for both restrooms – and we repaired a plumbing fixture.

A new parking rules sign has been ordered.

Ron Benice, Chairman

Welcome Committee:



Maria Thompson (4476 DTB) welcomed Joan and Pat with warm apple cake and fresh-fruited sangria.

A very vivacious and busy person, her villa was being completely renovated when we visited (looks great). When finished, she will be off for the summer season.

Born in Germany, with roots in Poland where she lived for many years, she still spends time there. Maria owns a home in Seattle, so there is never a dull moment coast to coast. The rich cultural offerings available in Sarasota combined with the Polish-American clubs with emphasis on music and dance (her favorites) influenced her decision to buy in Sarasota.

Maria was shopping for furniture, most importantly, a grand piano before she left. Who wouldn't admire and envy just a little a person who told you "I love to tango in Argentina." We look forward to Maria's return and we are glad she has chosen to live in Deer Creek.

Sincerely, Your Welcoming Gals,
Joan Wills, Pat Koch and Doris Benice.

Villas Social Committee News:



Labor Day Gathering:

Approximately 30 of our neighbors came out of their cool houses to gather at our pool in honor of Labor Day on Monday, September 3rd.

It was indeed hot and humid but no one seemed to be bothered by the weather. We just ate and ate all the delicious hors d'oeuvres and talked and talked for over two hours. It was pleasant to get together and chat about each other's summer activities, trips away from home, visits to relatives, etc. Whatever could take us away for a respite from "those lazy, hazy days of summer".



Our next gathering will be on Halloween Eve, Tuesday, October 30th, 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Please come in costume and plan to stump the neighbors with your outfits. Remember – there will be prizes and someone will definitely be taking photos!

It may seem somewhat premature to be mentioning this - but there will not be another Voice published before the end of 2007 - our Christmas decoration day will be Saturday, December 1st. Come help with ideas and labor. Everyone welcomed. The great work starts at 1:00 PM.



Sunday evening, December 2nd will be our 5th Annual Festival of the Lights at 6:00 PMish. We'll have our sing-along and all you need to know is the first verse of Jingle Bells.

Deer Creek Social Committee News: (DCSC)

LAST CALL - LAST CALL

The reservation deadline is November 1, 2007 for the **Radio City Rockettes Christmas Spectacular** at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on Sunday, December 9th. There are not many tickets left so don't miss out on this very popular show. For more information, call *Herman Freese* @927-6805.

Also, we wish to remind you the Deer Creek Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 13th at Prestancia (TPC). *Nancy Zeman* can be contacted @ 927-7522 if you have questions.

Reservation forms and full descriptions of both activities were attached to the October issue of TRAILS.

Around the Villas:

IL TRAVATORE:

For opera lovers or just those who want to learn, a prologue of the opera *Il Travatore* and its author *Guisepppe Verdi* will be given by *Marie Corsentino* of the Villas. A film of the complete opera starring *Placido Domingo* will follow this. It will take place at the *Jonas Kamlet Library Theatre* near the *Golden Apple Theatre* on *Pineapple Ave.* A reception with coffee and *biscotti* will precede the presentation.

The date is Saturday, November 10, 2007 and will last from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

The *Gulf Gate Italian Culture Society* sponsors it. A donation of \$15.00 for their scholarship fund is appreciated. In 2007, \$9000 was awarded in grants and scholarships in Sarasota.

For reservations or more information, please contact *Marie Corsentino* @. 925-3544.

Condolences

We wish to extend our sympathies to *Rita Esposito* and other family members on the passing of her husband *Al*. The *Esposito's* are long time residents of the Villas. I had the pleasure of visiting *Rita* and seeing several

magnificent dollhouses built by *Al*. He also made all the furnishings for these houses. A very talented man!

Also, we are sorry to report the death of *Lester Dess* who lived at 4439 DTB. He passed away in June at the *Tidewell Hospice House* in *Englewood*. *Lester* and his late wife, *Elaine*, were longtime residents of *Deer Creek*. *Lester* was a member of one of the first Boards at the Villas. He was from *Illinois* and graduated from the *University of Illinois* in *Chicago*. He owned and operated an upscale men's wear shop in *Chicago*. Also, He was the recipient of a *Purple Heart* in *WWII*.

Tips from Heloise:



Not to fret. If you buy flowers and the small packet of preservative has not been included, drop an aspirin into the water. It acts as a preservative and will keep the flowers looking fresh longer. Also, when you change water, try cleaning the vase by adding bleach along with detergent as the cleanser. It will thoroughly clean the vase of residual bacteria.

Before returning the flowers to the vase, cut them on the diagonal for better absorption.

Fork:



Original Purpose: Twirling spaghetti.
New use: Reviving dents in carpeting made by heavy furniture. Use the tines to gently fluff plush carpet fibers back to their original height.
Reward: A smooth rug. Now, that spaghetti stain is another matter!

Heloise

Miscellaneous Comments:

Letters have been sent to the Board praising the work done by the Landscape & Irrigation Committees. The quick response and solution of problems by these volunteers is very much appreciated by grateful residents and it is gratifying to the committee members to hear about it!

These caring folks spend many hours of their own time checking trees, bushes, lawns, erratic sprinklers, whatever might turn up unexpectedly. Let's be sure to thank them verbally when they come to our aid and be polite and thoughtful in our choice of words when we report the problems. Remember: THEY ARE VOLUNTEERS and save us many \$\$\$'s every year! Be grateful and appreciative of their endeavors.

Landscape & Irrigation Committee members include: *Bob Angers, Peggy Eaton, Herman Freese, Bob Hulvat, Nancy & Jack Zeman, Russell Weber and George Ulrich.*

Speaking of volunteers - *Ron Benice* has done a magnificent job as Pool Chairman. He's the one who keeps an eye on the water temperature and makes the adjustments when informed of temperature drops.

Ron has taken care of structural defects, plumbing problems, etc. by getting quotes, talking with vendors, supervising the work and staying on the job until the work is done to specification. He deserves a great big thank you from all of us in the Villas.

FYI: The annual eradication of Brazilian Peppertrees from the edge of the preserve around the open field east of the Villas was done in August. Some larger ones required a chain saw, which was provided and expertly operated by Bob Hulvat. Next year we should have only sprouts to remove and this is done easily by hand. Thanks Bob!

Couldn't help but notice the Harvest decorations at the pool. Pumpkins, haystacks and the beautiful plants. It looks great!

Villas Phone Directory – 2008:

Over the next few months, work will begin on our new phone directory. If you wish to change any of your present information or have new information, please call me @922-0094, or send email to: jonirush@yahoo.com

Jeff & Annette Dean now have an unlisted phone number and are no longer available at the number listed in the 2007 Directory.

Thank you to Richard Tabor who put up the new street signage in our Villas. They do look grand and most welcoming. Thanks to Jack & Nancy Zeman and Bob Hulvat who worked so diligently checking the condition of signs, mailboxes and posts.

Strictly for laughs:

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98." she replied. "Two years older than me." "So, you're 96" the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

Remember: You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing. (Now, who said that?)

