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Message from the President:

We are already half way through 2008 and we are finally getting some much-needed rain. Our Irrigation and Landscape committees have done a tremendous job during this very dry period. Thank you all for your ongoing efforts.



We recently had a group of new residents move under the eaves of our pool house - "BATS!"

We spoke with our Welcome Committee and they unanimously agreed an eviction notice was in order. So, we have hired TruTech, a company that specializes in the removal of unwanted animals, to make some repairs, which hopefully will encourage the bats to relocate to a new belfry.

I am sorry to report that George Ulrich has resigned from the Villas' Board of Directors and the Irrigation Committee. He will be greatly missed and hard to replace. Over the years, George has served diligently and effectively on both the Villas' Board and the DCCA Board.

I personally wish to thank him, for he has been a great deal of help to me on such things as legal issues and Finance Committee budgeting issues.

Roger Garcia has agreed to replace George on the Irrigation Committee. Thank you, Roger.

Ron Benice has been appointed by the Board of Directors to replace George on the Villas' Board. Thank you.

*Gary Koch, President*

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Architectural Review Board (ARB):



The Architectural Review Board has approved ten new colors for painting Villas' homes.

Porter Paint Company discontinued the six new colors approved by the ARB in 2005 as well as the three colors used by the original builder.

Although the new colors have Porter Paint names and numbers, they can be duplicated in any other paint brand you prefer to use. A list of the colors and corresponding trim color choices appears in this issue of the Voice.

The ARB approved a plan submitted by the Landscape Committee to remove numerous trees that were diseased, damaged, overcrowded or too close to homes and to plant several replacement palms and magnolias. New exterior lighting fixtures were approved for several villas.

*Ron Benice, Chair*

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Landscape Committee:



All 354 palms have been pruned in the past month and the Pigmy palms will be done in the next month.

Grass is being mowed weekly now and for the rest of the summer. Trimming of hedges and plants is done on a monthly basis.

Plant replacements - Some plant replacements have been done in the past few weeks and others will be completed very soon. Please water your new plants every other day until they are established or until the summer rains begin. We have not replaced plants if the owners are not here to water.

Sod and or plugs will be installed after the summer rain pattern is established. Water restrictions prohibit extra irrigation so we must rely on Mother Nature to help our lawns and plants stay green and lush.

New Resident Information

Committee members make routine rounds of the Villas yards and common ground areas,

but please, notify us if you notice a problem so we can try to take care of it.

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.

Many thanks to our volunteers and committee members: Bob Angers, Roger Garcia, Carla Manley and Jack Zeman.

Let's keep the Villas Beautiful!!

*Nancy Zeman & Bob Hulvat*  
*Landscape Co-Chairs*

Irrigation Committee:



With the rainfall amount still below average for the year to date, the Irrigation Committee has been working diligently to provide a schedule of watering to adequately maintain the landscaping within the time limitations established by the Sarasota County Environmental Services. In communities such as ours, no watering can occur between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. As a result, some homes are now being irrigated in the evening hours. We will continue to adjust the schedule as needed.

We again ask you to caution your guests and workmen not to park on any grassed area to prevent breaking the sprinkler heads that are located along the edges of both the streets and driveways.

Please continue to report any problems to Russ Weber at 921-9150 or to Roger Garcia at 706-4531 (after August 10<sup>th</sup>), who has replaced George Ulrich on this committee.

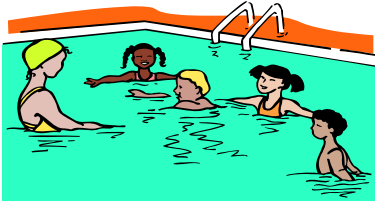
George's work on the Irrigation Committee over the past two years helped greatly to maintain the beautiful landscape conditions we have in the Villas. We owe him a big thank you for his efforts.

Please remember to check your sprinklers on occasion to make sure they retract after use.

*Russ Weber & Roger Garcia  
Irrigation Committee Co-Chairs*

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Pool Committee:



The pool and pool house are in good shape and many people have been enjoying the warm water.

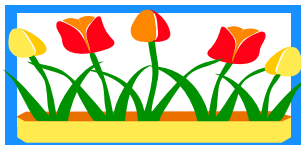
The electrical-mechanical timer that controls the lighting in the pool area and along the path between the lakes stopped working properly after 18 years and had to be replaced. Much to our surprise the same company still makes the same model, so no rewiring or remodeling was required. The pool was closed for one day while we replaced a broken drain cover.

*Ron Benice, Chair*

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Social Committee:

Welcome to Spring:



The evening of April 29<sup>th</sup> was picture perfect! No pesky rain to thwart our plans or uninvited love bugs to eat our food! By the way, where were those pesky bugs this

spring? The party was well attended, and the hors d'oeuvres were tasty. Everyone appeared to be enjoying one another's company and some of our neighbors came by to say so long until the fall. We wished them happy trails and a safe trip.

Memorial Day Cookout:



We are happy to report a record turnout of neighbors, especially now that half the homes appear to be in darkness every evening. Where have they all gone?

Jack Zeman cooked the dogs-n-buns to perfection, and we had a tasty variety of salads, slaws, baked beans and other delightful dishes. Desserts consisted of homemade brownies and chocolate chip cookies. Mmm good!

The evening weather was picture perfect. One of Florida's famous "back-door cold fronts" had moved in with dry air and a wonderful breeze.

It was such an ideal evening that some of us just couldn't bear to leave. Evenings such as this have become a rare commodity for the month of May. It is truly a pleasant way to spend time, so "come-on-down ya'll" for our next pool pahty. Weather cannot be guaranteed, but good company can.

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4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration:



Alas, it was not to be!

Our celebrity cook was disappointed, but promised to return for the start of our party season in the fall.

Don't forget! Watch the bulletin boards at the pool for further developments. Happy summer. See you in the fall.

*Pat, Nancy & Joni*

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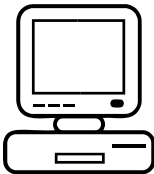
Barbara Beal –4480 DTB  
Adam Carter & Lisa Murri – 4588 DTB

*Doris Benice,  
Welcome Committee Chair*

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**Computer Problems?**

SCOTT BELL  
809-4143  
8029 Bobcat Circle  
I make house calls  
I build and repair computers



**Disposal of old TVs & Computers:**

County residents (that's us) must drive to the eastern end of Bee Ridge Road. There you'll find not only the Bee Ridge Landfill, but also the Sarasota County Hazardous Waste Facility.

The center accepts computers, monitors, electronics, TVs and other hazardous material.

Questions? Phone number 861-5000

PS: As a reminder – to eliminate any threat of identity theft, before you dispose of a computer, erase the hard drive.

**Just for Laughs:**



Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft – Today, it's called golf!!!!!!!