

The Villas Voice
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Message from the President:

We are extremely lucky to have so many great volunteers that serve on our committees.

They are all dedicated to making this one of the best communities in Sarasota in which to live. They give many hours each week of their time to maintain and improve the quality and beauty of our community.

Included in this Villas Voice are reports from the various committees in which they describe their activities.

Also, your Board of Directors has been monitoring several things, such as the very dry conditions and what can be done about it, to the new underground cable that Verizon brought into our community. The following notice was put in everyone's tube on April 9th as one of the cable companies has been soliciting business:

To Villas Residents from the Villas Board:

"The Villas Board is looking at the telephone, internet and cable services currently being offered by various providers. You may want to defer signing any long term agreements for these services pending the result of the Board's finding."

Originally this was to be in the Voice only, however, I felt we needed to get this information out as soon as possible.

Enough of the boring details! It is so great to see many friends and family visitors during spring break and Easter vacations.

When I take my morning walk I can tell by the number of visitors' cars in the driveways that we have a lot of guests in the Villas. I also realize that it is the time of year when many of you will leave for the summer. Have a very good summer, if you leave or if you stay!!

Gary Koch, President

Architectural Review Board (ARB):

ARB Actions:

- 4591 DTB – Approved removal of half-dead wax myrtle at side of house.
- 4544 DTB – Approved installation of new garage door and lanterns.
- 4551 DTB – Approved installation of gutters.
- 8029 BBC – Approved installation of gutter on side of house.

8038 BBC – Approved installation of gutter and downspout on garage.
4560 DTB – Approved expansion of outdoor patio slab.

Ron Benice, Chair



Landscape Committee:

Landscape Committee members are Bob Angers, Herman Freese, Peggy Eaton, Bob Hulvat, Jack Zeman and Nancy Zeman, Chair. The committee makes regular inspections of all yards and reports conditions to the Landscape Chair who, in turn, passes the information onto our landscape contractor, Wilhelm Brothers, for action.

We are aware of many areas, which are brown and/or full of weeds. This is in large part due to a lack of rain. The lawns are being fertilized and weed killer is applied with regular frequency, which is at least six times a year and many extra times if necessary. We are limited to irrigating just once a week because of the drought and this just isn't enough for many of the lawns to thrive. Weeds, however, multiply even during these drought conditions. Please be patient and rest assured Wilhelm Brothers, the Irrigation Committee (Russ Weber and George Ulrich) and the Landscape Committee are doing everything we can to keep our area green and beautiful. Some areas, which are dead, will need to be plugged or sodded. This will not be done until the rainy season has been established.

Mowing of turf: Grass cutting will be done weekly from May through October. This is usually on Friday but flexible according to the weather. Beds and hard surfaces are edged every other mowing.

Plant Replacements: We will be doing some needed plant replacements soon. If you are scheduled for a replacement, you will be contacted by a member of the Committee to make sure you are able to water the new plants. If you will be gone or are unable to water the plants, we will wait until the rainy season to replace them.

Tree Trimming: We are in the process of interviewing tree trimmers and/or arborists and as soon as we have selected one, the trimming will begin. We will probably not be able to do all of the trees in one calendar year because of budget constraints, so the Committee will prioritize. Trees that could present a hazard in high winds will be trimmed or removed first.

Have you noticed the colorful plants by the pool entrance? Thank Bob Angers for selecting and planting them. Nice job, Bob!

Dead wood is being removed from myrtle trees and legustrum. Brown fronds on cabbage palms are being removed and ornamental trees are being trimmed at the top. Our landscape contractor is sending an extra crew every six weeks or so to assist the regular crew with trimming.

New Resident Information: We welcome our new neighbors and take this opportunity to inform them 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. After filling in the information, 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. A Fahey employee is in the Villas on Wednesday mornings, so it would behoove you to call them before Wednesday in order for them to stop by your house.

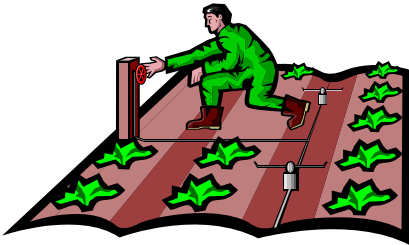
Please Do Not Ever Park on the Grass: Sprinkler heads have been broken and the sod has been damaged. Remind your workmen and guests also.

Pet Owners Reminder: Please pick up after your animals. This includes your own yard. The lawn workers, Irrigation and Landscape Committee members would really appreciate it.

Let's keep our area beautiful!!

Nancy J. Zeman, Chair

Irrigation Committee:

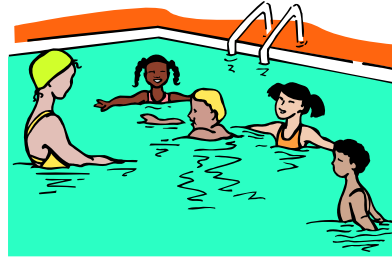


We have changed the irrigation schedule that began at 4 pm and ran until midnight. Sprinklers will now run from midnight until 9:00 or 9:30 in the morning. According to *Waterwise Florida Landscapes*, watering in the early morning “is the most efficient time because temperature and wind speeds are at their lowest, which reduces evaporation. Also, grasses are less susceptible to fungus if water is applied at the time that dew normally forms.” Residents (and guests) are **URGED** to avoid driving over the edges of lawns or parking where sprinkler heads are located; this will help reduce the number of misaligned, bent and broken heads. Thank you.

Reminder: If problems occur with your irrigation system, kindly notify either of the following with a Villas Action Request Form placed in their tubes, an email or a phone call, preferably before Monday morning, so it can be addressed when the vendors arrive at 8:00 am.

Russ Weber & George Ulrich
4583 DTB – 921-9150
4472 DTB – 921-3425 – geu1834@aol.com

Pool Committee:



In the first quarter of this year, we replaced the countertops and faucets in both restrooms. The door handle and lock mechanism for the men's restroom was replaced. Our new cleaning service has been keeping the restrooms clean and well supplied. Now that winter is over, you can depend on our heater keeping the pool temperature between 80 and 82 degrees every day. In a couple of months the sun will take over and keep the water above 82 degrees every day.

Ron Benice, Chair

Welcome Committee:



Our Welcome Committee has been very busy calling on newer residents and want to report it is a fun job to meet and greet such nice folks. A great addition to our lovely community. A big welcome to all!

Keith Eslin at 4420 DTB moved here from Bethesda, Maryland in late 2006. At one time, Keith and her late husband lived in Deer Creek on Cypress Hollow Drive. Keith decided, after several moves that Deer Creek Villas was the place for her to settle into. “Smart lady.” After the death of her first husband at an early age, Keith took over the family printing business in Washington, DC and ran it successfully for 20 years.

Keith has many interests. She volunteers at Selby Gardens weekly and tends her orchids at home. She loves to sew and with “State of the Art equipment,” complete with a computer and hundreds of programs, she is a master. Keith has just completed her wardrobe for an upcoming European Cruise, a gift to her granddaughter who will be graduating from Cornell this spring. Last, but not least, is “Bonnie” the adorable, black Scottish terrier, as full of personality as her owner!

Pete & Judy Kupperbusch at 8017 BCC, are now full time residents in the Villas. Pete has the distinction of being a “real Floridian” hailing from Daytona Beach.

Pete’s career in construction management entailed extensive travel in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Judy is a native of Indianapolis and is seriously proud of the Colts Superbowl win. Multi-talented, she wrote software and sold computers to major companies and was an entrepreneur of a successful business venture. The couple is very proud of their two daughters and is expecting their first grandbaby. Congratulations!

They have traveled extensively and plan to continue to do so. Pete & Judy enjoy golfing and trying out the many fine restaurants Sarasota has to offer.

Sue & Don Worden at 4423 DTB hail from Alexandria Virginia and plan to divide their time between Deer Creek and their Northern home. They are both retired from government positions. Sue’s career was in Human Resources and Don worked as Training Director of GSA. The couple has one son, an attorney who recently returned from Iraq. Don & Sue are seriously into snow skiing and recently returned from a ski trip in Switzerland. Mammoth Mountain in California is their next ski destination. They also enjoy kayaking, reading and travel.

A great big welcome to all. We hope you will truly enjoy living in our little community and hope you will come to our pool soirees and take advantage of the many activities offered by the Deer Creek Social Committee.

*Pat Koch & Joan Wills,
Welcome Committee Members*

Social Committee News:

In spite of the ominous clouds, minimal precipitation (must have been in the 10% category!) and a somewhat cool evening, our Valentine pool party - our first get together of 2007 - drew a fine crowd of revelers dressed in whatever red items of clothing found in their closets. Congratulations for coming out in what could have been a weather disaster at any moment!

Our prizewinners were Bob Hulvat, who won the flowers – Bob we know you presented the bouquet to your Valentine Sandy.

Sue Worden, won the chocolates and we are almost 100% sure she shared them with Don.

Speaking of weather disasters-----!!



Well, you can’t win them all! It rained on our Easter Parade last Tuesday, but not to be deterred, we have scheduled a “Welcome to Spring” *pahty* on Tuesday, 17 April. Same place, same time, same bring! (see flyer)

Extra, extra read all about it! Our late spring bash on Tuesday, May 29th to celebrate and commemorate Memorial Day will be a cookout at our pool. Save the date.

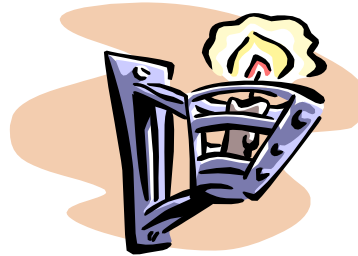
Bostonese for party



If any of you wish to send a get-well message to him the address is:
 Jim Sigmund, c/o M.C. Sigmund at
 541 Magellan Drive, Sarasota 34243.

Pat, Nancy & Joni

Garage Lighting:



The Committee will provide the dogs-n-buns, condiments, grille and grille master (TBD.)

We will be asking some of you to bring salads, so expect a phone call from one of the committee members asking for volunteers. Also, we will request a \$1.00 per person donation to the “kitty” to help with food expenses, paper goods, etc. Post the attached flyer in a most conspicuous place in your home as a daily reminder!

Palmer Ranch Artists Present: Portrait of Spanish Point. A showing of paintings representing nine artists’ interpretations of Historic Spanish Point. Dates are April 4th to May 29th. The exhibit can be viewed at *Historic Spanish Point in Osprey* from 9:00 to 5:00 daily except Sundays 12:00 noon to 5:00. Artwork at this exciting and interesting exhibit is for sale. Media includes watercolors, oils, mixed media, collage and sumi-e – oriental ink.

Jeanne Collette Romance and Jean Southworth, Deer Creek residents and members of Palmer Ranch Artists, are exhibiting several of their works. Established in 1996 by a group living in Huntington Pointe, the membership is limited to residents of Palmer Ranch. Local exhibitions have included Gulf Gate Library, The Executive Center and Beverly Fleming Gallery. For information, please email: franmar@verizon.net.

There have been several inquiries regarding our faithful postman, Jim Sigmund. Jim is recuperating from an automobile accident at his daughter’s home.

Good news! Several of our neighbors have gone and done it and the look is soooo chic. Check out Helen Sulyma’s latest home uplift at 4544 DTB. Notice how attractive her new garage lights look.

Several more folks are thinking seriously of updating the outside appearance of their Villas with new lighting treatments and I’m waiting anxiously for more phone calls requesting details and pictures of the newly approved fixtures. (922-0094). Please remember the procedure for getting the work done to your home’s exterior. First, obtain a Villas Action Request Form (stress the VILLAS) from the guard at the gate, fill it out, include a picture of the lights you have chosen and the details i.e. height, color, etc. Place the request in Ron Benice’s mail tube at 4452 DTB then wait for the quick turnaround to start the magic of change. Ron will get back to you with the ARB’s approval; you will then be ready to proceed. Such fun to walk around and almost know exactly where you are in the neighborhood because someone has made a change in the appearance of their Villa exterior by either painting their garage doors or changing the lanterns. Go Team!

2007 Directory:

Please make the following corrections to your copy of the Directory:

George Ulrich's website should read:

Geu1834@aol.com

Bob Angers site is changed to:

bobdeangers@verizon.net

Maria Thompson's local phone: 921-7525

Tips from *The Vinegar Book*:

- Eyeglasses will clean up and be free of streaks when wiped down with water to which a splash of vinegar has been added.
- Wipe down wood cutting boards with full strength vinegar. It will clean them, cut grease and absorb odors.
- A splash of vinegar added to rinse water will keep glasses from water spotting. It kills germs, too.

Heloise