

## Presidents Message

February 2021

Fellow Association Members,

I had planned to have this out much earlier this month, but life has a way of interfering with plans. Man plans and God laughs. So here we are halfway through February, the days are getting longer, the cars are turning gold from the pollen, and I am finally getting the letter out. So here we go.

### Annual Assessments.

Thanks to all association members for their timely payment of the Annual assessments. Annual Assessments were due January 1 and to be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not yet paid your assessment for 2021, please do so immediately. The assessment is what funds our association throughout the year and we rely on the prompt payment of the assessment. Late charges will be assessed for overdue assessments. If you need to mail an assessment payment the address is: Sunstate Association Management Group, PO Box 18809, Sarasota Florida 34276.

Change of address for all association mailings should be sent to:  
[databasechanges@sunstatemanagement.com](mailto:databasechanges@sunstatemanagement.com)

### Infrastructure Repair

This year we do have some infrastructure issues that need attention. They are mainly the repair of our storm water drains and piping that runs the water to our retention ponds. At our last Board meeting, the board voted to authorize funds for the repair of drains on Cypress Point and Doral Ave.

Expect to see work being started in the next five to six weeks. Hopefully, these projects will be our only ones this year.

## Compliance

I am happy to say that last year we had an appreciable drop in the number of compliance issues. Most problems are yards, roofs, trash, and mailboxes. I could write a ream of paper on what to do, lets just take care of our homes as our covenants and deed restrictions tell us. Please take the time to review the documents. Compliance runs are made monthly and periodically as needed.

If you are planning changes to your home or improvements to your property, review the documents for what you need to submit to the ARC committee prior to starting a project. This will save a big headache down the road.

Should you receive a compliance letter it is imperative to reply with the action you have or will take to resolve the issue. Ignoring the letter will not make it go away. The resolution must be in writing, a phone call will not do. The following link will take you to the compliance department to provide a written action plan: [myactionplan@sunstatemanagement.com](mailto:myactionplan@sunstatemanagement.com).

## Who Let the Dogs Out?

This last week the association received several complaints involving pets in the neighborhood. Since January there have been three incidents of association members and residents allowing animals under their control to roam the neighborhoods and this resulted in individuals being attacked by the dogs. It is unfortunate that we have some irresponsible pet owners in our association. Should you be attacked by a loose pet, contact Sarasota County Animal Control and file a report. Also advise the association management. Provide as much detail as you can including the date, time, location(s) pet owners name and address, photos if any, and if you filed a report with Animal Control the report number. If you observe a pet owner walking a pet off leash, politely inform the individual of our deed restriction. Some of the reports that were provided to us this last week stated that the

owners said, "My dog wouldn't hurt anyone". In regarding control of pets our Deed Restrictions are specific on this subject.

**Dogs and cats are to be leashed at all times when outside the Dwelling and contained while on the Owner's Lot pursuant the Sarasota County Code of Ordinances Section 14.41.**

Finally, all pet owners are responsible for cleaning up any animal waste produced by their pet. This is an ongoing problem.

Please be aware that as an association member, you are responsible for the actions of your family members, guests, and in the case of a rental property, the residents of that property. Thank you all for cooperation in this matter.

## COVID issues

Due to the continuing pandemic, association board and annual meetings will be continued to be held using the ZOOM video conference application. Board meetings are the last Thursday of the month at 9:30am. If you do not have a computer to attend on you can also dial in on your phone and attend that way.

## Final Thoughts

2020 was a bear of a year for all. Between COVID, Social issues, Storms, Politics, the Election and whatever I have forgotten to add it was nice to see how our community came together in lighting up the holiday season. We had a nice turnout of decorated homes and many were posted on our website. Thanks to all our members and residents that helped give Jacaranda "a little Christmas" when we needed it.

Let us all move forward in 2021 and continue to make Jacaranda West the place to be.

Jack Jackowski

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