

October 2021

Presidents Message

With the arrival of Fall we welcome cooler (relative term) temperatures and the arrival of our seasonal residents. With few exceptions we have had an uneventful summer. Only one named storm (Elsa) grazed us so far. With Hurricane Season more than halfway over perhaps we will continue to be lucky. Still, until the end of the season, remember to keep your hurricane plan in place.

Our summer rains caused lots of things to grow. Now is a good time to look at your property and perhaps do a little trimming and cleaning. One item that keeps recurring in the compliance inspections are yards and roofs. Take time to check your roof for dark streaks of mold and dirt. With the yards look for any overgrown areas or areas where weeds have taken over the grass. A little time spent tending to these areas will yield an attractive home. Please remember that yard waste may be placed out for pickup on the night prior to trash pickup. You may wish to remind your landscaping contractors of this.

Also please be mindful of trash that ends up in the streets. This trash also ends up in our stormwater system causing blockages. This summer we cleaned out several of our stormwater drains and found a variety of amusing items. Cans, yard waste, and my personal favorite, dog poop bags. Please refrain from throwing such items down into the stormwater drains. If you see a can or bottle in the street take the initiative and pick it up and put it in a trash can.

On a positive note, we successfully repaired a major issue with one of the drains on Cypress Point and on Gondola Ct. Using a technology referred to as Cure in Place Piping (CIPP) we were able to avoid digging up the old corrugated metal pipe and used the CIPP process to line the old pipe in place. This process should give us at least 50 more years life on drains repaired using this process.

With the return of our seasonal folks, we also see an increase in the number of new improvement projects. While some things do not require ARC approval, it is always a good idea to review the Covenants and Deed Restrictions to see if a project does need approval. A few moments spent reviewing the CDR's can save time and money in the long run. The ARC meets on the Friday prior to the monthly board of directors meeting.

We have been having some challenges with vehicles being parked for extended periods on association roads. This is mainly an issue on our smaller cul-de-sacs. Leaving a vehicle parked on the road causes issues with garbage collection, delivery vehicles, and contractors with trailers. The blockage causes the other vehicles to drive on the center of the cul-de-sac leaving ruts on the inner berm and damaging the rocks. Also please note that while we have no prohibition for parking on association streets, storing a vehicle on the streets is prohibited. So, if your great aunt Tilly asks you to watch her car while she goes on a 4-month cruise, please respect your neighbors, and find room for it in the driveway or garage.

Speaking of compliance, we have had some issues where association members who had compliance issues stated that they were not aware of the issue because they did not receive a letter or phone call. First, our association normally does not inform members of compliance issues by phone. This is done by letter and in accordance with Florida Statute. Association management sends compliance letters to the address on file with the Sarasota County Property Appraiser. They will also send to an address that is on file with the management company. This is the same address that our annual assessment statements are sent to. I urge all association members both seasonal and permanent, to check with Sunstate Management and ensure that your correct address(es) is on file.

Our Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Directors for Jacaranda West Homeowners' Association #1, Inc. will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. (sign in at 5:30 p.m. if attending in person) at 228 Ponce de Leon Ave., Venice, Florida 34293 and via Zoom video conference. In order to better protect the health and safety of its members due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, the Board of Directors encourages all

members to mail or deliver their ballot and proxy before the meeting and attend the meeting via Zoom video conference as seating will be extremely limited. Members who mail or deliver their ballot and proxy will be counted as present for the meeting and will be given the opportunity to participate via Zoom. Members who attend in person will be required to wear a mask.

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Finally, for those of you who are avid readers of my “epistles”, this is the last one you shall have to endure. I decided not to run for a board position. I have served the community as board member and president happily for the last 4 years and it is time for new blood to take the reins. I want to thank the Board Members, our management team and most importantly all association members for their trust in my leadership. I hope I have met your expectations and wish success to the new board.

Sincerely

Jack Jackowski