

Presidents Letter

January 5, 2018

Fellow Association members,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a Happy New Year. With the holiday season behind us and a new year in front, I would like to touch on a few topics.

First, with the new year, comes our annual maintenance fees. These fees are what fund our association for the year. Invoices were mailed out in December and are due by January 31st. Please make the effort to have your maintenance fees paid on time. If you have not received an invoice, check with Sunstate Management. Fees can be paid either in person at the office between 8am to 4pm located at 228 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Venice Florida or by mailing it to PO Box 18809, Sarasota Florida 34276. Sunstate can be contacted at 941-870-4920.

While on the subject of contacting Sunstate, now is a good time to verify your contact information with the association. Again, it only takes a few minutes either by phone or by dropping a note in the mail. You may also contact Sunstate to update contact information at the website, <http://www.sunstatemanagement.com/>. Click on the community's tab, then click on "Jacaranda West Homeowners Association 1". Up to date and accurate contact information is extremely important in case an emergency notification would be necessary. We were very fortunate during Irma that we had minimal damage and didn't need to contact any association members.

It has been about 4 months since Irma's little "visit". By now all debris from the storm should have been picked up by either the county or private contractors. If you still have storm debris on or in front of your property, please arrange to have it removed. Debris piles are excellent homes for all sorts of little creatures and other "guests". Also, if you have areas on your property that were damaged due to debris piles, remember it is your responsibility to repair these areas in a timely manner. Seed and sod are readily available at our local garden stores.

While talking about community beauty, you may also want to consider getting involved in your community by serving on one of our many committees. Working with a committee is an excellent way to get to know the community and help guide it in its growth. If you wish to volunteer, contact Sunstate for information on who to contact to sign up. It can also give you insight on how our association documents help govern our community.

With respect to our association documents, this is a good time for a review our covenants and Deed Restrictions. These can be found on the website or at the Sunstate management office. It is important to remember that while amendments to the documents are in progress, the current documents remain in effect. These apply to property maintenance, vehicle garaging requirements, pet control, garage sales, seasonal decorations, and fences to name just a few. Please take a few moments to review these and keep them in mind when preparing to make changes to your property. When in doubt, please call Sunstate. They have the experts to advise you on any question or issue you may have regarding the association documents.

In closing I would like to add a personal note. I participated in our January compliance inspection. As we drove around the neighborhood I witnessed the pride that we have in our community. I hope that we as members of this community can continue to maintain the high standards that I saw today. I welcome any comments and suggestions that you may have. If you wish to contact me, please address e-mails, letters, or phone calls to Sunstate Management. They will forward all comments, positive or negative to me.

Again, have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Jack Jackowski

President, Jacaranda Homeowners Association #1 and fellow association member.