

Fellow Association members,

As we move from Pollen Season to Love Bug Season, I have a few points to discuss.

The Association needs some help. Our Architectural Review Committee needs two members. This is the committee that reviews requests by association members for such things as changes to existing exterior paint, driveways, landscaping, and roofing to name just a few. The ARC meets once a month to act on requests. This is an excellent way to work with your neighbors to help preserve the association as our home. Please consider this and call Sarah Comrie at Sunstate Management at 941-870-4920 to volunteer.

As I mentioned in the opening of these words, we have progressed from the relatively calm days of winter and spring to the onset of the second season, Hurricane Season. For those of us who remain here year-round this is the day to review your storm plan, test your generator, get gas for the generator and get all your necessary storm supplies. If you have storm shutters, please review article 9-21 of our Deed Restrictions with respect to when they may be put up and when they need to be taken down.

The roads are scheduled to be worked on this summer. Some will be repaved, and others will be sealed. We will advise all members when this will happen prior to the beginning of work. The drain system is another matter. We have two systems to work with. The county (Sarasota County) is responsible for the sanitary sewer and the water main system. If you observe a depression in the middle of a street near a sanitary sewer manhole or a water valve lid, please call the county immediately. Storm drains are the property and responsibility of the association. We currently have 4 catch basins (storm sewers) that are in need of attention. The association is currently taking bids for repair of these. I think that we will be seeing more of these issues as time progresses. Our system is aging so we need to be prepared to deal with these issues. Should you observe any depressions around a catch basin, please contact either Sunstate Management or me with the location.

Final closing thoughts. At our last board meeting we acted on properties that were not in compliance with our covenants and deed restrictions. In reviewing the files on these properties there was one common thread among them. None of the association members ever responded to the letters that were sent regarding the non-compliance. Multiple letters were sent to these association members beginning in December with no response to date. Two things need to be stressed here; first do not ignore a compliance letter. Have the courtesy and responsibility to act on the issue before it gets to a more formal (meaning expensive) level. Secondly, it is your responsibility to ensure that Association management has an accurate address where you can receive mail concerning your property. Unless management has an alternate address, letters concerning properties will be sent to the street address of the property. As a member of this association, you have a responsibility to keep your property in compliance with our restrictions and covenants. Lets all work together to keep our association a good place to live.

Have a happy summer

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