

Presidents Letter

September 2019

Well Labor Day has passed so we should all have stopped wearing white, (except we live in Florida so that doesn't count) Hurricane season is in full swing with at the time of this writing 3 storms brewing in the Atlantic and Caribbean, Flu shots are available at all the pharmacies, the license plates are becoming more colorful, and in Publix the smell of Pumpkin wafts through the air. Welcome to Fall in Florida.

As we move into the Fall season, we slowly move into a dryer season. This brings on two changes. First, the county wide ban on the use of fertilizers (June thru September) comes to an end. Second, with reduced rain fall we tend to water the lawns more. Sarasota County allows for watering on one day a week. If your house number ends in an odd number, your day is Tuesday, if even then Thursday. For more information on this, check with the County website.

We also need to keep in mind that Hurricane Season goes until December 1. Our community has been fortunate this year. Let's not get complacent and not be prepared when we are impacted by a storm. (Remember, its not "if" but "when")

As fall arrives it brings with it a local election in Venice this year. Please remember that political candidate and issue signs are allowed in yards from 30 days prior to the election until 5 days after. That will equate to October 6th to November 10th.

Now for the second act.

Just a few "housekeeping items"

Soon all association members in good standing will be receiving the first notice of our annual meeting. It is scheduled for November 14th this year and will be at the Trinity Presbyterian Church on SR776. Time and specific location details will be in the letter. It is extremely important to ensure that your address is up to date with Sunstate Management. Please understand that all address updates or changes must be made in writing either delivered in person, by mail, or by email. In order to prevent fraud, Telephone calls are not acceptable per Sunstate Policy. Sunstate's email and mailing address is available on our website. Correct addresses are essential for proxies to be mailed out. It is important to fill out the proxy or to attend the Members meeting as this

is the way for your voice to be heard by the association. Your vote is important and counts!

This year we will be voting on two amendments to our Covenants and Deed Restrictions. Specific information will be coming in the second mailing but basically, we are looking to refine our fining procedures and to change the time period that motor homes can be parked in the association for the purposes of loading and unloading. More details to come on these topics.

We also have two Board of Directors positions up for re-election this year. Serving on the Board is an excellent way to give back to your association and to have an active part in the association. Please think about serving. We are also in need of individuals to participate in the Welcoming Committee. Contact Sunstate Management if you are interested in serving. This is one area where the association need assistance.

Soliciting, again. Unfortunately, the association has been being hit by individuals soliciting door to door. Some of these involve leaving flyers on doorknobs to actual door. Should you encounter individuals leaving flyers or knocking on your door, please inform them to leave the association property. If you feel unsafe call Sarasota County Sherriff immediately. Remember that if you invite a salesperson to your home, that is not considered soliciting.

Speeding and traffic

Once again, I must bring up the subject of traffic in our neighborhood. Since my last letter I have had six association members bring up the issue of association members exceeding the speed limit and operating vehicles in a reckless and negligent manner. I stress association members, not delivery or service vehicles. Delivery and service vehicles issues are an easy fix, a call to the contact number on the side of the vehicle usually cures the problem. Our fellow members are another issue. I have stressed that our speed limit in most areas of the association is 20mph. A few streets have a 25mph limit. Also, we have Stop Signs. That means to Stop, not roll through or not to just drive past it because you don't see any other traffic. Stop means Stop and 20 mph means 20mph. Period. Whether its 5am or 5pm and if you don't see anyone out on the road.

If we as a community cannot police ourselves then other measures will be taken. And those measures will incur costs to the association.

Some of those measures include:

Additional Stop and Speed Limit signage

Temporary Traffic Calming Devices

Permanent Traffic Calming Devices

Radar Cameras both portable and fixed

Traffic committee with enforcement powers

Hiring of Law Enforcement to cite speeding, reckless operation, and negligent operation.

Assignment of responsibility for traffic control to the County Government.

I can assure you that all the above measures are legal and doable. While emergency vehicles don't particularly like the installation of traffic calming devices in neighborhoods, they will still come in when needed.

Now I'm sure that some of you who read this may take exception. Well then, I challenge you to come up with a workable solution.

I welcome suggestions and comments on this matter.

Let's have a good fall and please remember to vote your proxy at our annual meeting.

Sincerely

Jack Jackowski, President.