

Presidents Message

June 2021

Fellow association members,

June has arrived and along with it a few annual items.

First, it is hurricane season. This is the month for those of us who are full time residents to get our storm supplies ready. Gas for the generator, a few cases of water and nonperishable foods, make sure you have nothing loose around the house and a review of your personal hurricane plan. Also, take a few minutes and review your contact information that you have on file with Sunstate Management. Recently we have had situations where it was imperative to contact an association member and were unable to because of bad contact information. Please, check your house, check your plan, and check your contact information. For more detailed information please go to [Hurricane Preparedness | Sarasota County, FL \(scgov.net\)](#)

Recently there has been some inconsistencies in our trash collection provided by Waste Management Inc. (WMI). Our associations normal collection day is on Thursday with some variations due to holidays. Collection may start as early as 6am and continue past 5pm. Occasionally we have observed either the yard waste or recyclables not being picked up on Thursday. In talking with WMI they have stated that they have had some staffing issues that prevented the normal pickup. Should this occur please be aware that WMI has an additional day to pick up. For more detailed information please go to the following website: [Residential Waste & Recycling Pickup | Waste Management \(wm.com\)](#)

For those of us who live on a cul-de-sac please remember that WMI needs at least 3 feet of space around the recyclable bins for their truck arm to pick them up and empty them. Please refrain from parking vehicles on the street in the cul-de-sac on collection days as it can interfere with collection vehicles.

Infrastructure issues remain a hot topic. It seems we are playing “whack a mole” with some of the aging stormwater drains. We are currently waiting for delivery of a plastic liner to repair an issue with one of our stormwater drains on Cypress Point and have been advised of another similar issue on Gondola Ct. Fortunately, the association has the resources to deal with these issues and is in the process of obtaining bids for the work. In doing recent repair work to the catch basins a lot of debris has been found in them. Please refrain from throwing trash, yard waste, and poop bags in the drains.

Compliance is always an entertaining topic to discuss. Getting a compliance letter is like being told your baby is ugly and needs a diaper change. Should you receive a compliance letter please act on it. Florida law requires associations to send compliance letters to members when there is a compliance issue. It is in your best interests to reply to the letter with an action plan outlining how you will resolve the non-compliance issue. Should you need additional guidance on how to resolve an issue please call association management. Ignoring the issue will not make it go away and will only generate another letter and the possibility of a fine.

It is also important that prior to making any improvement or alteration to the exterior of your home or lot to review the Architectural Review Committee guidelines. A few moments of reading may save you the expense of having to remove something you just put up.

I would ask all members to take the time to review your covenants and deed restrictions to refresh yourselves with these documents. These are available at <https://www.myjacarandawest.com/files/documents/>

Finally, I was requested by an association member to touch on the topic of irrigation of lawns.

From the Sarasota County Public Utilities web page:

“All residents of unincorporated Sarasota County shall follow landscape and irrigation water restrictions. The restrictions apply to sources of water including well, pond, or utility system used for manual and automated irrigation systems except for low-volume Irrigation, spot treatment, residential drip lines, soaker hoses, and reclaimed water.”

Please follow the link below for detailed information on this subject.

<https://www.scgov.net/government/public-utilities-water/customer-services/water-restrictions#>

In closing if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at : president@myjacarandawest.com

Be well and have a great summer.

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