

VILLA VOICE

Reporting the News and Happenings Around the Bobcat Villas

Calendar

Water Aerobics, Daily, 10 am,
Villa Pool

Other events may be scheduled throughout the month. Be sure to check the message boards at each post office station and in the breezeway of the Clubhouse for event notices and sign-up sheets. Items above marked with a () require sign-up.*



From the April Villa Board Meeting...

The Villa Board met on Wed., April 28 at 4:00 pm in the Villa Clubhouse.

Board Vice President Lou Sperduto gave a thorough report on the efforts of his and his group of Villa volunteers to find, uncover and clean sprinkler heads throughout the community.

Many have been buried and/or damaged due to lack of maintenance by previous landscaping companies. As our current landscaping vendor would charge to do the painstaking work, the volunteer group that has done so much around the community on landscaping and other issues decided to take this task on.

Searching for Sprinklers



Shown Above: (L) Using a sod cutter to clear away the sod at the sprinkler head location, (R) removing the sod from around the sprinkler head by hand.

Our able group of Villa volunteers have taken on a variety of projects, from trimming trees, to cutting back the bushes along Lynx Run near Toledo Blade to replacing patio pavers. They recently took on the biggest project of them all when they began the search for long-buried sprinkler heads that previous landscape companies had ignored.

They estimate that there are between 1200-1500 sprinkler heads in 27 zones throughout the community. Many of them are buried, and some of those that are buried are damaged in some way. It's a painstaking task that takes trowels, sprinkler sod cutters and a lot of blood, sweat and tears.

THANKS TO LOU'S CREW!

Their effort is saving the HOA an enormous amount of money and they are to be lauded for their hard work and dedication: Lou Sperduto, Tom Allen, Betty Ann Copley-Harris, Jean Liesmann, Barb Bugbee, Rob & Marlene Smith, Iris Cooper, Sandy Weikel, and Bob Ditterline.

Once the sprinklers are uncovered and repaired, West Coast will continue the effort by making sure they properly trim around the sprinkler heads and protective "donuts", do monthly system checks and keep the filter clean in the pump. The Board also discussed if maintenance and repair to the irrigation system should be separated out from the landscaping contract. Further discussion this issue will continue.

Jean Liesmann reported that she consulted with a landscape company about vegetation that could be planted along Lynx Run near Toledo Blade to abate the increased traffic noise. The landscape representative predicted that a complete overhaul of the vegetation in that area could run as high as \$10,000. Further investigation into this matter is needed.

Sue Mason, in her role of Liaison the Pool/Clubhouse Committee, has noticed that lights and fans are being left on and the thermostat is set too low after people use the Clubhouse. She and her husband have also noticed that the pool umbrellas have been left open after people leave the pool. She suggested that motion detection light and fan switches and a set back thermostat could be used to regulate these items within the Clubhouse and placards on the pool tables can remind people to close the umbrellas when they're done using the tables. She is to work with the Villa maintenance manager Jim Eisenhower on each of these issues.

President Betty Ann Copley Harris then presented an explanation of the HOA's insurance claim for roof repairs and the status of that claim and the insurance company covering the HOA. The situation is thoroughly outlined in a letter she wrote to all villa owners and that was emailed out on Saturday, May 1. If you did not receive this email or have any questions about the situation, please contact our Association Manager Chris McCluskey at c.mccluskey@starhospitalitymanagement.com.

The Board then discussed the three bids for gutter cleaning. After reviewing the scope of each bid, the Board voted to award the contract to DeSoto, the firm that has performed the

service in the past. Not only will the gutters be cleaned, including cleaning and replace any screens installed in a number of gutters, but DeSoto will clean the super gutters that sit where the lanais meet the roof and clean up any debris that falls during the cleaning process. Once the date is determined for when the cleaning will begin, all villa owners will be notified. It is hoped that the project will begin within the next week or two.

The next meeting of the Villa Board of Directors has been set for Wednesday, June 9 at 4:00 pm. It will be a zoom meeting and all residents will be informed as to how to be a part of the meeting.

Social Events Come to an End for the Summer

With the migration of the seasonal residents to their homes in the north, the Social Committee is down to a skeleton crew. So as of date of this newsletter, there are no events planned by the Social Committee.

This does not mean that full time residents cannot plan social activities to bring the smaller population of the Villas together. This has been done in the past. Since we have a number of new residents who are full time here in the Villas, this would be a great time to get to know them and show them how fun and friendly their Villa neighbors are!

Clubhouse Available for Private Resident Gatherings

Got the family coming in for a holiday gathering? A few friends want to get together for cards or other activities and they won't fit in your villa? The Villa Clubhouse is used throughout the year for many activities and events geared to the community as a whole. But it's also available for resident private use when not otherwise occupied.

Refer to the Community Center Reservation form in a file in the hallway of the Clubhouse leading toward the restrooms. The form outlines the terms of use. Complete the form and return it to the Social Committee Chair Sue Mason at least 2 weeks in advance of your event. To return the form or if you have any questions, contact Sue at sue@jlmason.us or 614-893-4549.

Welcome to These New Residents of the Bobcat Villas

Welcome to the following new owners who joined us recently:

Richard "Yogi" Matthews & Cheryl DeLucia, 2066