



Board of Directors

President – Jesse Rutherford

Vice-President – Scott Simpson

Director – John Hughes

Secretary – Roberta Brockway

Treasurer – Phil Mucenski

Community Newsletter

2022
Spring

Happy spring! This year has gotten off to a great start with our annual meeting in March, welcoming two new board members: John Hughes will serve as director-at-large, and Roberta Brockway is our new secretary. There was also some shuffling of the returning board members: Phil Mucenski is now the treasurer, Scott Simpson is vice-president, and yours truly is now president. Two board members stepped down: Steve Pellegrino, who served for two years, and Dave VanHorn, who served for 6 ½ years. If you see them, please give them a big “Thank you!” for their service.

I would also like to extend a “Thank you!” to Jean Mucenski for all her past help behind the scenes; from helping with the web site to composing the newsletter, she has always been willing to lend a helping hand. I would also like to welcome Renee Hinton on board. She has taken over the newsletter, and her help is very much appreciated.

We need volunteers! If you would like to assist the board or be on a committee, please contact Scott Simpson or me. Help is needed on all committees, particularly the technology committee, the welcoming committee, and the pool committee. We also need someone to update and maintain our website. New committee suggestions are social committee and a “sick/shut-in” committee. Let us know if you are interested in getting these committees started.

The community has never looked better! The roof project is complete, and the rain gutter project is underway. To date, gutter installation is at approximately 75% completion. Although the project is going more slowly than anticipated (due to lack of materials), it is still ahead of schedule and should be completed by the third week of April. Unfortunately, we did suffer some sod damage; however, the gutter contractor (AVKM) is working with a landscaper to make any necessary repairs. These areas will be repaired to the board’s satisfaction before final payment is made.

In addition to sod repair, since there have been many failing water shut-off valves, the board voted to replace the final 97 valves at a discounted price. This will save the association a considerable amount of money compared to replacing them as they break. The start date is currently unknown, but completion is expected before the end of May. If your unit needs its valve replaced, you can expect your water to be shut off for approximately 15 minutes while the repair is made. We will eblast a schedule once we have a firm start date.

Furthermore, the board decided that the painting of our buildings can be delayed for a few more years. We did, however, vote to commence the painting of the first-floor landings and the steps leading to the second-floor units. This, along with having our soffits cleaned, should be the last thing we need to do for a while.

Please remember to use the ticket system on the website for any pool, landscaping, or building maintenance issues. This is the most efficient way to have your problems addressed. The issue is reviewed by the management company, the board, and the appropriate committee, and a copy of your ticket goes directly to any contractor we have. If the repair is within the scope of the contract, the service is immediately scheduled to be completed.

Finally, if you have some suggestions for newsletter content or have always wanted to be a reporter, here’s your chance! Contact Scott or me and give us your scoop!

Jesse Rutherford
President

Securing the Nest

As the air turns warmer, many of our residents are preparing to head back home to cooler climates. The following are some suggestions from the University of Florida IFAS Extension on securing your residence for the summer:

- Have your air-conditioner serviced and have a professional calibrate the humidistat.
- Your unit should run at least twice in a 24-hour period.
- Empty and thoroughly clean your refrigerator and freezer.
- Disconnect all electrical appliances, computers, and televisions.
- Leave all closet doors open to permit circulation.
- Cover toilet and tank with plastic and secure with duct tape.
- Put stoppers in all drains and secure drains with duct tape.
- Bring in outdoor furniture,
- Turn off the water from outside the unit.
- Turn off electric water heater.
- Turn off power to garage door opener.
- Ensure a responsible person has your contact information in the event of a problem or situation that affects your property.



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Social director

We are looking for a volunteer to be our social director. We have a lot of people that will help, but we need someone who will take the lead. Ideas that we would like to add to our calendar include movie night, poker night, bingo night, ladies exercise class, and a monthly pot-luck dinner. Please contact a board member- if you are interested. If you can arrange even one event, the community will greatly appreciate it.

Men's breakfast

The "boys" are still meeting and going to breakfast every Wednesday. We meet in front of the clubhouse at 8:55 and usually carpool. Popularity of the breakfast has grown, and we normally have about 12 men participating. Different restaurants are rotated through the schedule, Skillets and the Honey Tree being two of the favorites. Join us!

Cypress Strand Library

We would like to grow our community clubhouse library. Our new resident, Margaret (Midge) Reichert, along with our long-time resident, Marie West, have volunteered to be our librarians. This little library does get a lot of use and is appreciated by many. If you have any books you would like to donate, please leave them in the clubhouse.

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Your Dog**