



Willow Springs Watch

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From the President.....Dennis Gerber

I want to begin by offering our condolences on behalf of the Willow Springs board and neighbors to Ann Cardillo and Judy Gustafson and their family and friends on the passing of Dom and Harry. We have fond memories, and they will be sorely missed. Remember, Ann and Judy, that if you need anything, you have the support of your Willow Springs neighbors.

With the year almost half gone, I want to give a progress report on the accomplishments so far and tasks still to be done by your 2011 board members. The most obvious accomplishments are the sealing of the roads and the erection of the road signs. Members of the sign committee have been recognized previously for their excellent work, but I want to thank Jim Beach for his work in managing the road project.

There are two other major projects under way. Jane Harris is managing the renovation of the mailbox area. I know we have been talking about this for a while, but extra time is required to ensure that the most cost-effective measures are taken.

Ray Fleming is working on the repair of the lawns along the west half of the berm and the sign lot. Since adequate irrigation is required for this to succeed, he is working closely with Tom Rugh. Tom has contracted with Blue Heron Irrigation to modify the irrigation system along the whole length of the berm from Venice East to East Village. The board has approved spending \$2,340 for the irrigation part of this project.

As is customary, the board will not be meeting during the summer months. But that doesn't mean your board members will not be working. As noted above, we will be working diligently on the mailbox area and the berm project. It is anticipated that those projects will be completed by the time the board meets again in September.

**Willow Springs Supports
Master Association
In Renovation Actions**

The Willow Springs board has voted to support the East Village Master Association in exploring the possibilities of:

- Expanding the clubhouse by adding French doors opening off the clubhouse to a patio;
- Adding umbrella tables to provide shade around the swimming pool;
- Studying the most efficient layout of the exercise equipment within the existing room before taking over space from the library.

Insurance, Legal, Rules and Mail Box Project.....Jane Harris

Several WS homeowners have requested I remind our dog owners to keep their dogs on leashes when they are out of the house, and to clean up after their dogs. Please, be a good neighbor. Also, some folks have commented on yards that are not being maintained. Again, be a good neighbor and keep your yards in good condition. Jim Beach (mowing,) Ray Fleming (fertilization) and Tom Rugh (irrigation) spend many hours (and often lots of volunteer hours of physical labor) to keep the grass looking nice. Help them keep our neighborhood looking great.

And, now to update you on what is happening with the mail center project. Tom Rugh has completed harvesting all irrigation parts to be re-used. A vendor bid was accepted by WSHA, but when the contract was sent to the business, they declined the job. Now we are in the process of offering another bid for the work. The good news is that when the work commences, it will not take long to complete the project. The best news, however, is that the U. S. Postal Service has agreed to absorb the cost of replacing our mail boxes, saving us quite a bit of money. When we have a vendor and a start date, I will send an email notice to folks whose addresses Phyllis Hammer and I have and will post a notice at the mail center. There will most probably be one day when we will not have mail delivery, but you will be advised of this information. The Venice post office annex, where our mail is dispersed for delivery, has said WS homeowners may pick up their mail at the Seaboard Street annex if they so choose.

East Village Library

Our library (located at the East Village recreation center next to the office) is maintained by volunteers from our community. The upkeep and appearance would be greatly facilitated if our users and contributors would take note of the following:

- Contributions of current fiction, non-fiction and biographies are most welcomed and appreciated
- Please do not bring Readers Digests, "how-to" manuals, textbooks, magazines and puzzles. We do not have room for these types of printed matter.
- Please return your books to the shelf, according to the first letter of the author's last name.

Thanks to those of you who have offered to help and those of you who take the time to shelve books that have been left on the tables.

From the Editor.....Phyllis Hammer

We'll be taking a break from monthly board meetings and newsletters this summer, but I don't want you to miss any important events ... so keep in mind Memorial Day is May 30; Flag Day is June 14 (in case you want to hoist the Stars and Stripes); Father's Day is June 19. August seems pretty lacking in holidays, but my birthday is that month so we can all celebrate that; on second thought, forget it, I've had too many already! Things pick up in September with Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 5, and the next scheduled board meeting on Sept. 19. Have a happy, hurricane-free summer.

Until Next Time!