



Willow Springs Watch

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From the President's Desk

Jane Harris



It is August and Florida is in the "Dog Days of Summer"--as is everybody in the continental USA. The weather is "sultry." (Your board not so much!) However, your board members were able to make it from their air-conditioned castles to their air-conditioned chariots to the air-conditioned EVMA Clubhouse to work for you on Aug. 3.

Bear with me as I give abbreviated reports for Karen Yerich, vice president, who has one Yorkie, one husband, two adult daughters and four grandchildren (all under age 6,) and Larry Ziegler, our treasurer, whose newly purchased Willow Springs home is under assault as he and his wife, Gina, commence a total renovation of the house and their yard.

Contracts Report

Karen, who is responsible for all Willow Springs' contracts, has discovered many of our contracts are six or more years old. Since these have never been updated or show any signs of having been reviewed, this provides an opportunity for our homeowners association as we prepare for FY 2018.

Treasurer's Report

Larry reported that Keys-Caldwell is in the final phase of outsourcing the financial component of its property management business. Because the monthly financial information is now outsourced, he receives it with very little time to prepare for the meetings held the first Thursday of the month.

President's Report

My report will be in the form of a "State of the Springs" email" next week. In the meantime, please join Remy and me Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for an evening stroll. We will meet at the east corner of Willow Springs Circle and Meadow Run Drive, proceed around Willow Springs Circle, then back to Meadow Run Drive to Willow Springs Drive, Community Center Drive to East Village Drive and back to Meadow Run. You may also watch for us and join us as we pass your house...and, please, feel free to bring your four-legged friend(s) along with you. Looking forward to seeing you next Thursday, Aug.10!

“Did You Know...?”

Section 7.17 of the Willow Springs Declaration of Covenants covers parking and use of the driveway within Willow Springs. If a homeowner has a need to have a variance on any of the parking restrictions any WS Board member may be contacted.



- No vehicle with commercial lettering or signs affixed to the vehicle can be parked overnight in Willow Springs, excluding government or safety vehicles.
- No vehicle with commercial equipment placed upon the vehicle can be parked overnight in Willow Springs.
- No Campers, trailers, or non-passenger vehicles, including boats can be parked overnight in Willow Springs.
- All vehicles parked in Willow Springs must be in good condition and no vehicle which does not possess a current license plate or which cannot operate on its own power shall remain within the community for more than twenty-four (24) hours and may not return once moved.
- No overnight on-street parking is permitted.
- Parking of dumpsters for renovations in driveways or commercial moving pods in driveways for loading and unloading personal property is permitted for a period not to exceed two (2) weeks.
- Motorcycles are not permitted except with the prior written consent of the Board.

From your WS Board Secretary Michaele James



Sandy Buxton

Welcome Committee

I am pleased to welcome Gina and Larry Ziegler who bought the house at 3192 East Village Dr. Gina and Larry sold their home near Atlanta, Ga., and are remodeling their new home here in Willow Springs.

They are very anxious to be active in our community and we are happy for their participation. Larry is serving as our association's treasurer and Gina has volunteered to help welcome other new Willow Springs residents.

I had the opportunity to meet Kitty Reinhart, who with her husband Wayne, bought the home at 3133 Meadow Run Dr. They will be moving here permanently from Pennsylvania after Kitty retires as an elementary school principal the end of December 2017,

Terry and Mary Ketterly just moved into 3104 Meadow Run Dr. and are doing some remodeling. Gina and I plan to visit them in the next few weeks.

If you are new to our community and have not received a visit or phone call, please notify either Gina or me and we will arrange a visit with you.

All neighbors are on the Welcome Committee. If you see a new neighbor outside, please wave, stop by and say "Hello." Let Willow Springs be known as the Friendly Community.

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August Ladies Luncheon

The August Willow Springs Ladies Luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at The 19th Hole, 1601 Englewood Rd. (Rte. 776), in Englewood. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Aug. 11. Contact Pat DeBrucker at 941-786-9976 debrucker63@hotmail.com or Angie Skinner at 941-451-3309 angela.c.skinner@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Midsummer Social a Success

Willow Springs celebrated a midsummer's night social on July 28 with a wonderful turnout. Michaelae James and I want to thank everyone for their beautiful and delicious dishes. The variety is amazing and the formula of "bring whatever you want" seems to be a success. We look forward to our next party in the fall.

Diane Sernatinger

Neighbors Helping a Neighbor

Joan Schum would like to thank all the folks at the July ladies luncheon for their help in solving her "key" problem. A special thanks to Connie Burrell who made a round trip to Willow Springs and back to the parking lot on the island. Joan said all suggestions given were a "great help."



Architectural Reminders

- No yard advertising signs are permitted in Willow Springs. This includes contractors that are currently working on your house.
- If you are in need of replacement tiles for your roof, please contact any Board member. There is a supply of tiles available for use. White tiles are not permitted to be used for replacement of damaged tiles.

Michaelae James, ARC chairman

Looking Ahead



Sept. 4: Labor Day

Sept. 7: Next board meeting; 10 a.m., at the clubhouse



From the Editor

Phyllis Hammer

I have always been someone who hates to ask for help. I remember my mother talking about how as a toddler I would struggle to tie my shoelaces rather than accept help from her. (And I'm still struggling with tying my shoelaces.) But I always wanted to "do it myself."

So when I wrote recently about my experiences driving an electric cart at the grocery store, I fear I was remiss by leaving out part of the story. The part I left out was the kindnesses and help offered to me by other customers, as well as the store's employees.

I remember the deli clerks who brought my order around to me even though I told them I could stand up to take it from over the counter; the fellow stocking the shelves of the frozen food aisle who walked all the way down the aisle to ask me if I needed help...and proceeded to get the items I was struggling to take from the freezer and hand them to me.

I remember the young mother with a couple of children hanging on to her cart who stopped and helped me get a bulky item into my cart's basket. I remember older people who looked like they could use some help themselves asking if they could reach something for me.

It will never come easy for me, but I have learned something about accepting help. It makes you humble and eager for the chance to reciprocate.

I promise you that when I get rid of my cane and can walk around the store again on my own, I will be on the look-out for people who can use my help. And I will offer it happily.

Until Next Time...