



# *Willow Springs Watch*

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## *Have a Happy Thanksgiving*

### ***From the President's Desk***

***Jane Harris***



Welcome back to our seasonal neighbors. And now that you have feet on Willow Springs ground you can see with your very own eyes not only how well our irrigation system is functioning, but the effects.....yards which are in pretty good condition.

By the end of 2017 the final phase will be completed, which should mean we have developed a method of coexistence with our lake Bryozoan-contaminated irrigation water. Two automatic filter backwash units will have been installed.

Going forward, you can expect your irrigation flow patterns to be checked as a component of routine maintenance. Irrigation clock batteries will be changed when clocks are checked in February. There will be ample notice of a schedule for this event.

It will be helpful to check your system during the weekly Friday test. You can see your irrigation Friday test time on the [eastvillageofvenice.com](http://eastvillageofvenice.com) website. Irrigation requests may be sent to [wsirrigation@aol.com](mailto:wsirrigation@aol.com). Please include your address, lot number and description of the problem. For those folks without email, please continue to use the mailbox marked "Irrigation" at our mail center, and include the aforementioned information. Irrigation emergencies should be communicated to any available board member.

# Notes from November Board Meeting

It was, as always, a welcome sight to note that there were a number of neighbors attending the Willow Springs Homeowners Board of Directors' regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 2. Plan to attend the next very important meeting on Dec. 7, which will include a discussion of the 2018 budget.

- Board president, Jane Harris reported several updates of special interest. The irrigation system has achieved excellent flow rates and is on track for consistent performance and is now considered a functioning irrigation system. The dreaded Bryozoan contamination has been reduced thanks in part to the cooler weather and the rain (Hurricane Irma). The final steps for our irrigation system are the replacement of the existing filters with two new filters which will backwash or flush automatically when pressures climb. The cost will be less than \$12,000. This amount was taken from the 2017 irrigation operating account.
- Another topic addressed is the eventual plugging of yards. This will be done yard by yard with the yard the most damaged being first to be plugged. There is \$2,000 designated for this project. The plugging will be covered by this line item in the budget. More information regarding a time line for this project will be forthcoming.
- In December the process of a monthly covenant compliance check will be initiated. Keys-Caldwell and a Willow Springs homeowner will be entrusted with the duty of noting the noncompliance, giving notice, and a follow-up if needed by legal means.
- Bids will be taken for the repair of the pump house.
- Hurricane debris pickup has become a changing situation for our neighborhood. Because we live on private roads there must be a form completed with a contract and a map of Willow Springs. Keys-Caldwell will be sending in the needed information.
- Jim Kraut of Keys-Caldwell, in the absence of treasurer Larry Ziegler, shared information about the 2018 budget. There will be a proposed budget for 2018 presented at the December meeting. All homeowners will receive this budget via mail before the meeting. The good news is that it appears that there will be no increase in homeowner quarterly fees.
- Michaele James reported that final guidelines for ARC will be coming soon via e-mail for those homeowners with e-mail and hard copies for those without e-mail. Homeowners are to use only forms on our web site. Note this web site address is included on the banner located at the top of the newsletter.
- Tom Vick will chair a committee to research guidelines for cleaning roof tiles of homes with a protective coating on the tiles. He is looking for two volunteers to serve with him.
- Joe DellaValle reported that he is looking at bids for lawn care. Checking contracts and getting figures from vendors is part of the process in working on a new budget. Karen Yerich will chair a committee looking at the application of mulch on our yards.
- Under new business a variance for Lot 77 was discussed. The attorney advised the board to sign the approval for variance.

**Celless Beck**  
*Staff Writer*

## *The Social Scene*



### ***Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Event***

Your Social Committee has reserved the clubhouse for the next Willow Springs social on Friday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. Watch your email and the bulletin board by the mailboxes for more information in the next few weeks. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.



### ***Holiday Craft Fair***

A Holiday Craft Fair, sponsored by the East Village Social Club, will be held starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the East Village community clubhouse. A wide variety of crafters from the five East Village communities will be offering their works for sale.

### ***October Ladies Luncheon had Halloween Theme***

Willow Springs ladies luncheons continue to provide a wonderful way for women to connect with neighbors on a monthly basis.

The October luncheon, which was hosted by Cyndee DellaValle and Sandy Buxton, was held at Abby's on Miami. All 21 women who attended got into the spirit of Halloween by wearing something black or orange or both. We look forward to our November luncheon and the continued growth of our social activities.

## **To Willow Springs Homeowners:**

It has come to the attention of the Willow Springs board that some homeowners would like to view vendor contracts. If anyone is interested in a particular contract please feel free to email me at Kary316@aol.com

**Karen Yerich**  
*Vice President*



## **East Village Master Association**

The October meeting of the East Village Master Association included the following:

- The introduction of an emergency preparedness guide which will allow the clubhouse to provide shelter for members during a storm in the future, if requested.
- Youth mischief is still taking place and steps are continuing to cope with the problem.
- Four trees have been taken down in the complex, and the palms in the pool area have been trimmed. Oak nuts rolling onto the roof of the clubhouse then going into the pool have been clogging the drains. It took two or three days to get the pool cleaned of debris caused by Hurricane Irma.
- Regulations require that any bingo games have to be set up under the master association.
- The cost of new exercise equipment will be \$4,000.
- The board approved \$700 a year for spraying for mosquitoes around the community pool.

**Gary Beck**  
*Willow Springs Representative*

## **Looking Ahead**



**Nov. 11: Holiday Craft Fair, East Village Community Center, starts at 9 a.m.**

**Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day**

**Nov. 30: Hurricane season ends!**

**Dec. 1: Willow Springs social at the clubhouse. Time to be announced. Save the date.**

**Dec.7: Next board meeting, 10 a.m., at the clubhouse.**

## **From the Editor**



**Phyllis Hammer**

Since Thanksgiving Day is waiting around the corner this month, I have been reflecting on some of the Thanksgiving Days of my past. I won't bother you with the story about the time I forgot to take the turkey out of the freezer until it was almost too late to get it thawed before we had to cook it. Or how my grandmother always forgot the cranberry sauce until after the meal was over. (I don't remember ever seeing my grandmother eat cranberry sauce, and I wonder now if it was her way of avoiding something she didn't like anyway.)

Instead, I'm going to tell you about a Thanksgiving from my days here in Florida before I moved to Willow Springs when I was just coming down for part of the winter months.

I was alone for Thanksgiving that year when neither of my daughters was able to make it to Florida. I went to Publix and purchased a TV dinner type of frozen turkey meal. When it was time to eat, I took the frozen meal out of the freezer, (no thawing required) popped it into the microwave, (no basting, no peeling potatoes), then ate it while listening to Christmas carols.

After finishing my meal, I threw out the foil pan (no dishes to wash and no leftovers to try to find space in the refrigerator for). I looked around the clean kitchen, grabbed my folding chair and a book and went to the beach. And the surprising thing was, I had lots of company at the beach that day. It was a glorious day with the sparkling water gleaming in the sun off Manasota Key. It was definitely a Thanksgiving Day that left me with a happy memory.

So however you're spending your Thanksgiving Day this year, I hope it's one that leaves you with a happy memory!

**Until Next time...**