



Spanish Trails West

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Dade City direct line 352-518-5000; Crime tips line is 800-706-248

STW HOA

Tim Morrison, President

Sorry to say the State of Florida and much of the rest of the world continue under at least some restriction for Corona Pandemic. As a result of this situation we continue to need to limit access to the clubhouse and other park amenities. I and the board really appreciate your cooperation and support during this emergency. Please continue to keep in mind that all amenities are limited to resident access. Social distancing and masks are desired.

So far, I am happy to report, we have not had any cases of the virus in the park. I believe this is due for the most part to residents acting responsibly and trying to stay safe. Let's continue to the finish line which hopefully is coming soon.

Other activities continue regardless of the Corona Pandemic. Some of these are as follows:

- Mowing and grounds work continues pretty much as scheduled. Again, we appreciate your patience with some and the grass blowing and edging issues which the rain has been causing. We continue to work with Joe Stevens to do all we can to keep these to a minimum.
- Plans are in process to paint and refresh the restrooms in the

clubhouse and the office. This work needs to be done and restricted use provides a perfect opportunity to have it completed.

- Carpet cleaning in the clubhouse is planned to be completed soon.
- Window replacement for the front window in the clubhouse is scheduled.
- Tree trimming and limb removal continues as required.

Bill Gorman, our grounds manager, traveled through the park to identify residences which need some TLC. Letters and calls have gone out to owners identifying the concern. While this is normal for this time of year with many of our folks up north, we still need to keep the appearance of the park as a high priority. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Finally. just a reminder, please **do not feed** our baby gator. So far it has been fun just to watch it and stay clear of it. If someone decides to feed it, we will likely end up having to have it removed and destroyed. Seems like a real shame if it is not necessary.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Carla Eno, Office Administrator

Payments: Starting January 2021, we will be able to offer you a new way to pay your monthly maintenance and cable fees. In

cooperation with Bank OZK we will be able to offer you Automatic Payments (ACH). This will allow you to set-up automatic monthly reoccurring payments directly from your bank account to STW's bank account. Much like many of you pay your utility bills. Information regarding payment options will be mailed to you in November 2020.

Park Phone Directory: All information has been submitted to PCI. We should receive new directories in October. You will be notified as soon as we have them available.

Office Hours: Until further notice, the HOA office is staffed from 8:00 a.m. until noon, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Realty office will be open by appointment on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. (Call Norm at (813) 404-8444 or Mary at (813) 469-0909 to schedule appointments.) Our door is locked as we are trying to minimize contact as much as possible. Please use the drop box, call, mail, or email us. If you must come into the office for something that cannot be handled over the phone or by email, please call ahead (813-780-7559) to schedule a time so we can keep the volume down of people coming into the building. Wearing of a face mask is greatly appreciated.

Reminder: Labor Day is Monday, September 7, 2020. The office will be closed that day.

Email: If you are not receiving emails from the office, please send an email to the office requesting to be added.

Send email to:

spanishtrailswest@gmail.com or
spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com

Copies: B/W 5¢ each, Color 15¢ each.

Faxes Sent: \$1.25 First page, 25¢ each additional page.

Faxes Received: 5¢ per page.

Notary Service: is available for all residents FREE. All others, there is a fee of \$5.00.

Lot Number: Please remember to put your lot number on your checks so your payment is posted to the correct account.

Contractors: If you are having work done, please have your contractor stop by the office to register and get a parking pass.

Statements: Are sent out around the 10th of each month to accounts with a balance due. If you feel there is an error, please contact the office so we can clear it up. We try to email as many statements and invoices as possible to save on postage.

Vehicle Stickers: Residents, if you don't already have a STW sticker on your vehicle, please pick one up at the office.

Trash: Trash is picked up on Monday and Thursday starting at **9:00 a.m.** Please do not put your trash out the night before as we have a problem with critters getting into it and making a mess. If you put cardboard boxes into the dumpsters, please cut the tape holding them together, and fold them down to take up less space.

STW Website

Joe Williams, Director

Just want to remind residents of our website. As you all know due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have had to make some dramatic changes on how we hold our meetings. All of the minutes for 2018, 2019 and 2020 can be found on the website. We also post the upcoming meeting agenda for all to review. This information can be found under the Board of Directors section. <https://www.spanishtrailswestcommunity.com/news1.html>

We have been instructed by Bill Gorman and our attorneys to remove the Real Estate section due to several lawsuits that have been filed on non-ADA compliant

issues on Realty websites throughout the States of Florida, New York and California. **No one has filed a lawsuit against STW.** We took these steps to be proactive. I have been reviewing the necessary items that are required to be in compliance and how to go about correcting the problems. I am also reviewing the website as a whole and may be required to make some changes.

With the new office hours and keeping the office door locked, you are able to download most forms you'll need from the website. These can be found under the **Request Forms** section. If you need a form that isn't listed please let us know.

Shirley and Paula have requested that Travel Section be taken down due the pandemic and also the Advantage Cruises and Tours problems. Please keep Marie in your thoughts and prayers. She is a very special person and can use all the healing prayers we can give her. If and when this craziness ends, we will see what direction Travel will go!

We have a section, **Newsletters**, which contains the newsletters for 2018, 2019 and 2020. Elsie MacFarland does a fantastic job getting these out. I have found that it so much easier to download it to your tablet or laptop to read. Carla also emails the newsletter to all residents who have provided her with an email address.

Please go to the website and check it out. Please give me feedback or ideas to make it better.

Community Social Club

Elaine Lawrence, President

If only I had a crystal ball....I would love to announce some fun and games but alas, we remain at status quo. So please stay

safe and healthy, follow the guidelines and pray this will end soon. In the meantime, think about our Social Club and what you'd like to see and do. The election will be here before you know it. If you think you might be interested in running for a position on the Board please let me know. I am looking forward to announcing the date of the next Social Club meeting and being together again.



Sunshine Club

Lucille Wagner

Get well cards were sent to Lois Vredevoogd, Sue Underwood, Bette Polak, Barbara Delaney and Joe Williams.

Sympathy cards were sent to Dawn Fay on the loss of her mother, Andrew Luke on the loss of his wife, Mandy, Sue Underwood on the loss of her sister, Gloria Ducharme and family on the loss of her husband Don, a long time resident of STW and Peggy Bracknell Foote and Clyde Bracknell on the loss of their brother.

Travel Club

Shirley Munger

Hello Everyone;

This article is to officially let you know that there is no longer a Travel Club in the park as it had to be cancelled. This is due to Covid-19 virtually destroying the Travel Industry and the ill health (breast cancer) of Marie Emmerich who owns Advantage Cruises.

Advantage Cruises has closed down both the Pinellas Park and Lakeland offices and filed for bankruptcy. If you have money invested in a trip or cruise that was cancelled, we are sorry to report that it will have to go through Bankruptcy Court and you will be notified then about the disposition of funds.

We are so very sorry about all of this.

Thank you for all of your support in the past. We hope that things will return to happier days soon.

Shirley Munger and Paula Rind

ROMEO'S

Mark James

Since reopening for meals at Golden Corral, they have not started Friday breakfast. Some of us have continued the tradition of attending on the first and third Fridays of each month. The only difference is that on Fridays, we meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m.

A few weeks ago, Golden Corral began serving breakfast on Sunday only. We have decided to expand our gathering to include breakfast on the first and third Sundays at 8:00 am. Those who are unable to make the Friday meal are more than welcome to attend on Sunday morning. We are allowed to seat up to ten (10) people to a table. Anyone who chooses to do so may attend both meals.

Hopefully, within the next couple of months, we can return to normal. We hope that attendance will grow from our small group to where we were pre COVID-19.



Joan Breton	1 st
Susan Morrison	1 st
Sharon Buzzell	1 st

Pat Mullen	2 nd
Shirley Witchley	3 rd
Don Brining	4 th
Pamela Sanford	10 th
Daniel Katrein	11 th
Elena Pike	11 th
Sharon Lincoln	13 th
Clyde Bracknel	14 th
Del Wimberly	14 th
Bette Polak	15 th
Lois Vrdeewoogd	17 th
Bruce Rind	17 th
Susan Farrell	20 th
Neil St.Andrews	27 th
Richard Mellinger	29 th
Mimi Ballentine	30 th



Daniel & Linda Katrein	3 rd
Bruce & Judith Stimpson	3 rd
Burl & Sandra Baxter	4 th
Lee & Sharon Lincoln	4 th
James & Diane Nutter	6 th
Larry & Denise Loeffen	7 th
Bob & Nancy Butt	9 th
Dave & Jeanne Crotty	11 th
John & Patricia Archer	12 th
Robert & Carol Taylor	18 th
Robert & Sharon Jacobs	27 th
Bill & Elena Pike	30 th



Library

Lucille Wagner

I'm still buying books for your reading pleasure – Danielle Steel, C. G. Cooper and many others. They are on the table outside the library or on top of the middle shelving. Enjoy!

Spanish Trails West, Rules and Regulations

Ernie Foote



Reminder

(These Rules and Regulations pertain to share- holders, non-shareholders as well as guests, visitors, renters, tenants, lessees, or sub-lessees)

REFUSE

A. Each resident has a responsibility to keep his/her home site clean and neat. No resident should throw garbage or refuse on any common area as proper disposal of garbage and refuse is important to our health.

B. All garbage and refuse must be placed in plastic bags before putting out for pick-up and should be placed at the street side the **morning** of pick-up. Any garbage containers should be kept out of sight at all other times, i.e., in the shed. Do not place garbage out the night before unless it is in a closed container.

C. Residents must maintain their planters, flower beds, and shrubbery and dispose of the refuse properly. If they fail to do so, management may weed/trim for them at a fee set by management according to the Prospectus.

D. All shrub, tree trimmings, or limbs must be bundled and be no more than three (3) feet long. Leaves, trash, grass clippings and weeds, etc., must be bagged and must not be swept into the streets or storm drain.

E. Cardboard boxes must be broken down and tied in bundles.

F. **Burning of trash, leaves, or other material is not permitted.**

G. Put all aluminum cans such as soda, alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage cans in the container provided. Do not put tin cans in the container.

H. Put all newspapers in container provided. Items accepted are posted on the container.

**PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE
SIDEWALKS WITH THE BUMPER OF
YOUR VEHICLE. SIDEWALKS ARE FOR
WALKING AND HANDICAP USAGE.**

Printed copies of this newsletter will be
available in the clubhouse.

Calendars are not attached since all
activities have been cancelled until further
notice. When activities are resumed a
calendar will be available.



Reminder

Please do not park on the grass.

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