



Spanish Trails West

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STW HOA

Tim Morrison, President

As it is now, the HOA Board has voted to continue to limit access to the clubhouse and other park amenities to residents only until at least the next board meeting. As a result of this, our annual yard sale in November will not happen this year. This decision is predicated on concerns over the virus.

Please know that opening the park amenities will be priority one on the agenda for a decision by the board going forward as new recommendations are received from our attorneys and the government.

Members of the board and I really appreciate your cooperation and support during this emergency. Please continue to keep in mind that all amenities will remain 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.

On to other activities which will continue regardless of the Corona Pandemic. Some of these are as follows:

- Once again, we are coming up on the time of the year when all shareholders are eligible to run for the three HOA Board vacancies which are coming open the first of the year. These director positions will be voted on

during the annual meeting by shareholders. This is your chance to be heard and to make a difference. If there are concerns you may have with the way things are being managed by the board you can work through it with the other board members. If you are interested in being considered, you must:

- Be a shareholder.
- Provide notice of your intent to Cindy Porter (Secretary) or Carla in the office on or before December 19, 2020.
- Provide an updated resume to Cindy or Carla for distribution to shareholders on or before December 24, 2020.
- Restrooms in the clubhouse have been painted. The office building restrooms will be painted next.
- Our HOA Board has voted to change our current relationship with Lifestyle Realty. Effective October 26 2020, there will no longer be an STW Realty. Going forward Lifestyle Realty will rent sales space in the office and will conduct park sales from there. This action will simplify our relationship with Lifestyle Realty and will get STW out of the real estate business. Lifestyle Realty has access to the

Multiple Listing Service (MLS), and will be listing all properties on there as well as their website. You will see their signage going up soon.

- Window replacement for the front window in the clubhouse has been delayed until the vendor can build an appropriately sized window. They brought a replacement, but it did not fill the bill.
- Over the past several weeks our STW Board has been actively working with Bank OZK to offer you updated options we believe will simplify submission of your monthly fee payments to the park. It is our understanding that this will not only simplify the payment process for residents but will also reduce handling costs to the park. To facilitate this process, Bank OZK will be sending a letter along with coupon books to all our residents. Detailed instructions will follow shortly.
- Bill Gorman, our Community Association Manager, and Jack Pugh, our Grounds Manager, traveled through the park in August to identify residences which need some TLC. Letters and calls have gone out to owners identifying the concern. Several folks have already taken action to correct the concern. While this is normal for this time of year with many of our folks up north, we will be following up with those who have not yet responded in an effort to keep our park looking great.
- We will be sending out updated, state-approved rules and regulations to both

share and non-shareholders within the next month.

- Finally, we on the board are concerned that there has been no access to shareholders for recent board meetings. During the pandemic we have been learning to use ZOOM to avoid personal contact at our meetings. At the October 22nd meeting we made the meeting available to shareholders via ZOOM meeting. A few shareholders took advantage of this. We will use this experience to help iron out bumps going forward.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Carla Eno, Office Administrator

Shareholders – The annual meeting and elections will be on Thursday, January 28, 2021. This means that First Notices will be sent out before the Thanksgiving Holiday. I know that many of our snowbird residents are unsure of whether they will be coming down this year. I anticipate sending out packets on or before Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

If you are a snowbird and are coming down before Thanksgiving, please let me know so I can send your packet to the correct address.

Non-Shareholders – 90-day notices were mailed out in September notifying all non-shareholders that governmental and utility charges in the amount of \$379.26 are due by January 1, 2021. Lot rent will increase effective January 1, 2021.

Payments – We are working with Bank OZK to offer our residents more payment options. Starting with your January 2021 monthly maintenance fee and

cable/internet payment, you will have three payment method options:

1. **Automatic Payments (ACH).** Quite a few of you have been requesting this payment method. Now you will be able to set-up automatic monthly reoccurring payments directly from your bank account to STW's bank account, as some of you do for your utility bills.
2. **Online Bill Pay.** Many of you already send us a check directly from your bank. You will be able to continue doing this, but will need to change the address where you send the payment. Make sure you have your lot number on the check.
3. **Pay by Check.** You can continue to write-out checks, but you will need to include the monthly coupon slip for each month you are paying.

Bank OZK will mail residents information letters along with coupon booklets prior to January 1, 2021. We will also have a Bank OZK representative coming in to assist residents in signing up for Automatic Payments (ACH) in December.

Additional information, including an exact day and time for in-person sign-up assistance will be coming to you soon.

Park Phone Directory – 2020-2021 PCI phone directories are in. I put enough books in the clubhouse on October 23, 2020 for the residents that are here. Snowbirds, I have yours in the office. We receive a limited number of books. Each household is allowed

ONE BOOK PER HOUSEHOLD.

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

spanishtrailswest@gmail.com or
spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com

Office Hours: The office hours are 8:00 a.m. to noon, Monday through 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Community Social Club

Elaine Lawrence, President

After discussion with our Park Manager, members of the Social Club Board and a number of STW residents, I have decided to postpone the Social Club election until we are able to all meet in the clubhouse. This will give all residents an opportunity to vote. In the meantime, the Social Club continues to be dormant.

Romeo's

Mark James

ROMEO lunches will be November 6th and 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Golden Corral For those who can't make lunch, we will do breakfast on Sunday, November 8th and 22nd at 8:00 a.m. I hope to see some of our people on some of those dates.



Sunshine Club

Lucille Wagner

Get Well cards were sent to Bud Welsh, Joe Stedronsky and Rick Mellinger.

Diane Scott was sent a Thinking of You card.

Thank You

The Wirrell Family with sincere gratitude extends thanks to you for all your prayers, cards and gifts during this difficult time.

We are truly blessed to live in this community.

Don't forget to honor our veterans on Veterans Day, November 11, 2020.

Thomas Promise

Tom Pete

Thomas Promise Christmas Breakfast

With the virus still with us our 5th annual breakfast will have to be cancelled. This has been a big event for both the park and Thomas Promise.

I talked to Joe, Director at Thomas Promise. They still need toys to distribute. STW was a big part of that for them. The need is greater now than ever before.

I want to have a Golf Cart Toy Run through the park on Friday, December 4th at 2:30 p.m. Please decorate your cart for Christmas. We will ride through the park to collect toys from our neighbors all for Thomas Promise.

This is not a sanctioned event by the Board of Directors or Social Club. Please wear a mask and keep your distance. More details to come. Thank you all!!

Entertainment

Lucille Wagner

Nothing is scheduled until the clubhouse is opened for functions.



NOVEMBER 26TH



John Archer	1 st
Nancy Farstvedt	1 st
Karen McCabe	6 th
Gillian Cummings	7 th
Marcia Daly	8 th
Larry Skeens	8 th
Patti Williams	9 th
JD Davis	10 th
Bonnie Hollon	11 th
Jane Knapp	11 th
Larry Roser	13 th
Sue Blacklock	13 th
Pat Smith	14 th
Gloria Foss	15 th
Carol Wilson	16 th
James Allen	19 th
Claudia Lawrence	21 st
Janice Kucharzak	21 st
Beverly Fishel	22 nd
Paul Sarginson	22 nd
Janet Weber	22 nd
Cheryl Montpetit	24 th
Bill Pike	26 th
Sandra Baxter	27 th
Moncie Kiser	27 th
Robert Lawrence (Bob)	28 th
Craig Welsh	29 th



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Loren & Brenda White	2 nd
Garry & Marcia Daly	14 th
Patrick & Susan Farrell	27 th



Crafts

Brenda Pete/ Jeanne Crotty

All are welcome to join us for crafts. We will be doing Christmas crafts in November. Please check the STW Friends and Neighbors Facebook page for dates, times and supplies needed.

Masks are a must and keep your distance. We are NOT sanctioned by the HOA or the Social club.



Library News

Lucille Wagner

At least we can still enjoy reading throughout this COVID problem.

I've been purging the library removing all the cookbooks, medical books, religious books and magazines. I'm preparing to put out the Christmas books in a couple weeks.

I was given permission to use the Travel Club display. I put all the reminiscence books there. These are good nostalgia books.

I have also bought more large print books. They are located on top of the middle section with stickers on the spines.

HAPPY READING





STW Christmas Fun

Cindy Porter

STW Christmas Fun for residents only, starts December 1st.

Decorate a box, basket or whatever with a Christmas flare. Set it by your door or wherever it can be seen by the road. Be sure it can hold cards or crafty objects. During December, those interested drop off items, such as, cards, ornaments, baked goods, candy, even dog or cat treats to those with pets. Be creative.

Let's all have fun with this! It is up to you if you wish to participate!

Welcome New Residents



Ruth Levesque & Craig Welsh

Craig purchased the house at 37636 Amigo Dr. He is originally from Maryland. He liked STW due to the pond and the closeness to his parents. He will be a full-time resident.

Craig enjoys playing golf, ancestry and sports. He is a Radiology Chief, Practice

Manager. He has three siblings, two children, three grandchildren and two pets.



*Daylight Saving Time
Ends Sunday, November 1st
Set your clocks back an hour*

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

****Reminder****

Please do not park on the grass.

The STW Home Owners Association must approve any outside modifications you want to make at your residence. Ernie Foote

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.

Articles for the December Newsletter are due Monday, December 21, 2020.

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