



Spanish Trails West

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Pasco County Sheriff's Office: Non-Emergency 800-854-2862; Emergency is to call 911

Dade City direct line 352-518-5000; Crime tips line is 800-706-24

STW HOA

Tim Morrison, President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

This is at the very least a very strange Christmas season. While many of us are fortunate and have not been touched by the pandemic there are others who have lost one or more loved ones. Let's keep all who have lost family members and our country in our prayers that this will pass soon.

On to other activities which will continue regardless of the Corona Pandemic:

- Once again, we are coming up on the time of the year when all Share Holders are eligible to run for the upcoming HOA Board vacancies. Currently there are three board members whose terms will end the first of the year. To determine who will be selected to fill these Director positions they will be voted on during the annual meeting by shareholders. As a result of the sharp upswing in COVID positive cases the board has voted to delay the annual meeting until at least March 18, 2021. Hopefully, by that time the virus will be under control and we can have a regular meeting and election. If not plans now are to have an election and annual meeting via proxy and ZOOM. Meanwhile, if you are interested in

being considered on the ballot you must:

- Be a Shareholder.
- Follow instructions which will be mailed out to all shareholders on or before January 17, 2021.
- Provide an updated resume to Cindy or Carla for distribution to shareholders on or before the time specified in the mailed materials.
- Effective January 1, 2021 Spanish Trails West is out of the Real Estate business.
- Window replacement for the front window in the clubhouse is scheduled for completion on January 11, 2021.
- 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 has sent a letter along with coupon books to all our residents. Detailed instructions are included in this material. In the event

you do not receive your material in time for the January park payment simply make your payment to the office as usual.

- 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 for our meetings. We started with the November meeting to make the ZOOM meeting available to shareholders. A few shareholders took advantage of this. We will use this experience to help iron out bumps going forward.
- Finally, please continue to be vigilant and stay safe from this virus. I guess the light is on the horizon with this new medication. Let's pray it is the solution it is being advertised to be.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Carla Eno, Office Administrator

Updated Payment Information for January

Bank OZK mailed out informational letters along with payment booklets in December to the addresses we used for our November updated rules and regulations mailing.

We are aware that many of you have not received the mailing from the bank and are concerned about your January payments being received on time. So, to start the New Year off right, you can send or drop off your January payments to the office while everything is getting sorted out and you are setting up automatic reoccurring payments, or changing the address you have your

checks sent to, etc. However, **STW will no longer hold checks.** DO NOT SEND MULTIPLE MONTHS WORTH OF CHECKS TO THE OFFICE FOR MONTHLY DISPERSEMENT. The HOA cannot accept the liability of holding your checks. If you already sent multiple checks, please contact the office to let us know if you want them mailed back, deposited or destroyed. We will not keep them.

We will be working with owners here in January while we work out the bugs in the new payment process.

Shareholders – The annual meeting and elections are scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021. First Notices will be mailed out by Friday, January 15, 2021. **If your mailing address is not the same as the November mailing, please notify the office.**

If you are interested in running for the board, please let Cindy Porter, our Board Secretary know.

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

Cable / Internet – On October 1, 2018, we started a 5-year bulk agreement with Spectrum to provide cable and internet services to our residents, which includes: Two receivers for Spectrum Select and one internet modem with in home Wi-Fi. If you are having any issues with your service or want to add on to the bulk package, contact Spectrum Bulk Services at 833-697-7328.

Garbage and lawn mowing: are included in your maintenance/rental fees. Extra yard work (weeding, trimming hedges) is \$25 per hour. If interested, obtain form from the

office and resubmit to the office after filled out.

All trimmings from trees and shrubs: must be tied, bagged or in a closed container. If tied, they cannot be longer than three (3) feet. They will be picked up at your house on the regular trash pickup day. Or, you can take it to the dumpster located at the north end of park. Please do NOT take them to any other area in the park.

Boxes should be flattened prior to putting them into the recycling bin.

Do not leave trash or recycling outside of the dumpsters.

Garbage pickup: Monday and Thursday mornings. Have your trash out by 8:00 a.m. If holiday is on Monday, pickup will be Tuesday and Thursday. If holiday is on Thursday, pickup will be Monday and Wednesday.

Garbage must be bagged or in closed container. If put out in the morning of pickup, bagged is okay. If put out the night before, must be in a closed container.

Modifications to your property: MUST be pre-approved. Forms are available in the office, and should be returned to the office after they are filled out.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Copies: Black & White: 5¢each, Color:15¢ea.

Faxes sent: \$1.25 First page, 25¢ each additional page. **Faxes received:** 5¢ per page. Sender must put your name and phone number on the fax.

Notary Service available at office at no charge to residents only.

Lifestyle Choice Realty, Inc., has an office within the STW Office building and their employees are available to assist you with your real estate needs. They can be

reached by phone or email. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings they are typically here in the park. Lifestyle is capable of putting properties with a share in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and can even list non-share properties on Zillow.com.

Next STW HOA Bord Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
Please email Carla at the office to spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com if you wish to attend by Zoom.



Sunshine Club

Lucille Wagner

I was saddened to have to send sympathy cards to Norman Stevens on the loss of his mother, Rita LaRoche and to Karen McCabe on the loss of her husband Gerry. Sympathy cards were also sent to Helen Drudi on the passing of her companion, Len Greensage and to Mimi Ballantine on the loss of her sister.

Get Well cards were sent to Mary Addison and to Charlie Dean.



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

- John Macmillan 1st
- Richard Flint 1st
- Mary Wimberly 1st
- Rose Stanford 4th
- Bob Butt 5th
- Ann Jinkens 11th
- Kelly Hanson 11th
- Melba Slates 13th
- Dawn Fay 14th
- Marianne Humphrey 16th
- Thomas Johnston 16th
- Paula Skeens 18th



Howard Cossin	20 th
Henrietta Moyer	20 th
Bud Welch	20 th
Joyce Ostberg	25 th
Norman Stevens	26 th
Charles Deane	26 th
Ruberta Tippett	27 th
Richard Peroli	29 th
Robert Lawrence	31 st


January Anniversaries



Robert & Elaine Lawrence	1 st
Tom & Jean Autry	8 th
Bobby & Pamela Sanford	20 th
Ron & Bette Wroubel	30 th

January Observances and Fun Facts

- National Mentoring Month
- National Glaucoma Awareness Month
- Cervical Health Awareness Month
- National Blood Donor Month
- Birth Defects Prevention Month

Birthstone Garnet 

- Fruit & Veggies**
- Tangerines
 - Dried Cranberries
 - Sun Dried Tomatoes
 - Raisins
 - Yucca Root
 - Quinoa
 - Jicama
 - Sunchoke
 - Taro Root
 - Water Chestnut

Flower Carnation 

Astrological Sign Capricorn (till 19th) & Aquarius (20th→)

Deadline for articles for February Newsletter:
January 22, 2021

A GREYHOUND'S PRAYER

*Submitted by
Larry and Chris Dernier*

Their Greyhound: August 7, 2009 passed away on December 12, 2020.



As I go to sleep this night
In a home warm and safe,
I give thanks for my new bed
Made not of steel or so small
I bump my head.

As I go to sleep this night
Dreams of freedom no longer dreams
I give thanks for the night to run
The way I want – just for fun!

As I go to sleep this night,
The roars of crowds now fading,
I give thanks for the new sounds I hear
Love and laughter, which I do not fear.

As I go to sleep this night,
With memories of muzzles hurting,
I give thanks for tenderness,
My owners touch and gentleness.

As I go to sleep this night,
I hope to find a way
To ask all people with loving hearts
To give more homes and fresh starts
And make a Greyhound's day.

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.**

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

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