



# *Spanish Trails West*

## *Community Newsletter 2021*



**Volume 25/Issue 2 Office Phone: 813-780-7559**

**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 800-706-2488**

### **STW HOA**

*Tim Morrison, President*

**A quick note related to progress for COVID 19 vaccine shots for the park. I am continuing to reach out to county agencies to make this work but with little success for dates or times. I'm continually told the problem is limited availability of vaccine but I'm puzzled when they can find it for several other locations across the county and state. I would suggest that you reach out to any/all sources you hear about and I will continue to chase this for us. Good luck to one and all.**

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 Shareholders 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. These positions may be held by STW Shareholders who wish to run for election.
  - In the event there are more than three shareholders who express a desire to be on the board, they will be voted on during the annual meeting by shareholders.

- In the event there are three or fewer interested shareholders no election will be held.
- Meanwhile, if you are interested in being considered on the ballot you must:
  - Be a Shareholder.
  - Follow instructions which were mailed out to all shareholders on January 15, 2021.
  - Provide an updated resume to Cindy or Carla for distribution to shareholders on or before the time specified in the mailed materials.
- 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.
- Window replacement for the front window in the clubhouse was completed 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. Work is proceeding on track for this transition. We extend thanks to all residents for your cooperation with this effort. This will save all of us money in the long run.

- 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.
- During the January board meeting it was determined by the board that we will move forward to sell the shares associated with three open lots in our park. These lots will list for \$40,000.00 initially and will go up to \$45,000.00 on April 1, 2021 if not under contract. Each share sale will carry with it an ongoing obligation for the new owner to pay a \$100.00 monthly fee until a home is placed then \$142.00 ongoing from there.
- Bids are now being taken for needed street sealing in the park. These bids will be reviewed in our next board meeting and voted on at that time.
- A chair lift is being considered for handicap access to our pool. Unit cost, installation and ongoing liability are being considered. This will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

- All shareholders are encouraged to review the budget for 2021 and either bring your questions to Ernie Foote or to the next board meeting for consideration.
  - Our current mortgage for the park continues to decrease. Our board authorized Ernie to pay \$114,000.00 down on the principle the day following our meeting.
- Finally, please be aware that Carla has notified us that she desires to terminate her employment with her last day being February 11, 2021. We are working now on the exceedingly difficult task of replacing her. Carla will really be missed.

### **NOTES FROM THE OFFICE**

*Carla Eno, Office Administrator*

**The office will be closed the first two weeks of February.** We will be working with our bookkeepers and certified public accountant on our annual audit. Also, will be training a new office staff person. As many of you have heard, February 11<sup>th</sup> is my last day. I am leaving to spend more time enjoying life and traveling with my husband. Thank you for the opportunity to come back into the work force for a couple of years.

**Payment Information** – If you did not receive the information mailed out by Bank OZK in December please contact the office immediately.

If you are paying by check please make sure your payments are going to: Spanish Trails West HOA, Inc. P.O. Box 20624, Tampa, FL 33622-0624

If you are interested in having your payments automatically come out of your

account each month, you can set up an account by going to the STW website: [www.spanishtrailswestcommunity.com](http://www.spanishtrailswestcommunity.com)

Once you are on our website look for the label "Bank OZK". You will see a PowerPoint presentation on how to set up your account. Once you have reviewed it, click on one of the blue links which will take you to Bank OZK's website.

Then you click REGISTER. You will be asked for your account number. This is the 5-digit number associated with your lot number. If you are not sure what it is, ask the office.

Once you set up your online account you are able to make one-time payments, and/or recurring payments. You are also able to choose which day your payment is made and for what amount. You are also able to cancel if you decide you don't like it.

Please remember that if your payment is received after the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month it will be considered late and a late fee of \$25 may be charged.

DO NOT TAKE YOUR PAYMENTS TO BANK OZK. Bank staff cannot assist you with your payments or setting up an online account.

Yes, we are trying to eliminate any payments coming into the office. That is why we entered into an agreement with Bank OZK to process all of our payments (for free). They deposit all payments received and send us a file that we upload into QuickBooks. This helps to eliminate having multiple people processing payment information.

The STW Office WILL NOT HOLD CHECKS FOR YOU. Checks received will be deposited immediately no matter what date is on them.

**Shareholders** – The annual meeting and elections is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021. First Notices were mailed out January 15, 2021.

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

**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](mailto:spanishtrailswest@gmail.com) or

[spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com](mailto:spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com)

**REMINDER:** In the clubhouse there is a computer and printer for residents' use.

**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 & lawn mowing** are included in your maintenance/rental fees. Extra yard work (weeding, trimming hedges) is \$25 per hour. If interested obtain form from office, and resubmit to office after you've filled it 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 AM.

If holiday is on Monday, pickup will be Tuesday and Thursday.

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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 preapproved. Forms are available in the office and on the STW website. Forms should be returned to the office after they are filled out.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Copies: Black and White: 5¢ each, Color: 15¢ each.

### Next STW HOA Bord Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.  
Please email Carla at the office to [spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com](mailto:spanishtrailswest@yahoo.com) if you wish to attend by Zoom.



### Sunshine Club

*Lucille Wagner*

Sympathy Cards were sent to Jan Oberlin on the passing of her husband, Donald, Lee Lincoln on the loss of his wife Sharon and to Larry and Christina Dernier on the loss of their pet.

Get Well Cards were sent to Bud Luke and Kathy Roth.

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

**Don't forget the following :**

February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Groundhog Day; February 14<sup>th</sup>: Valentine Day;  
February 15<sup>th</sup> President's Day; February 17<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday.



Louis Anastasi	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jean Autry	5 <sup>th</sup>
James Nutter	5 <sup>th</sup>
Peggy Foote	6 <sup>th</sup>
Rita LaPointe	6 <sup>th</sup>
Pat Luke	6 <sup>th</sup>
Ruth Cote	07 <sup>th</sup>
Brenda White	10 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Williams	13 <sup>th</sup>
Marion Jarvis	14 <sup>th</sup>
Mary Wydock	17 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Jacobs	17 <sup>th</sup>
Kenneth Foss	21 <sup>st</sup>
David Kucharzak	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Glenda Freijo	25 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Taylor	25 <sup>th</sup>
Sharon Allen	26 <sup>th</sup>
Nancy Bannon	27 <sup>th</sup>
Chris West	27 <sup>th</sup>



Bud Welch & Vi Tedeschi	1 <sup>st</sup>
Joseph & Patricia Williams	10 <sup>th</sup>
James & Sharon Allen	19 <sup>th</sup>
Bob & Janet Weber	19 <sup>th</sup>
Bob & Barb Hancock	19 <sup>th</sup>
Donald & Mary Pillen	20 <sup>th</sup>
Richard & Mary Mydock	27 <sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Reminder\*\* Please do not park on the grass.**

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





## 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.

### Welcome to STW



Gail Sheffield, 37610 Rosalita Ave. originally from Hawaii is one of our newest residents. She chose STW as it's centrally located near her daughter. She has two children and nine grandchildren. She retired in 2000 from Inventory Control, Appraisal Office. Gail enjoys quilting and making jewelry.



### Some February Facts

- ❖ February is the shortest month, fluctuating by 28 or 29 days which occurs every 4 years – known as leap year.
- ❖ The length of February was finalized when Julius Caesar made the Roman calendar in 713 BC.
- ❖ The birthstone is amethyst.
- ❖ February is one of the most words misspelled.
- ❖ February is the only month that can go the entire time without a full moon, except when there are 29 days.

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## **For Your Information**

**The clubhouse, shuffle courts and pool are open for limited use. There will not be any sponsored HOA or Social Club activities at this time. Residents Only. Please follow the directions on the signage.**