



The Whisperer

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President's Column ***Dennis Ratliff, President***



Happy Easter to all! Interesting fact, this is the first time since 1956 that Easter has fallen on April Fool's Day. The next time will be 2029! Whether you celebrated the Rising of Our Lord and Savior, or the Easter Bunny, I hope all enjoyed the day and spent it with family and friends. It is the season of rebirth and I can't help but look forward each day to the budding trees and plants!

Insurance

The Board has been focused on securing and shoring up many areas important to our community. We have had a great response from everyone complying with the necessary information to keep our required proof of insurance current. Thank you to David Nichols for his diligence in seeing that all are up to date. Please be mindful that this is to be done each year and protects our Community and certainly enhances our property values!

Davidson Gate

As you may know, the gate at the end of Davidson has been in need of repair and maintenance for some time. A request to the City was made in 2015 and to date has not been addressed. Numerous emails and documentation explaining the City's responsibility have unfortunately landed in the Department of "I'll get back to you". It is going to require on-going communication to get the necessary repairs done. Bud Sheehy has been an invaluable asset to this process as he has firsthand knowledge as to the origination of the gate's construction and the responsibility of maintenance. Bud was able to locate the documents stating the City's responsibility in ownership and upkeep and these have been communicated with the City. As most things go with the government, it is moving slow. The entrance and gate were built and paid for by the City, according to their Specs, and has always been their responsibility. Until recent years they have assumed this responsibility. With changes in Local Officials, they appear to not be familiar with this history and we are having to provide the necessary documents that confirm their responsibility. We will continue our efforts to see that the repairs and maintenance move forward as this is vital to our Community's safety and emergency response.

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Thanks!

I am so pleased and encouraged to see all the Committees gaining new members and Leadership who are actively assuming the responsibilities needed. You are all keeping Whispering Meadows the great community that we have always been. Thank you and GREAT JOB!



**Landscaping
Keith Lewis**

To date, Turf Creations has completed the dormant pruning, the spring cleanup, applied pre-emergent weed treatment to berms, islands and front planting's, applied round one of the lawn treatment, and completed mulching.

Turf Creations will begin weekly mowing the first week of April. Please keep any personal decorating items out of the common area. The mowers will not be responsible for any items damaged that are in the common area. Also, if you own a dog, please make sure you pick up after him or her. No one likes to step in....

We will begin sprinkler system "start up" around the first of April. This is a process of checking sprinkler valves, sprinkler heads, back flow valves, and the general maintenance of the system. Any repairs needed will be done at this time. Any vehicles parked in driveways and along the side of the road, will of course, get wet. Please make sure windows are up to prevent accidents. The system will not be turned on until needed, but will be ready.

Future lawn treatments, pruning, and other relevant activities will be posted on the community board approximately a week before the event. Remember, please fill out a request form and get approval before doing any type of landscaping activities either on your footprint or common ground.



Spring is always a season looked forward to. It is a time when the dead wood is cut out and a time for a fresh start.



**Safety and Security
John Wilson**

The Safety and Security Committee would like to *thank all the **Block Captains*** who obtained and updated their emergency contact information. We ask that everyone notify their Block Captain whenever emergency contacts or phone numbers change. We would also like to welcome Janet Mohler as the new Block Captain of Zone 2. Take Care and Be Safe.

Clubhouse News
Yvonne Hagaman



There has been some interest in renting the Clubhouse from those outside our Community. I feel that this deserves some explanation. Policy #301-1115 states that Clubhouse rental is for owners in good standing only and is not available to those outside our community. There are reasons for this policy.

Community members (owners) pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the Clubhouse with their monthly HOA fees. Because of this vested interest in this facility we are able to keep our rental fee low and rent to those who feel like this is an extension of their home and care for it as such. Even though their invited guests may not be members of our community we feel that they are respectful of the renter's 'home away from home' and this has almost always proven to be the case.

Also, since an owner-renter must be at the event from beginning to end, it is most likely that the rental contract will be followed and liability be decreased for all of us as owners of this facility. We do not hire a cleaner so we depend on those who rent to do a good job of cleaning up after their event and along with our Clubhouse committee volunteers everything is kept in order before and after.

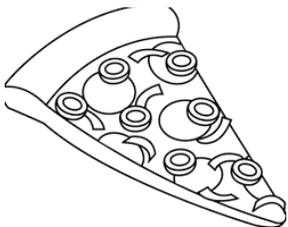
This facility is ours. It provides us room to spread our wings for events that will not fit in our houses and is a place where we can gather to visit and enjoy the events that our Activities committee provides. Thanks to all of you for taking such good care of it.

Please call me, Yvonne Hagaman at 478-6198, for reservations, any problems, observations or suggestions. If you would like to find out about volunteering for the Clubhouse committee, also call me. Your April monitor is Florene Sheehy. The saying for the month is Irish, 'A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures.' I wish you both, Yvonne Hagaman, Clubhouse Chair

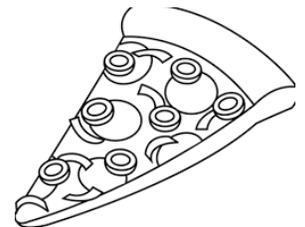


Activities and Events

Kristi Nichols, Chair



Our April 19th event will be **Pizza/Bingo Night**. Come hungry. We will have pizza, salads and desserts. Bingo will be after dinner and *we will have gift cards from Cracker Barrel and Starbucks* for prizes. Thursday April 19th, 6-8 p.m. \$5 per person at the door and the correct change is always appreciated. See you there!



MEN'S COFFEE

Men's Coffee will be at the Clubhouse on April 21st, 9-11a.m. Beginning in April we will hold Men's Coffee every other month instead of every month. Men's Coffee will be April, June, Aug, October and December for the rest of the year.

