



The Whisperer

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

Happy 4th of July! I wish you all a safe and enjoyable day as many of us celebrate with family and friends!



Summer is getting into full swing and Mother Nature's recent rains are welcomed. It is great to see our Sprinkler System working well and I have heard many good reports of issues repaired and resolved. The shortage of moisture the last couple of years has taken toll on many of our plantings. Be sure to submit a request to Landscape if items are in need of removal in the Common Area.

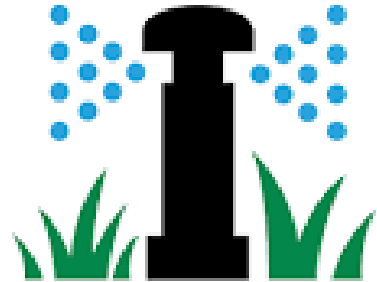
Once again it is time to look towards Board Elections. This is a very important aspect of our Community and we want to encourage all to give serious consideration to serving. We have 3 Board terms expiring and 1 vacancy with a year left to fill. I have personally found that being involved has given me the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with other Members as well as impact the continued strength and prosperity of our Neighborhood and Homes. Please contact any Board Member with your interest and we will answer your questions, concerns and advise you as to how you may contribute. Our Community is only as strong as our Volunteers and I appreciate each who has served in the past, currently and future.

Dennis



Landscaping

Summer is in full swing. The irrigation system is working overtime to keep up with the watering needs of the lawns in common areas. The time watering each "zone" has been increased by over 50% since Spring. Please continue contacting me if there is a problem with the sprinklers. If there is a substantial water leak or break, please contact me as soon as possible.



All the burning bushes in the front of the homes were treated for Red Spider Mites on June 22. There will be another treatment in July. Please email if there are any questions concerning the treatments.

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.

There will not be a landscape meeting in July.

Kieth Lewis



Bill Hodges has made a change to access the Request Forms on the Website. You will need to use the password *whisper99* to open any of the forms you are wanting to complete. The password is listed in the Directory, page 30 under "Web Site". This should prevent further spam forms going forward.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

KRISTI NICHOLS, CHAIRWOMAN



Our next Summer Social will be Thursday, July 19th 6-8 pm. Please bring an hors d'oeuvres or a dessert. There is no charge for this event.



Activities and Events Committee will not meet in July.

Safety and Security Committee
Robin Hess, Reporting

We would like to share some items of discussion from our Safety and Security meeting on June 12. If you have concerns or ideas related to the safety and security of Whispering Meadows, please discuss with your block captain before our next meeting on September 11.

Some of the volunteer Block Captains are still diligently trying to get our records complete. If you are asked to fill out a form to provide contact information to be used in an emergency situation, there are two appropriate responses: 1) I'd rather not participate, or 2) Certainly - here it is!

Please don't say "I already gave that to someone". Trust me, we will not be asking for the information if we already have it. Many block captains resigned or moved last year, and unfortunately the records they kept were not made available to the committee.

The Independence Police Citizens' Academy was discussed as a valuable opportunity to become informed about how our police department protects the community. There are two courses every year, with the one this fall already filled. The next opportunity will be the Spring session, beginning March 1, 2019. The Academy meets ten Thursdays in a row from 6 to 9 pm and includes interaction with various units, including Traffic, Investigations, Drug Enforcement, SWAT, K-9, CSI, Firearms Safety and Education, as well as ride-alongs with the police. It would be great to have several Whispering Meadows residents attend this together. It is advised to get your application in early (before summer ends), due to the popularity of this program. Please contact Bud (816 373 6104) for an application form if you would like to participate.

Another topic of discussion involved the problem of pool rule violations, especially as pertains to closing time, which is currently set at 10 pm. This means you should be OUT OF THE POOL AREA by 10 pm. Volunteers check the pool at 10:00 to make sure the gate is secured and the door into the Clubhouse restrooms is locked. This should take less than 5 minutes and should not include having to convince people to leave the pool area. Our Board, also made up of wonderful volunteers, is looking for methods to handle violations. Please review the pool policies, and remember the rules apply to all of us. If you are given a friendly reminder that it's closing time, the thing to do is to gather your belongings and politely leave. A wonderful aspect of this community is the many harmonious relationships we enjoy, and that harmony is dependent on all of us respecting each other.