

### **What's Hot and What's Not**

**Hot** – The organizing committee for Cochin Days along with the myriad of volunteers who stepped forward to make the whole day a huge success.

**What's Not** – The temperamental “automatic” gate on the Village compound. (Which now appears to be working.)

**Hot** – The amazing success of Sandra Francis in the rejuvenated Lighthouse café.

**What's Not** – Parents who allow their unlicensed children to operate golf carts and ATVs in the Village and those who overload passengers on these motor vehicles.

**Hot** – A great summer at the lake.

**What's Not** – The end of summer at the lake.

### **Highway No 4 – Resurfacing**

The resurfacing of Hwy 4 in the Village is within a hair's breadth of being finished and the job appears to have been well done. One lingering challenge is that the contract does not appear to provide for all junctions with Village turn-offs to be gently sloped but rather are left “chopped off” so that there is a significant bump or drop when transitioning from one to the other. The Village is discussing this issue with Highways.

### **Surveyor's Certificates**

Property owners are required to apply for a Development Permit whenever there is a plan to renovate or build, even if there is no intention to change the footprint of the existing building or deck with the footprint of the new building or deck. In most instances Council is requiring the applicant to submit a surveyor's certificate showing the property boundaries, where the current buildings or deck are located and the proposed location of the new building or deck. The development permit will not be issued until the surveyor's certificate is submitted and Council is satisfied that the proposed construction is totally within the applicant's property boundaries and the location is such that it complies with side, front and rear yard tolerances.

The rationale for such requirement is clear. Unless Council is able to view a surveyor's certificate it must rely on the applicant's assurance that “everything is okay”. If, in the future, someone does obtain a surveyor's certificate for an adjoining property and it is found that everything is not okay and the approved development encroaches on a neighbor's property the Village will be at risk at having to pay to remedy the situation.

Council understands the annoyance of some residents who do not wish to go to the expense of obtaining a surveyor's certificate but sees no way in which to avoid a future liability which would have to be funded by the Village's general revenue. Approximately 20% of proposed developments have had to be amended because of issues identified in the certificates.

### **Preparing to Leave Cochin for Winter**

Leave porch and outside lights on. Use LEDs to save some long-term cost.

Install a security system.

Don't leave any adult beverages in the house.

If appropriate – board up windows and doors.

**Farewell, Adieu, Adios, Auf Wiedersehen, Ciao, See Ya Later Gator to Our Seasonal Residents**

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