



## May News from your President

It may be officially Spring still, but we are getting summer temperatures. School will be out in a few short weeks and we will have more children outside playing. Please remember that the speed limit in our community is **20 mph!** That is the maximum speed you can safely drive on our streets, it is not a guideline.

Now is the time to clean up your carport. We have many homeowners that seems to think their carport is a storage area. They carport must be clean and orderly. Your mower and other yard tools should be kept in your shed, not on the carport or alongside your home. Storage around the perimeter of your home is not permitted. We **WILL** be calling Code Enforcement for any yards in violation.

If your home has **ANY** green or black mildew on it you need to clean it off now! The Association purchased two electric pressure washers last year that are available for rent, so you have **NO EXCUSE** not to have a clean home free of mildew. Please see the President Peggy at 4131 Woodland Cir. or Director Joanne at 4149 Woodland Cir. to rent one. The fee is \$5.00 per day.

Please keep your yard mowed, leaves raked and shrubbery trimmed. As a reminder, grass clippings cannot be blown into the street. Over grown shrubbery to close to the house attracts roaches, snakes and vermin so keep it trimmed and rake underneath. Pick up branches

after every storm and put them by the street for pick-up. I would think that as a homeowner one would feel pride, but I found that many people just throw trash in their yard and the street. Everyone knows that I walk around with a trash bag almost daily and pick up trash. I have picked up all kinds of trash; straws, straw wrappers, food wrappers, food bags, bottle caps, beer cans, soda cans, water bottles, cigar packages galore, drink pouches and boxes, receipts, grocery & drug store bags, empty candy and snack packages, drink bottles, diapers, chicken bones and every manner of trash that belongs in your trash container. If it is not grass, a plant or flower or yard decoration, it doesn't belong in your yard. This includes cigarette butts! The street is not your ashtray! I find it hard to believe that so many people were raised to just throw garbage in the yard. I find it hard to believe that your friends and family would dis-respect you and your home by throwing trash in your yard. Parents: Please teach your children to put their drink & snack packages in the trash can after use.

As some of you have discovered, the bears are out and foraging for food. Keep your blue trash container out of reach, preferably behind a fence if possible. The bears are attracted by the smell of rotting food, pet food dishes left out and dirty grills. Keep your trash can clean. Hose it out every month. Do not put loose trash in it. Have all your trash in a bag and then put it in the container. Clean your grill after each use and don't leave pet food dishes out.

If you have a motor vehicle parked on your property it must have current registration and tags! This pertains to cars, boats, motor homes & trailers and off-road vehicles. This is a Volusia County Statute in addition to our rules and regulations. I have noticed several cars with expired or no tags. We WILL be calling Code Enforcement for these vehicles.

Gas powered three and four wheelers and go-carts are NOT allowed to be driven on the streets of our community!

Please pick up after your dog! This includes your own yard, the County easement area and most certainly, someone else's yard. Dog feces attracts flies which carry diseases. Dogs sniff and/or eat other dog's excrement and can get worms or other diseases. When you pick up the leash, grab a bag too and enjoy your walk.

Please teach your children to pick up their bikes and toys from the yard each evening. We have had some bikes stolen from yards and would hate for your child to experience the heartbreak of having something stolen from them due to their irresponsibility.

Watch out for your neighbor's property as well as your own. If you see any suspicious activity let them know or call the police. Do not let your children cut across other people's yards to go to or come from the bus stop or visit their friends. That is trespassing.

We have had people that don't live here cutting through our community. If you see a stranger in our community let them know this is not a cut through and you have the right to question their intentions. It is posted at our entrances that we are a neighborhood watch community.

Parking on the easements on a regular basis is not permitted. Vehicles should be parked in your driveway or on your lawn. If your driveway can hold 2 or 3 cars, then they need to be parked there.

If you haven't paid your annual dues yet, then DO IT NOW! Any dues unpaid by June 30<sup>th</sup> will be doubled and turned over to our attorney for collection and a lien could be placed on your property. If you don't know if you owe anything, please contact the Treasurer Mary at 4152 Woodland Cir. immediately to check.

Please remember that if you are in violation and are asked to correct a problem with your home or yard and you fail to do so, we will hire someone to remedy the issue and **YOU WILL BE CHARGED** for their services. This is also how Volusia County Code Enforcement operates, so if you receive a notice from them, do not ignore it. Their fees are a lot higher than ours.

We had a wonderful Spring cookout in April. I think our community has some of the best cooks in Deland! Our next event will be our Halloween party. As time gets closer, check the website or bulletin board at the clubhouse for details.

Thank you,

M. (Peggy) Wade

President, Woodland Manor HOA