

April 8, 2020

To All Lot Owners and Residents,

I hope that you and your family are well and not affected by the Coronavirus. Please follow medical guidelines and practice care and social distancing. We would not want to see any of our residents or families affected by this terrible medical issue.

With many of us now home more than in the past, it is a good time to take stock of your property. As I walk the neighborhood I see many homes which have allowed maintenance to take a backseat to other things. Let us not forget that our homes are our greatest investment and because homes in our community are still selling the value of our community is judged by what potential buyers see.

Irrigation schedules are often misunderstood: the recommended time to irrigate your lawn is early morning so it lasts through the day. Watering during the day is wasteful and is not recommended - please, do not do this. It is also recommended to water at least twice a week. Too much water causes dollar weed and too little stresses the grass which invites pests and ultimately browning or dying.

Lawn maintenance - it is a state law that no commercial lawn treatments may be sprayed within 3' of the lake for obvious reasons. Your lawn maintenance company must apply treatment according to law.

In the coming weeks we will be citing those homes which are not being maintained. Please take this time to walk around your home and correct what has been neglected. Don't forget the sides and rear - they are visible to your neighbors also.

Some of the simple fixes are:

- Clean and or paint your mailboxes - many have mold, peeling paint, worn numbers or are falling apart.
- Open or remove hurricane shutters - why look like a hermit!?
- Clean or paint stained walls - mold, peeling paint and dirt are present on many homes.
- Dirty roofs and missing tiles - help employ someone who needs the work.
- Clean your driveway - many residents have pressure cleaners and may be willing to loan them or do the work for you.
- Tidy up your landscaping - dead plants, weeds taking over rock beds and lawns, dirty pavers and unattended edging all add to an unkempt property.
- Clean up the debris left after your lawn trash is taken, this debris makes the community look unkempt and gets into our drainage system. It is your responsibility to clean the street of any branches, seeds, pods, etc.

Taking care of these and other maintenance items will occupy some time, give you a little exercise, get you outdoors and help to avoid violation notices and potential fines - things that no one needs at this time but will be issued to keep our community well maintained.

The Board is also doing it's part. The guardhouse has had some touch-up painting done and the interior has been renovated to accommodate future meetings. We are doing our best to keep the community looking good and protect your investment. Please do your part.

Thank you for your cooperation and please stay healthy.

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