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Hurricane season approaches

While our happy little village is just within the fifth of the recently adjusted county evacuation zones, we still should individually and collectively prepare to meet the possibilities of this season's heightened storm chances.



You are responsible to participate in the Community's emergency plan. Be part of the committee that will

deal with what needs to be done, both to prepare and to recover.

In the event of a storm, remove all the furniture from the lanai. Look around your immediate part of the property for any loose trash or limbs that could become projectiles; put them in a secure place. The trash receptacle will be locked down before the storm hits.

Our sewage lift station is electrically powered. Consequently, in the event of prolonged power outages we must try to limit our water usage to the minimum possible.

An important committee responsibility will be to post information and instructions at the pool and mail kiosk after the storm, in the event that power is out. Go to our website for further information.

Contact our director of committee development, Amber Fahringer, to sign up for this very important function. Write to: hoacommittees@gmail.com

Reach your board directly (on administrative matters only) at the special box in the Mail Kiosk under the display on the west side. No need for a stamp; just drop your note in the slot. Or, if you want to send us a letter, the Address is:

6810 Big Cypress Way Tampa, FL 33625

Don't forget to include your name and return address so that we can respond to your question or comment.

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If you need Help with a problem, in the common area, see our Property Manager: Landarc may be contacted on their website at: www.landarc.com or, call 1-(888) 646-9888 - Between 9-5, M-F

Our Successful Survey

produced more than 40 responses, roughly over 20 percent of the residents. While we wish we had more, the results we have now will provide the board with some guidance on how to proceed with a variety of questions. To see a report on those results, go to our website and look under the "Our Community" menu to find a link to the PDF.

Among the more interesting results were these:

- Most residents love to walk around the community and use the pool regularly.
- Prefer dogs to other pets by 2 to 1.
- Do not want to use the bus by 5 to 1
- An overwhelming majority were opposed to speed bumps or tables.
- Would like a street party by 33 to 1
- Everyone uses the internet and e-mail.
- While nearly 2/3rds offer to serve on committees, only a quarter are willing to serve on the board.
- 18 respondents were angry about doggy droppings on the grounds..
- Around half wanted a community directory.
- Many wonderful written comments and suggestions were also received, and will be read and reviewed by the board. See more complete results on our website above.

Thanks to all who participated!

Social Committee plans a Great Get-Acquainted party for June 26th

5 to 8 PM is the time and 10202 West Park Preserve Blvd. is the place. Apart from an opportunity to meet your neighbors and the board members, there will be food and drink and tables from other service providers. Committee chair, former president, Justin Fahringer, and Board member, Tony Carlisimo are organizing the event. **We also need Your help** planning for a community garage sale for later this year. This will help us make room in for more cars, less junk.

When driving, watch out for local wildlife!

That Vision Thing

Board members are having a retreat to discuss the future of our community and try to outline a foundation of basic goals and directions for the kind of community that will most adequately serve the interests of its members.

write to : boardofdirectors@westparktampa.com to let us know your thoughts and ideas about the future of our community over the next 20 years.

Westpark Preserve HOA Board

Directors are Elected for a One Year Term:

Member at Large: Tony Carlesimo

Treasurer: Victor Perez

Secretary: Amber Fahringer

Vice President: Brenden Chiamonte

President: Jim Peterson

Open Gate hours Extended

At its May meeting the board decided to extend the gate free pass hours to 5 to 9 in the morning, and 4 to 7 in the evening. This should produce less wear and tear on the gate, and on the patience of residents.

Architecture Committee needs Members as it prepares to adopt Standards . Please join!

A community like ours needs to serve its members by making itself an attractive place to live not only for members, but for prospective buyers. New technology and attractively landscaped commons help to maintain property values, so that when the time comes to sell, our members can be assured of great buyer interest.

Changes to HOA specifications for such things as screen doors, solar power and hot water installations, windows, flags, and decorations among other things are necessary in this competitive environment. Justin Fahringer heads the committee. Contact him at:

hoacommittees@gmail.com

If you need approval for a change to your unit, contact Landarc for help.



Turtle Migrations in Season

Keep an eye out for the little guys. Don't run over them. But be very careful in trying to handle them; some can deliver a very mean bite!

Erosion Problems Repaired.

Late last year some erosion became evident behind units on Estero B ay and Westpark Blvd. Work has been started to correct the situation, and prevent future

trouble. Weather allowing, work should be completed by the end of June.

For frustrated recyclers on the North side, we would like to solicit "Recycling Buddies" from the south side who will help them by allowing recyclables to be placed alongside their own recycling containers. Check the recycling Buddy table at the Party on June 26th.

Check our website for more information about your neighborhood: www.westparktampa.com

It's your Neighborhood. Make a difference!

The HOA continues to encourage residents to join any of the committees intended to address specific needs and concerns of our community. Many of these committees are required in order to have a functioning HOA. The Appeals Committee, which determines whether owners have violated rules and are liable for fines is well staffed. Both the Architecture Committee, and the Disaster/security committee are currently in great need of membership. **If you would like to be a member of any of the committees below, let us know your preference by a letter to hoacommittees@gmail.com, and you will be contacted.**

Here is a list of the committees:

1. **Appeals Committee:** To organize and regulate violations of rules and regulations. (3 members, only non-board). Submit agenda and meeting minutes of committee meetings.
2. **Finance Committee:** Assist Treasurer in developing collections and investment opportunities. (3 members)
3. **Communications Committee:** Develops contents of Newsletters and website (3 members)
4. **Social Committee:** Organize and execute "pot lucks", sporting events, and social gatherings to develop community relationships.
5. **Governmental Relations:** Develop and executive strategies to gather governmental support for community improvements.
6. **Disaster/Security Planning:** Develop and organize disaster relief plan for multiple disasters such as hurricane, tornado, flooding, break-ins, wild fires etc.
7. **Architecture & Aesthetics:** Review of owner requests for alterations/modifications of buildings and landscaping issues. Sets standards for future changes.
8. **Nominating Committee:** Selects candidates to run for the board.

You can avoid having your car towed by the simple expedient of not parking in the street or blocking a sidewalk. Thanks.

Have a happy Summer!