



The Westpark Preservationist

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Vesta Takes On Management duties

Headquartered in Jacksonville, FL, Vesta Management Services has offices located throughout Florida. They have assumed Land arc's contract with us. The nearest office is in St. Petersburg, from where they provide services for several communities in the bay area.

This was a complete surprise to the board, and an even bigger one to Paul Knuth, our manger, who will continue in his role but now reporting to Vesta. We will of course be reviewing how well the contract is fulfilled before renewing in November. Bob Preston our stalwart maintenance worker will also continue. Meanwhile, Landarc will continue to provide web reporting and other services during the transition. If you need help with any association issue please feel free to use the resources described below.

Landscaping: another Big Change

Girard Environmental Services is the name of our new landscaping company. The board had grown impatient with our previous company and felt that the time had come to give a high powered and aggressive company a chance to prove that they could do better. If you see any problem with landscaping, the lawns, or the irrigation system, contact our manager, Paul, and he will hold Girard to the high expectations we have for them.

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, **Paul Knuth**, who may be contacted at Paul.Knuth@vestaforyou.com

or, (727) 713-0755 between 9-5,

M-F, or contact Vesta on their website at:

<http://vestaforyou.com>

Annual Membership meeting

was held last December 1st. Disappointingly, only two members actually showed up to vote. Board members had to scurry back to the community to find sufficient numbers of proxy members to allow the election to proceed. This is what happens when the fee is lowered. We may have to raise the fee next year to get a good turnout. At any rate, the meeting (with food, by the way) produced this unsurprising result below:

Westpark Preserve HOA Board

Directors are Elected for a One Year Term:

President: Jim Peterson

Vice President: Brenden Chiaramonte

Treasurer: Victor Perez

Secretary: Amber Fahringer

Member at Large: Tony Carlesimo

Critters looking for homes

often find one by burrowing beneath our buildings. Don't let them do it! Hospitable we are, these animals can undermine foundations, collapse walls, and cause considerable vexations. If you see something like this happening, send Paul an e-mail.



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Annual Spring Cleanout Coming

Got a garage full of old junk (precious artifacts) needing to be relocated? Keep an eye out for an announcement soon about extra-large collection bins to be temporarily made available for a day or two this spring around the community. Take the opportunity to liberate more space for yourself, and start flinging. But remember...

The regular trash collection bins on the north side are for the use of those of us without garages only. Use by others is a violation and is subject to penalties. Please respect the rights of all.

Lights out?

If street lights fail (not normal on-off cycling) note the number on the pole, and contact **Paul**.

This is the place where you live..

Board members have discussed many ways in which the physical infrastructure of this place can be changed to provide more useful, comfortable, and valuable facilities and services. We have talked about playgrounds, nature trails through the conservation areas, community gardens, a small meeting center, and a great variety of services provided through our web page. Already much that can be accomplished with minimal outlay has been done.

But much still remains a dream. The board cannot by itself make these things possible. It is up to you to form interest groups to promote your own ideas or to materially support any of the proposals listed above. The vitality and unity necessary for us to come together to make ours a caring and nurturing human experience must flow from you. Contact us, volunteer, vote, be active. Don't just complain; do something!

Jim Peterson, President

Spring Social coming

Contact **Amber Fahringer**, who needs your help in creating an event to help build friendships among neighbors, and a sense of community among all of us. Email socom@westparktampa.com to learn how you can join in the fun.

Check our Community Website for more info about our neighborhood: www.westparktampa.com

Be a good citizen! Join a Committee

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.

Hits and misses- The problem list

1. Unbelievably, some drivers had been observed speeding **into** the community through the **out** gate. This was resolved by alternate closure of the gates.
2. Parking violation notices are being passed out now. If you don't want to pass out when you get them, just don't park on the street or across the sidewalk.
3. You may not perform repairs on your car that involve anything other than simple, things like changing a flat, or wipers, or cleaning the interior, on the property. Major disassemblies are not allowed.
4. Selling or renting your property? Let the HOA know about it. In any case, there are no circumstances that will exempt you from the obligation to pay the fee.
5. If you want to install a screen door, new windows, patio, satellite dish, or a statue of Rocky on your front entry, you will need the approval of the **Architecture Committee** before proceeding: arcom@westparktampa.com
6. Please don't litter, or let animal feces from your pet go uncollected. There are violation fines, and in some cases, state fines to consider.
7. Have questions about the current landscaping? Contact Paul to find out the status of anticipated upgrades.

Watch out for me!



Stranger at the door?

All vendors must have the approval of the board before soliciting on the property. Since this is rarely given, ask the person to show you a letter allowing this. If they have no such document, ask them to leave the community. Call the manager to report the particulars of any such incident.