



CONNECTIONS

Welcome to the Spanish Wells Unit One Quarterly Newsletter

COMMUNITY UPDATE

So, it's the end of "Season" here in Spanish Wells. Between the beautiful weather and the gathering of friends, 2023 seems off to a good start!

If you are staying for the summer, we wish you more beautiful weather and access to all the Golf Courses and Restaurants you want!

If you are off to other locales for the summer, we hope you enjoy your northern friends and families and we will look forward to seeing you when the weather is worse up north!!

LETTER FROM THE BOARD

We have had some changes on the Board this month.

Dan Fischer, a longtime Board member has agreed to return to the Board and be Treasurer. It is great to welcome him back!

Virginia Lane who also served for many years has stepped down from the Board. She has made a big difference as Vice President!

Another member rejoining the Board is Tom Mulrooney who took a short hiatus. Tom has taken the ARC Committee back as well!

It is great to see residents step up to be on the Board.

We are also looking for people who would work on Board Committees but not be on the Board full time. We would love participation in the ARC Committee, which reviews and approves exterior changes to the homes, the Swale Committee which is suggesting ways to address some of the water management issues in Unit One and the Social Committee.

Contact any Board member to volunteer.

FLYING THE FLAG

Thanks to all of you who fly the American Flag at your house. It is so good to be reminded of all the flag represents!

One note... there are practices around flying the flag that show respect. One of the main practices is that flags be flown in good shape.

As we all know, the weather is brutal on anything fabric so if your flag is showing wear, getting tattered or even just faded, please replace your flag.

You can retire your flag by bringing it to the Ace Hardware or an American Legion. They will dispose of it respectfully.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our Social Committee has had a really successful year. They have created many outings/events for us to meet our neighbors and experience our area.

This year they have created:

- An outdoor concert
- A "block party"
- A holiday decoration trolley tour
- A sunset boat trip
- Open Houses (Meet and Greet)
- Trivia Night
- Ladies Luncheons at the club

And they have more ideas for next year! This is a good team of residents who deserve our gratitude!

If you have ideas or would like to help, contact Rita King at 847 337-1625 to volunteer!

ON THE ROAD..

As you may know, we have local police on site periodically to help us manage some of the traffic issues at Spanish Wells. Their focus is on two things: maintaining the 25 mph speed limit and enforcing the Stop signs.

In the past few weeks, citations have been written, to residents and non-residents who have not observed the rules of the road. Even golf carts which do not stop at the Stop signs can be cited!

Also, with a newly passed Florida law as of July 1, 2023 teens will not be able to drive golf carts without a permit or driver's license.

Please continue to observe the traffic laws in our community for everyone's safety!

GUESTS

A big change has occurred over the last few months in how we register/ approve guests to enter Spanish Wells. If you are making phone calls for this approval, you need to be aware that there is a different process.

Dwelling Live has been our system for many years to sustain our permanent approval lists. As few months ago, the procedure for vendor or daily approval was also moved to this system.

It is critical that everyone get some training on using this app on your compute OR your Phone OR your pad. They have made this app easy and accessible. There are classes available through SWCA. Call Lori in the SWCA office for help 239 319-1288.

SOME HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES

This is the time of year to make sure some of the "housekeeping " items are checked off your Florida House List!

- Look carefully at your roof. If there is any sign of mold or mildew, have your roof

cleaned. This only gets progressively worse during the rainy months.

- Address any Palm Tree or Coconut trimming you may need. If there are big storms this summer, the Palm Fronds and the Coconuts can become damaging projectiles especially to your screens.

ONE MORE THING

If you have content for the next Newsletter, let the Board know and it will be written!

It has been interesting this year to speak with owners who are new to the area; many seem to have arrived within the last three years. Since so many of us don't have "history" to gain referrals, we might be able to do that through the Newsletter.

We are looking for conversation about both good and bad vendors to help everyone get work done effectively. Let us know if you have had good or bad experiences.

Also, if you have fun ideas of things to do with kids, that would be great to share. So many grandchildren, nieces and nephews etc. come to visit and it is important to have some activities to entertain them!!

If you have any ideas about how to share this information, let us know and we will pursue it!

Contact mhiggins847@gmail.com with ideas.