



CONNECTIONS

Welcome to the new Spanish Wells Unit One Quarterly Newsletter

With Labor Day here we are moving into a new season in Spanish Wells!

It's been quiet as many of our homes are owned by part time residents and even the year-round residents are often travelling during the summer months.

The community is lush and beautiful at this time. so much is in bloom! It is a nice time to be in this area...although it is a little hot!

NEWSLETTER

We are hoping this Newsletter will meet a couple of goals: first is to stay in touch with the community and the second is to connect with our neighbors! To meet that objective, please feel free to contribute anything you would like to see in our quarterly publication.

HAPPY NEWS TO SHARE

The biggest news in Unit One is the birth of Cooper Devisse born on July 11th! His parents, Julien and Jamie, are thrilled, of course! Congratulations! We love new residents in Unit One!!

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

Please make sure you check your contact information on SWCA's website and The Unit 1 Portal to insure we know how to contact you with notices or in the case of an emergency. You can check your Unit 1 information at swpromgt.appfolio.com/connect/users/sign_in, and SWCA at community.dwellinglive.com/spanishwells.aspx.

ISSUES ON OUR ROADS

Vendors are cutting through our complex to avoid traffic on Bonita Beach Road. They often drive faster and less carefully as we become a short cut. Although the Board is addressing this, you can help by reviewing your permanent contact list to make sure only current vendors have your permission to enter! The website to check your list is

<https://community.dwellinglive.com>

Also, the Board is trying to help us with the speeding problems that are of concern to so many dog walkers, bikers and pedestrians in our community. We have engaged the Lee County Sheriff's Department to monitor speeds and issue tickets in Unit 1. SWCA has also established an agreement with Lee County to monitor traffic.

SOCIAL PLANS

This has been a hard 18 months for all of us who love socializing and making friends. Because of the upsurge in Covid we cannot restart our plans to get together and introduce ourselves!

In the past, Elaine Lyons has coordinated monthly Meet and Greets as a way to get together as Unit One neighbors. Sadly, we have not been able to meet since February 2020! Elaine is hoping to restart these gatherings sometime this winter.

There are also plans afoot for some additional social events, once we are free of the pandemic. If you are interested in being part of a social planning group contact Brian King. We are eager for the freedom to get together again as many new residents have joined our community.

CHECK YOUR NUMBERS

In the last year we replaced the mailboxes, which were under warranty, due to discoloration. While care was taken in applying the numbers, some have shifted or fallen off due to the heat. A drop of superglue will help to adhere the numbers to your box. If you need replacement numbers, the HOA may have some extras.

WATERING YOUR LOT

A reminder that Lee County has watering restrictions including not watering outside between 9am and 5pm. Also, odd number addresses should be watering on Wednesday and Saturday while even numbers are Thursday and Sunday.

ARE THINGS CHANGING AT YOUR HOUSE?

Hopefully, you have read the notice from our Board of Directors, outlining the processes for Architectural Review. If you have never lived in a community like ours, you may never have had Home Owners Association requirements for the outside of your house. There are many issues that our HOA is charged with managing including approval of any major decisions on the exterior décor. Before initiating any improvements to the exterior of your home or property an ARC (Architectural Review) form must be submitted to the HOA Board. Be sure you have the current form which can be found on the Southwest Property Management portal. Once our new website is complete an electronic form will be available. We will keep you posted as the new website develops. Please remember the ARC's require submission to the Board 30 days prior to the start date to allow the Board time to review and respond.

A reminder if you are going to do a project in your home: Almost all materials are in limited supply due to the manufacturing and import restrictions of the past many months. Several of our neighbors have run into some supply problems and we thought that if you are planning on doing some work inside of your house you might like to check for the availability of your materials!!

LEASING YOUR PROPERTY?

There are updated forms for Lease Applications. Please check your Portal Access or contact Southwest Property Management to insure you have the most up to date materials so that you meet current requirements. Please remember the lease/rental forms must be submitted to Southwest Property Management 30 days prior to the start date. We will be moving to fully electronic submission with our new website coming soon!

BLOWN AWAY?

Hurricane guidelines have come out through SWCA and FPL. Be sure to take the time to review these guidelines to safeguard your home.

ASSESSMENTS

HOA property assessments will be mailed in the middle of November. If you have not received your assessment by December 1st please contact Southwest Property Management. Payments are due by January 1, 2022.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you enjoyed your summer wherever you found yourself. In recent months, the Board has been busy addressing the many concerns raised by our residents. Your concerns are taken seriously and Board members volunteer their time to work on your behalf. Quite often we are in consultation with SWCA, Bonita Springs and Lee County as we work to achieve a positive outcome. I want you to know that if you do not get the outcome you desire it does not mean that your request/concern was not given the time and attention it deserves. Issues in Unit 1 can vary from street to street. We are committed to serving you to the best of our ability although at times we find that final outcomes may be outside of our control.

We look forward to seeing you at our monthly Board meetings which are currently held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 9am in the Card Room of the Club House. I encourage you to get involved and share your skills and talents, in whatever way you can, to support the workings of our community. Contact a board member if you want to volunteer to get involved. Together we can create a community of good neighbors.

Brian King