



Homeowners Association  
Newsletter

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## 2015 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Wisteria Park Homeowners Association Inc. was held on January 26, 2015 and new members were elected to the Board of Directors. At a brief Board meeting following the annual meeting, Board officers were elected (see column at lower right).

Reports of 2014 activities were positive with a sound financial position and most issues having been addressed and resolved (24 requests to ARC received and all but one approved, four bids for landscaping received and Truscapes retained, etc.).

Prior to the annual meeting, the Board had proposed two changes to our Homeowners Association Declaration: 1) to require that the Architectural Review Committee be composed of Board members, and 2) to elect Board members to staggered two-year terms. At the time of the meeting, more affirmative proxies were needed to approve the changes (e.g., two-thirds of homeowners for the change in ARC composition). The Board thanks all those who opened their doors to Board canvassers and voted in favor of the changes.

Minutes of Annual and Board meetings are available on the Argus Management Web site at <http://www.argusgmt.com/>



## Moon Walk

The moon will be full on March 5 and because of its low level of light pollution, Bradenton is a great place to star gaze. Amateur astronomers can gather at the Gazebo on March 5 at 8:00 pm for a short stroll around our neighborhood. Star maps will be provided but Moonwalkers should bring a small flashlight for finding their way home. For more information, contact Maureen Hooper at [mhooper8530@gmail.com](mailto:mhooper8530@gmail.com).

## 2015 Garage Sale

A Wisteria Park garage sale will take place on **Saturday, February 28** from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Good luck to all treasure hunters!

## 2015 Calendar of Events

- February 23 (Monday) 6:30 pm – ARC
- February 23 (Monday) 7:00 pm – Board
- February 28 (Saturday) 8:00 am to 2:00 pm – Garage Sale
- March 5 (Thursday) 8:00 pm – Moon Walk\*
- March 23 (Monday) 6:30 pm – ARC
- March 23 (Monday) 7:00 pm – Board

Board and committee meetings are held at Christ Episcopal Church, 4030 Manatee Avenue West, Meeting Room #1

\*Moon walkers meet at the Gazebo

*All meeting notices and agendas are posted on the Argus website a minimum of 48 hours in advance.*

## 2015 Board of Directors

- Barbara Morsch – President
- Blanca Moscoso – Vice President
- Bob Harcourt – Treasurer
- Gail Larose – Secretary
- Norman Abbott – Member at Large

## Architectural Review Committee

- Norman Abbott – Chair
- Gail Larose – Secretary
- Barbara Morsch – Member

## Change of Bank

Homeowners were notified last November of a change of Wisteria Park's bank account to Stonegate Bank, Tampa. HOA fees may continue be paid using the coupon booklets already provided or arrangements can be made easily with the new bank for automatic electronic debit.

For more information, contact the Wisteria Park property manager, Linda Chapman at [lchapman@argusmgmt.com](mailto:lchapman@argusmgmt.com). The bank's Web site is found at <https://www.stonegatebank.com/>.

## Safety and Security

### Dogs on leashes

It can be daunting for dog walkers and their pets to be confronted suddenly by another dog racing towards them. It is hard to tell whether animals are going to be friendly or belligerent.

A dog, no matter how small, when confronted with a seemingly aggressive protagonist may show remarkable feistiness and then the fur can fly.

The best way to ensure there are no misunderstandings among dogs and their owners is to keep pets on leashes whenever they are outside in an unenclosed area. Besides, it's a Manatee County law!

### Lights at night

Now that the lighting situation is improving at the entrances to Wisteria Park, homeowners may want to consider the lighting situation on the quiet streets of our community. The tranquility is wonderful but it does get dark out there (even if it provides optimum conditions for stargazing – see *Moon Walk* event).

Post lawn lamps are operated by sensors and turn on at dusk and off at dawn (although they are sometimes on during a heavy downpour as well). Some homeowners have installed sensors on the carriage lights at the sides of their garages to provide even more illumination at night. Others have put in landscape lighting to accent their beautiful palms and other plants and shrubbery.

You may want to think about checking the bulbs in your lamps and leaving some lights on after dark. Those who enjoy nocturnal strolls and those who walk at night with pets (on leashes) will thank you!

## Ficus - developers' delight, homeowners' nightmare!

Ficus is an attractive shrub material because its fast growth and dense foliage gives almost immediate privacy. However, it can grow to a height of over 60 feet! This makes the plant "leggy" and ineffective as a hedge. Ficus is also subject to attack by White Fly, and Wisteria Park is no exception. The Architectural Review Committee is consulting with Truscapes and horticultural experts to explore solutions to this problem. We will report on what ARC finds in the next Newsletter.

In the meantime, neighbors have found application of Imidacloprid and Clothianidin (Bayer Advanced Care Tree and Shrub) to be effective. We have also found a video from the University of Florida Extension Department which provides a lot of useful information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4Ze-Sc9Baw>.

## A Word from the Editor

Looking to the future, I see our Newsletter containing some Board and HOA information and a lot more community and personal items. For this to be successful, we are going to need contributors! Contributions could be short columns (100 to 200 words), announcements or notes on things like:

- Interesting families, children and grandchildren
- Appealing pets
- Ideas for community activities
- Notes on grass, plants and trees (frost protection anyone?)
- Reflections on our lives at Wisteria Park
- Photos connected to the above!

We have a lot of talented people in Wisteria Park. Please let me know if you would like to be a regular contributor or about any ideas you may have for future issues.

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Red-shouldered Hawk in oak on 17<sup>th</sup> Drive NW

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