

# Wisteria News

If it Happens in Wisteria, it's News to Us 🐾



*"Take time to smell the flowers"*  
Maya, Maureen & Dave Hooper

## WELCOME TO THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

The days run long, the temps run high and the humidity runs off our foreheads like water over a falls. It's that time of year. The dog days of summer are here. To honor the heroes of this time of year (i.e. our precious dogs) your Newsletter is featuring some of the more classic dogs of our community. We hope you enjoy meeting them virtually and also on the streets as you walk through the Park. Now you'll know them both by attitude and by name!



New canopies brighten our pool deck while providing much needed shade.

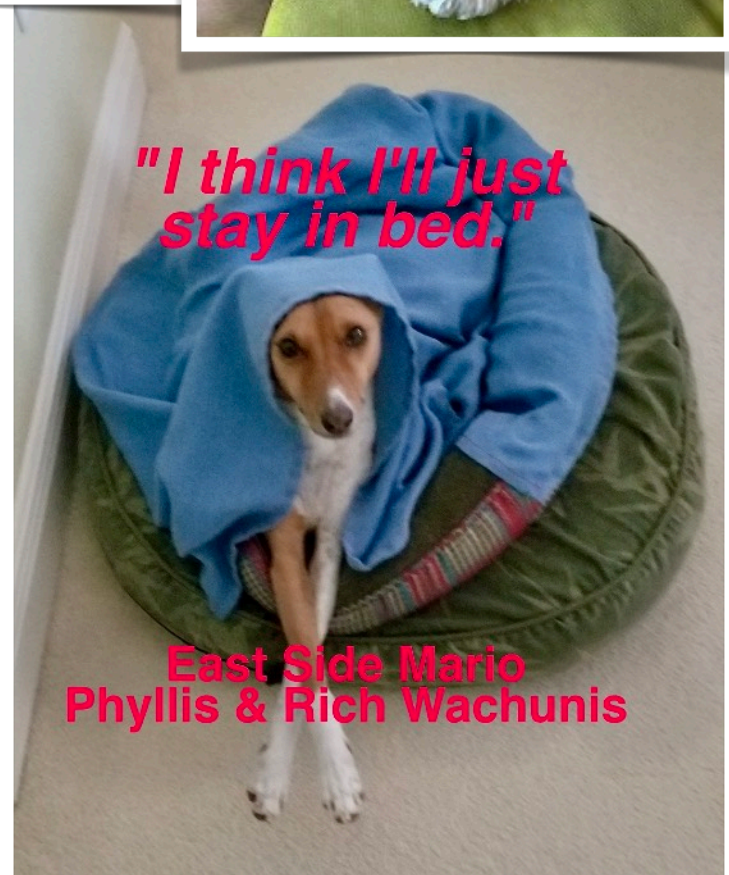


Please remember that you are responsible for keeping your sidewalks and driveways clean.



*Special Feature...*

# OUR DOGS OF SUMMER







"Will this pose be cute enough for the newsletter?"

Skamp.  
Pidge & Mark Barreda



"I always enjoy a little TV in the afternoon."

Tucker.  
Pidge & Mark Barreda



"I think we can swim to Meisha's from here."

Molly & Murphy.  
Gail & Ron Tutewiller



"Since retiring I'm a certified couch potato."

Dante.  
Elvi & Sam Starrett



"The party doesn't start until I have sand in my face!"

Shitoh.  
Paul & Marni Tobin



## Why Pond Plantings are Essential to Our Pond Ecology

Wisteria Park has six ponds throughout the community; they are considered “working ponds”. Working ponds are retention basins that help control the flow of water from storms or runoff.

Wisteria Ponds are working well. Based on the advice of our pond maintenance and SWFWMD (Southwest Florida Water Management District) Wisteria park added pond plantings a few years ago and they are thriving.



Pond plants are essential for the health of Wisteria Ponds. Both Manatee County and SWFWMD require plants to be growing in the ponds on the Littoral shelf.

Some of the ponds at Wisteria have designated littoral shelves (a shallow area where



plants are supposed to thrive), which were designed during the construction phase of the community. They are there to help clean the water by up-taking nutrients that get flushed in due to runoff. The plants help limit algae growth which can be very

unsightly. They also provide habitat for wildlife and help prevent shoreline erosion.

A few years back we added additional plantings to some of the perimeters to help with bank stabilization and help reduce erosion impacts. These plants are all depth dependent and are not



able to survive in water more than about 2 1/2 ft. deep. Once the water becomes deeper the plants are not able to further spread.

The idea is that the plants will uptake excess nutrients before the water leaves the stormwater system and ultimately reaches the Bay. Think of it like a pool filter for the pond that is designed to filter out the bad things within the water body. This is also an ideal area for algae growth so you really don't want to remove these plants as they will outcompete algae for light, space, and nutrients.

The plants are essential and while it appears in some areas they are continually spreading, it is mandatory to have native plants to keep in compliance.

[Note: Information above was supplied by Solitude Lake Management]

## Community Business

Access our community website at <https://www.wisteriaparkhoa.com>

Here you'll find a wealth of information regarding our community rules, regulations, and covenants. You'll also find info on our Board of Directors, pool hours, landscaping info, waste removal schedules, change request forms, and so much more.

### Approve Before You Make a Move.

**Reminder:** ARC approval is required for the construction, restoration, reconstruction or expansion of any improvement on a Lot.

It is important to follow the procedures outlined in the Declaration, Amendments, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; [WP Documents.pdf \(wisteriaparkhoa.com\)](#) Section 9.05.

The procedure outlines the information needed to submit a Modification Request Form [WP Modification Request Form v4-E.pdf \(wisteriaparkhoa.com\)](#). You must include detailed information as specified in the documents; (e.g. a copy of the plans, location on survey, color, dimensions, materials being used,

etc) or the Request could be denied. Homeowners are highly encouraged to attend the meetings when submitting their request. The homeowner is responsible for ensuring that all permits and Manatee County inspections are completed.

## Monthly Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday at 3pm via Zoom. **Please attend if you have concerns or ideas to share!**

A notice with the agenda of the meeting is posted and emailed at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. You are encouraged to attend.

### Questions:

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## THIS ISSUE'S FEATURED HOME

Each issue we feature a Wisteria Park home with stellar landscaping.

The bar is pretty high here at Wisteria Park. More homeowners are upping their landscaping and, by doing so, make life more beautiful for all of us.

This issue's featured home is located at 8802 18th. Ave. NW. The residents have created a masterpiece that reflects well on our community.





## A Message from our President

We have reached the mid-point of the year and besides battling the heat and humidity the HOA continues to thrive.

The new pool awnings finally arrived and help to provide the much needed shade at the pool. The HOA is looking at new signage around the pools, more information to follow. The Board is updating our Reserve Study with Reserve Advisors. This study will help guide us with larger projects over the next few years.

The HOA board will be looking for additional board member(s) at the end of the year. If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, consider becoming part of the HOA Board. It is very rewarding being part of a group that helps to maintain and increase our property values. The energy and ongoing projects of the Board continue to make Wisteria Park a desirable community in Bradenton. If you would like additional information please reach out to any Board member.

The Wisteria Park HOA website is a wealth of information. (<https://www.wisteriaparkhoa.com/>). Please familiarize yourself with information on Wisteria Park.

Respectfully,  
Maureen Hooper  
President WP HOA

## A Message from our Treasurer

Our financial situation continues to be in great shape! A review of last year's finances is currently being checked by an outside accounting firm. This action was slightly delayed because of the outstanding invoices that needed to be negotiated with Duval for the 2021 fiscal year.

We have also approved the hiring of a firm to suggest any changes we should make to our reserve levels. This process is done every five years to assist us in keeping our reserves in line for future expenses.

My thanks for this opportunity to serve as your Treasurer. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Janice Carroll  
Treasurer

## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A HURRICANE?

The past year has been marked by devastating hurricanes of record ferocity and mind numbing damage.

Are you ready for the next wave? Just click the picture to the right and it will take you to an excellent hurricane preparedness guide.

Read it and keep it handy. It may just save your life.

