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## Household Hints

### *Paint*

Sun, rain and wind can take a toll on the exterior finishes of our houses. The Architectural Review Committee has just posted an addendum to the Wisteria Park Residential Community Design Guidelines on paint colors on the Argus Management/Wisteria Park Web site (see page two for the Web site URL). Thanks to the diligent research of Christine Abbott, a helpful folder with lists of paint colors, paint chips/samples, advice and instructions is now available on loan to homeowners who want to re-paint the exterior surfaces of their houses (walls, trim and doors). ARC permission is required ONLY if homeowner wishes to change colors. The sample folder can be borrowed by contacting the Wisteria Park Property Manager (see address on page two).

### *Mirrors*

A homeowner has asked for advice on a mirror wall installed as part of the original house construction that is now de-laminating. Anyone who has dealt with a similar problem should let the Wisteria Park Property Manager (see address on page two) know and she will be pleased to pass any advice along.

## 2015 Calendar of Events

May 26 (**Tuesday**) – 7:00 pm – Board

June 22 (**Monday**) – 7:00 pm - Board

*(ARC meetings on an 'as required' basis through the summer)*

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

*All meeting notices and agendas are posted on the Argus website and on the Wisteria Park notice board at the community pool a minimum of 48 hours in advance.*

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

## A Word from the Editor



Meisha Wilson with Cooper  
Meet Meisha Wilson and Cooper, the second puppy that she has raised for Southeastern Guide Dogs (SEGD). After spending a year with Meisha and

training with SEGD in November 2014, Meisha has just received the great news that Cooper has been placed with a visually impaired student. Meisha will meet the student and see Cooper one last time before the pair head home to live and work together.

SEGD fosters out puppies at around eight to ten weeks old for about a year. During this time guardians like Meisha are expected to complete basic dog obedience training (sit, lie down, stay, heel) and expose their wards to a wide variety of real life settings: people and crowds, different noises and sounds, restaurants, other dogs, cars and traffic. Meisha and her ward are also required to attend training meetings twice a month.

*(see page two, column two)*

## Landscape Lore

*Ganoderma* is not a pretty word nor a pretty sight as it kills off our beautiful Queen palms. It is a wood-decaying fungal disease, is not preventable and is incurable. A presentation by the Lee County Extension of the University of Florida graphically outlines the swift progression of the disease([http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/Hort/Videos and Powerpoints/Some Palm Problems.pdf](http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/Hort/Videos%20and%20Powerpoints/Some%20Palm%20Problems.pdf), pages 55 to 61). A more resistant palm variety is the Foxtail palm but it is not entirely immune either. The only treatment is to remove the affected palms. This has been done for diseased palms found on Wisteria Park common property. Homeowners facing this problem should contact the Wisteria Park Property Manager (see address below) for advice.

A recent attack of hibiscus scale has prompted a few homeowners to opt for a fairly inexpensive spray treatment. If you think this problem is affecting your hibiscus, contact your landscaper or TruScapes (through the property manager) for inspection and advice.

Further to the item on trees in the last issue, the Residential Community Design Guidelines have been updated with an addendum listing acceptable live oak replacement trees. The addendum has been added to the Argus Management/Wisteria Park Web site (see URL below). Several homeowners have taken advantage of the Manatee County online tree replacement process and have already replaced invasive live oaks with other trees like holly and black olive.

## 2015 Board of Directors

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## Question? - Contact our Community Association Manager

Iris Zieler – [iris@argusmgmt.com](mailto:iris@argusmgmt.com) or 941-927-6464, ext. 128  
Visit Argus Management's website at [www.argusmgmt.com](http://www.argusmgmt.com), click "Client Login", "Wisteria Park", and enter password "wpa" to access meeting agendas, minutes, financial reports, rules, forms and other community information.

## Guide Dogs continued

Meisha is currently fostering Robey, who is due to train with SEG D on June 28. And no worries about leaving Robey house bound as she goes to work with Meisha every day!

Meisha tells me that she is always amazed at the individual personalities shown by her dogs. Her first dog Cory, who is a "forever" member of the family because dysplasia made her unsuitable as a guide dog, is very calm and a bit of a "couch potato". Robey and Cooper are much more active, but also like to hang out with their masters – a perfect combination for a service dog.

Meisha has found that her foster role does require a significant commitment. However, the satisfaction of seeing her wards develop and finally graduate to full-time and very important jobs makes the commitment and effort more than worthwhile. Finally there is nothing better than the appreciation expressed by the staff at SEG D unless it is the thanks of the clients who are being matched with one of her wards!

## Board Bits

Recently Argus Property Management advised the Board that property manager assignments had been realigned. Iris Zieler is now looking after Wisteria Park, replacing Linda Chapman. Iris can be reached by telephone at 941-927-6464 extension 128. Her email address is [iris@argusmanagement.com](mailto:iris@argusmanagement.com).

Linda has been a great coach for the Board and dedicated in caring for the needs of our residents. We will miss her. We are happy to welcome Iris and look forward to working with her, starting with the Board's next meeting on May 26.

Information is regularly posted to the Argus Management/Wisteria Park Web site (see below for instructions on how to access it). Included are the minutes of monthly meetings, the recent addenda to the Residential Community Design Guidelines and more. Check it out!