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Do you enjoy cycling?

A few Wisteria Park neighbors participated in local "couple" rides this fall. In October Ken Barbalato, Peggy Bowers and Maureen Hooper rode the 35-mile "Tour de North Port" for *People for Trees*.



On November 1, the group expanded to include Dave Hooper, & Peggy's two sisters, Janet and Marylee from Maryland. They completed the Metric 100 – 63 miles in *Cyclefest* at Lakewood Ranch.

Upon their return from the ride they were greeted with a "Finish Line" party at the pool! The event included a great feast, cake & rewards for their accomplishments!



The cyclists would like to thank all their WPA Friends who made the day so memorable! We look forward to additional rides in 2016 ...including neighborhood rides and surrounding areas.

If you are interested in cycling, please contact Maureen Hooper (mhooper8530@gmail.com) or Peggy Bowers (peggy.bowers@gmail.com)

2015 Calendar of Events*

December 28 (Monday) – 7:00 pm – Board
(ARC meetings on an 'as required' basis)

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/>

*** The Wisteria Park Homeowners Association Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm in Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall.**

Landscape Lore

Fusarium is a lethal fungal disease of (mainly) Queen palm trees. It is suspected the disease is spread through wind-blown spores and there is no known prevention or cure. Sadly, it has been necessary to take down a number of Wisteria Park's Queen palms.

Homeowners whose palms are affected by *fusarium* need to arrange to remove them before the spores affect other trees. Other palms should not be re-planted in the same soil due to the risk of contagion. See <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pp278> for more information.

Board Bits

Bags of mulch are heavy, awkward and tedious to spread. We appreciate having this done every year so imagine the dismay when it was learned that Wisteria Park had been forgotten on the mulching schedule! Nonetheless, WP should have mulch in time for Christmas!

For some time, the Board has been concerned about the state of the pump room and the storage of chemicals in the community pool area. A project to tackle the situation has been developed and work should begin soon.

Ficus is a word the Board would like to forget but is hard to ignore in Wisteria Park. Dealing cost-effectively with the numerous ficus hedges on common property has been an ongoing challenge. Trimming and treating of problem spots were approved at a recent meeting and a strategy for the remaining major problem area is under active consideration.

Household Hints

No need to remind everyone how short the days are getting as we approach the winter solstice on December 22.

Shorter days mean longer nights and darker streets in Wisteria Park. It really helps to have pole and carriage lights on after sunset for those who are walking dogs or just trying to navigate sidewalks.

Homeowners are asked to replace burnt-out pole-lamp bulbs and check that sensors are operating correctly. Inexpensive-to-operate LED light-sensitive “dusk to dawn” bulbs for carriage (garage) lamps are available at Home Depot and Lowes.

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Question? - Contact our Community Association Manager

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Visit Argus Management’s website at 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.

Bunco!



Wisteria Park neighbors got together in early December to play a lively dice game called Bunco. It is a great way to meet new neighbors and have fun. A few rolls of the dice and you might hear someone yelling “Bunco”, see someone holding the WPA bear, hear a bell ringing and join everyone moving around the table or on to a new table.

If you are interested in learning more about the game, contact Maureen Hooper (mhooper8530@gmail.com).

A Word from the Editor

Here it is the middle of December already. How does a year go by so quickly! Highlights for me have included meeting more Wisteria Park residents through my work with the Board and enjoying the great friends and neighbors we already have.

Publication of this Newsletter is largely attributable to the dedicated research and writing provided by Gail Larose. We have all been amazed at her ability to dig up new information on some of our landscaping issues at Wisteria Park.

We have also been lucky to have some other interesting and fun contributors like Rich Wachunis, Meisha Wilson and Maureen Hooper. Thanks all!!! All of our residents may have stories to share or might be able to suggest topics that you think would be of interest in our Newsletter. Please let us know if you have some inspirations.

Finally, Gail and I would like to extend our best wishes for this holiday season and for a rewarding 2016 for all. See you next year!