



Homeowners Association
Newsletter

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Safety and Security (1)

Tropical Storm Emily hit the Gulf Coast in late July with little or no warning, uprooting trees, plants and vegetation in Wisteria Park, as well as damaging infrastructure like the pool trellis and two sections of fence on 21st Avenue. Thankfully, there were no reports of injuries to homeowners but power was out for several hours (the second time in a month) presenting a real problem for those who depend on electrical equipment for their wellbeing. Although we hope to be alerted to severe storms in time to take action, the best action is to always be prepared.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php>, Florida's hurricane/tropical storm season lasts from June 1 to November 30 each year. Damage may be caused not only by high winds but also flooding from storm surges and heavy rain. Tornados may also occur away from the storm centre.



Many disaster preparedness guides are available to help homeowners ensure their own safety and that of their property, not least of which is the Wisteria Park Disaster Plan that was adopted by the Board in late June 2017 which can be consulted on the Wisteria Park website at

<http://www.wisteriaparkhoa.com/files/board-policies/WP%20HOA%20Disaster%20Plan%20June%202017.pdf>.

The plan contains good advice, a check list and links to many useful and informative websites. Have a look and be prepared!

2017 Calendar of Events

August 28 (Monday) – 4:00 pm Board meeting
September 25 (Monday) – 4:00 pm Board meeting
October 23 (Monday) – 4:00 pm Board meeting
(ARC meetings are on an 'as required' basis)
Meetings are held at the West Manatee Fire and Rescue District Annex Building Meeting Room, 6417 3rd Avenue W, Bradenton 34209.

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

A Word from the Editor

Did you know that WP's Spectrum (Brighthouse) contract expires in June 2018? That means we need to get a new arrangement in place soon, so that the HOA can budget for 2018.

Some considerations: WP is wired for Spectrum and Frontier; with the current mandatory assessment for basic cable and broadband, seasonal residents pay for service they don't need while they are away; more people are "cutting the cord" and using digital antennas and WiFi with services like Netflix; quarterly assessments would be \$210 lower without bulk cable cost (competitive assessments).

The Board is now getting proposals from Spectrum and Frontier for Broadband and Cable and Broadband only. Once armed with specific alternatives, residents will be surveyed in Sept / Oct to assess preferences.

Board Bits

Violations Hearing Panel

Three Wisteria Park homeowners have kindly agreed to form a Violations Hearing Panel in the event one is needed. The criteria are that members should a) not be current or recent Board members, b) not be related to Board members, c) not be violations reporters. In addition, both the east and west sides should be represented by at least one member. For more details, check our website Board policies page at <http://www.wisteriaparkhoa.com/files/board-policies/>. We are grateful to Ron Catton, Louie Roseman and Debbie Michael for stepping forward.

New Board Members Needed

The next Wisteria Park Homeowners Association annual general meeting is not for another six months (January 22, 2018) but anyone interested in serving on the Board may want to think about standing for election now. At least two current Board members will have completed their terms in January so homeowners who are willing to devote some time to the maintenance of Wisteria Park are encouraged to check out the website and talk to current Board members about the challenges and rewards of helping our community out.

Safety and Security (2)

Sheriff patrols

During the month of August, a neighborhood patrol of the pool area by the Manatee County Sheriff's office has been arranged between the hours of 10 pm and 2 am. Schools are scheduled to re-open on August 10 and it is hoped that this measure will help reduce the number of after-hours trespassing incidents.

New pool area trespassing deterrents

New pool signs have been installed that clearly indicate the pool hours. Sensor-operated LED lights over the spa and in the gazebo have also been installed making after-hours trespassers more visible. If you notice a trespasser or anyone using the pool or spa after hours, you are asked to call 941-747-3011, extension 2260 giving the pool address (1730 86th Street NW), your name and contact number and describing the incident. Your cooperation will help keep the pool area safe and secure!

2017 Architectural Review Committee

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Household Hints

Wisteria Park homeowners have until October to arrange to have dirty roofs cleaned before violation notices are handed out. Not only is an occasional cleaning good for roofs in our humid Florida climate, removing dirt, mold and fungi, it enhances the look of the community and the value of our homes.

Many companies will also clean lanais, exterior walls, gutters and windows, if desired. It is recommended that the slate tile roofs on east-side homes be cleaned with a no- or low-pressure wash and rinse that includes a fungicide.

Wisteria Park uses Daystar for its sidewalk cleaning and has been pleased with the results but there are a number of other reputable companies who offer similar services (check Home Advisor or Angie's List for names).

RIP Snooty

On July 23, a day after his 69th birthday, Snooty, the beloved mascot of Manatee County, died accidentally at the South Florida Museum. The world's oldest manatee in human care, Snooty delighted millions of visitors from around the world. Snooty also participated in research programs that provided education about Florida's marine eco-system. The Museum website <http://www.southfloridamuseum.org/remembering-snooty/> has more information about Snooty Memorial Day on Sunday, September 10, 2018.



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