# View From The TERRACES

**MARCH 2019** 

Faith Stanton - President Betty Spangler - Treasurer Cynthia Greenwald - Secretary

A message from the Treasurer of your Homeowner Association Board, Betty Spangler:

As Treasurer and Board member for many years, I want to let everyone know that ONLY with the help of my fellow Board members have we been able to avoid hiring a Management Company. This effort has enabled us to keep annual assessments to a minimum, year after year. Our Board members donate many hours of "behind the scenes" activities, keeping the neighborhood a great place to live.

A recurring issue that is often brought to the attention of the Board is excessive street parking. While the Board does not regulate this issue, it is important to understand that parking can be a real hazard when emergency vehicles attempt to navigate our streets. An example is tandem parking (parking directly across from another vehicle) blocking the roadway so that emergency vehicles cannot pass between the cars. This delay could mean someone's life, so please be considerate.

# "Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." – Unknown

### Annual Meeting – Tuesday, January 8, 2019

We had 8 guests attend our Annual Meeting. Perhaps we should offer refreshments at all meetings to entice more Terraces' residents to attend.

After tallying proxy votes, the following were elected as Directors, to serve for one year:

President	Gary Mircoff
Vice President	Faith Stanton
Secretary	Cynthia Greenwald
Treasurer	Betty Spangler
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Remember, The Terraces Directors are volunteers.

They are passionate about this community and have a commitment to maintain high standards for all who live here. We encourage other residents, either homeowners OR renters, who are also concerned and interested in making this a wonderful place to live, to consider getting involved. Please join our Tuesday, March 12th meeting

# "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

# WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT

We regret to inform you that due to health concerns, Gary Mircoff has submitted his resignation as President to the Board. The Board is very grateful for all the hard work Gary selflessly gave to make The Terraces a better community. He made such a difference. Thankfully, Faith Stanton, who has been the acting Vice President, has accepted the post of President. An owner for the past 35 years, you will see her blond head enthusiastically walking the neighborhood and Eagle Circle South. She always has a huge smile on her face and a big wave for those who honk their horns as they see her. You could call her our "mascot" for the community. Her grown son, Rob, is an over-the-road truck driver. She keeps very busy with her job, as an Insurance Coordinator, and hobbies that include gardening, reading, working out (a lot) and walking. She is also an active member of her church. Those of you who have lived here awhile will remember her late husband, Tim, who also served on the HOA Board for many years. Welcome, Faith, and thank you for stepping up to the plate.

# HOA BOARD POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT IS OPEN

With our recent change in the position of President, we now have a vacancy for Vice President. If you would be interested in becoming part of our very active Board and would like to get your feet wet without investing too

"YARD OF THE MONTH"

Get ready to spruce up your yard so you can win a \$25.00 Lowes gift card!!! April will be the first month of our HOA selection of winners for the best groomed and most attractive yard of the month. We look for yards that have not won before and that have some especially creative plantings and landscape designs. Good luck to everyone.

We are still in need of finding 1 or 2 people who would be willing to donate a couple of hours a month in handing out violations to residents on Copperstone. We already have a very competent person on Bridlebrook, but we really have not had anyone on Copperstone for the last 6 months. Should you be interested, the Board would maintain your anonymity. Please contact Cynthia Greenwald at cyngreenwald@gmail.com.

#### Lawn Clippings

There is no law on how you're supposed to clean up lawn clippings; however, clippings often land in the street and head directly into storm-water basins, creating toxic algae blooms that ultimately end up in our lakes.

Also, keeping our drains clear can help prevent possible flooding due to clogged basins.

All residents should dispose of their grass clippings correctly by placing them in bags or containers. Bags and/or containers cannot weigh more than 50 pounds each.

A total of fifteen (15) containers will be picked up each collection day, in any combination of bags, tied bundles or containers.

Collection day for The Terraces is every Wednesday, with the exception of Christmas Day, New Years' Day, or July 4th if any of these holidays fall on a Wednesday.

MOST IMPORTANT: BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. DO NOT BLOW YOUR LAWN CLIPPINGS ONTO YOUR NEIGHBOR'S YARD.

# Violations

With the New Year comes "New Year's Resolutions." The HOA Board has made a commitment to place emphasis on sprucing up our community. This means that the Violations Committee will be actively in force perusing the neighborhood looking for homes that are not in compliance with our Covenants.

Your HOA Covenants provide guidelines on what constitutes a violation. Violations could include lawns in need of mowing, edging or weeding, unsightly yard debris, construction materials, general maintenance issues, vehicles parked incorrectly, etc. Homes and properties that are neglected affect property values for the rest of us.

· Keep your front yard mowed and edged and replace sod when necessary

• Keep all garbage cans and building materials out of view of the road –except on garbage pick-up dates

• Move all boats / trailers out of your driveway or off the road after three days

• Keep your home in good repair; paint when necessary and remove mold and mildew from view Any home deemed in violation will receive a yellow "Violation Notice." Generally, recipients are

given seven (7) days to rectify the problem. However, in some instances that involve more extensive effort such as painting or re-sodding, etc., the Board will work with you to establish a more responsible timeframe to accomplish the task. It is important to understand that, in the event this problem is not corrected, your HOA DOES have the authority to take legal action.



#### Saturday, December 15th

We are delighted to announce the winners of the 2018 Holiday Decoration Contest. Again, this was a tough year for the judges. Many homes went "all out" to make the community very festive. Unfortunately, if you were a prior "first place" winner in the past 3 years, you were not eligible. Recipients received gift cards from Publix. Congratulations to: 1st Place (\$50.00 Gift Card) 380 Copperstone / Cathy Lenihan 2nd Place (\$35.00 Gift Card) 393 Copperstone / Leonardo and Michelle Dominguez 3rd Place (\$25.00 Gift Card) 1361 Bridlebrook / Dana and Abby Allen Honorable Mentions (receiving \$10 Gift Cards): 1312 Bridlebrook / Tim Bunyon

1436 Bridlebrook / Steven Charnas

472 Copperstone / Pete and Denise Konter

Thank you to everyone who decorated your homes and lawns. You helped make our neighborhood very festive for the holidays.

# **RAFFLE WINNER!!!**

\$10 Walmart Gift Card

**Congratulations to Christian Howell** 

for winning the January HOA Annuah Meeting raffle.

The raffle is held when 5 or more guests attend. It could be YOU!!!!

Join us on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 for the next meeting.

# **2019 SEMINOLE COUNTY FAIR**

FREE ADMISSION! FREE ENTERTAINMENT! FREE PARKING! Friday, March 22 through Sunday, March 31 NEW LOCATION SEMINOLE TOWNE CENTER 200 TOWNE CENTER CIRCLE SANFORD, FL 32771 Friday, March 22 - Fair opens at 4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday - Fair opens at 1 p.m. Weekdays - Fair opens at 4 p.m.



Closing times vary based on weather conditions and the number of people on the midway. Typically we close at 11 p.m. on weekends and maybe a little earlier during the week. FOUR Reasons Why You Should Pick Up After Your Dog Posted online - February 9, 2017

#### 1. Common Courtesy – What's that smell?

There are many things that can ruin your day, but stepping in a steaming pile is definitely high on the list. When you take your pet off of your property, you are entering public shared space. It is the duty of pet owners to ensure that they pick up after their pets. Your dog's waste is your mess, and you need to pick it up yourself.

#### 2. It's Just Poop, It's Natural, It's Fertilizer - Not True!

A common misconception, or excuse people use, is that poop is natural fertilizer. This is not really true. Not all piles of poop are created equal. Dog fesses are omnivores, and their diets are very high in protein. Dog waste is actually so high in nitrogen and phosphorus that it can have the opposite effect of fertilizer. It can actually burn your lawn if you don't pick it up.

#### 3. Disease Causing Bacteria and Parasites – Harmful For Humans And Dogs

Nitrogen and phosphorus aren't the only bi-products of dog poop. DOG WASTE CAN BE FULL OF DISEASE CAUSING BACTERIA AND PARASITES. These are very harmful to humans and spread disease to other dogs. Dog waste is full of E. coli, salmonella and is a common carrier of the following: Worms (several types), Parvovirus, Corona virus, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis, and Cryptosporidiosis. These bacteria and parasites can actually linger in the soil for YEARS. If you don't pick up after your dog, you are putting other people and other dogs at risk of getting sick.

#### 4. It Will Just Wash Away and Be Gone Soon - Not True!

Another common misconception is that if you don't pick it up, it will quickly break down or wash away. DOG WASTE CAN TAKE AS LONG AS A YEAR TO NATURALLY BREAK DOWN. Even if you leave the poop on the ground and it does eventually break down, all of those bacteria and parasites will be left to linger there for several more years.

Be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your dog

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