



Watercrest Community Association Newsletter October 2024

Hurricane Milton The Board continues to assess damage to the community. The primary damage was to the north and east PVC fences which had several panels blown out from the hurricane force winds. Thanks to Board members and homeowners who gathered fence slats that were reuseable and who made minor repairs. Some fence repairs will require replacing damaged posts. Vendors have been contacted for repairs to the fences and other areas (e.g. traffic signs, gates, amenity center roof, etc.) but please be patient as all vendors are obviously very busy and some parts may be in short supply. We also experienced downed trees and uprooted bushes. Artistree, our landscape vendor, began picking up debris just 4 days after the storm and completed their routine mowing a few days later. Thanks to Alan Williams and the Artistree crews for getting our grounds back in shape so quickly.

If you have downed trees or leaning trees that may survive by staking, please let Sean@sunstatemanagment.com know and he will add your name and address to the list. Downed trees and stumps will be removed by the HOA. Trees that can be staked will also be covered by the HOA. Replacement of damaged trees and bushes caused by the hurricane will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Finally, **please remove or retract your hurricane shutters** as required by our declaration of restrictions and our community wide standards (CWS). Shutters are to be removed or retracted from your home no later than 7 days after the date when the National Weather Service (NWS) hurricane watch or warning is withdrawn or when Venice is no longer within the NWS five day “cone of uncertainty.”

Additional Landscaping Updates Please be advised that the replacement sod project that was originally scheduled for late spring/early summer is still on hold as the Board assesses the community damage from Hurricane Milton and its associated cost. (This hold does not include the sod that is part of the North Fence repair project that has been worked on for the last couple of months). This sod will be installed in the near future. It should also be noted that any changes to irrigation (EXCEPT FOR NORMAL REPAIRS) will be billed to the homeowner and not paid for by the HOA.

North Fence Project This project is nearing completion as we are awaiting arrival and installation of the last pallets of sod. Wingood residents, thank you again for your patience.

Board of Directors Meeting Unfortunately the October Board meeting was cancelled due to hurricane Milton. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday November 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Jacaranda Library.

Membership Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election Recently your received by both email and U.S. Mail, notice of our annual meeting and board elections. There are 3 board positions open in this election. If you are interested in running for a position, please submit the information outlined in the above notice on or before November 3rd.

Halloween Watercrest will observe Halloween on Thursday October 31, 2024. Neighbors are asked to give out treats from their driveways from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Please be extremely careful if you are driving in the community at this time as there will be many adults and children crossing the streets. Parents and children please be watchful when out trick or treating as alligators crossing our streets have recently been reported along Nearpoint.