

## Questions & Comments from the residents attending the Annual CDD Meeting and April 3<sup>rd</sup> CDD Meeting

### **Issue:**

Recycling Area – A larger or second recycle bin for papers is needed. Papers are thrown on the ground when the bin is full.

**Response** – We (all residents) need to keep a closer watch on the fullness of the bin and when it is nearly full report same to Kathy Harp who will request the bin be emptied.

### **Issue:**

Pond Maintenance – The CDD has an obligation to maintain all the ponds in the community in a common fashion to avoid their takeover by cat tails and other obnoxious plants.

**Response** – The Compliance Officer at SWFWMD will be here April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to walk-around all the ponds and answer questions about what we are allowed to cut and spray. The CDD will then ascertain the cost of this maintenance and recommend funds be designated in next years budget for this maintenance. This year's budget has \$1200 allocated for Lake & Pond Bank maintenance and none of those funds have been used as of February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Issue:**

Dog Park – A resident takes exception to the Supervisor's comment that the dogs are causing damage to the park. Resident also recommended use of Pachysandra in specific areas of Dog Park for ground cover.

**Response** – Maybe the word "damage" should have been replaced with normal wear and tear. Dogs have been noted digging holes and scratching up the sod, a "normal" thing for dogs to do. Supervisor Dave Colflesh will continue to work with the "Dog Owner's Club" to come up with a viable action plan for everyone's benefit.

### **Issue:**

When will gate to Connerton be open? Can another type of gate (more secure) be used?

**Response** – The gate will be open when all the require permits and approvals have been obtained by Florida Dream Communities, Connerton and Pasco County. This could be another 30 – 60 days.

The developer selected the gate currently installed. The cost of replacing it with another type would have to be explored and brought before the Board for a decision.

**Issue:**

How do residents get the approvals necessary to replace the tree(s) in front of their homes?

**Response** - The HOA ACC Committee can assist any resident with their request. Approval by Pasco County is needed only in specific cases.

**Comment:**

During meetings and other events having large attendance, golf carts should be parked on the grass to facilitate adequate parking for cars.

**Response** – Parking golf carts on the grass areas around the clubhouse injures the grass and increases maintenance costs. Perhaps golf cart owners could park on the sidewalks to the rear and sides of the clubhouse, leaving the building exits and front sidewalks open and unobstructed for pedestrian use.

**Issue:**

The water behind Berna Lane is covered with algae. Can anything be done about this?

**Response** – Algae is a problem in all water areas right now because we have had so little rain. I will ask the SWFWMD representative if there is an economical solution to this problem.

**Issue:**

Why were the back gates placed so far “inward” so that residents of Connerton can access the golf course without obstacle and without paying?

**Response** – The gates were placed so that residents entering would be on The Groves property while waiting for the gate to open and so they would not block the golf carts going from the 12<sup>th</sup> green to the 13<sup>th</sup> tee. The area to the north of the fence line is Connerton property.

**Issue:**

Under age children have been seen driving golf carts on our streets.  
What is our liability?

**Response** – The golf course management does not allow any person without a driver's license drive one of their golf carts. Some grandparents don't seem to see the danger in allowing children to drive their carts. We have asked all residents to refrain from allowing this to happen. Should an accident occur, the lawyers and courts will decide who is liable?

**Issue:**

What about ID badges for residents (using the pool). Is the pool open to the public also?

**Response** – For ID badges, wrist or ankle bracelets to be effective we need someone to police the pool area. We currently have no one to do this. The "public" can purchase an annual pass for using the pool but the fee is so high no one has taken us up on it.

**Issue:**

The fitness center is too small and there isn't enough fitness equipment for the amount of people using it. Knock down the wall between the fitness center and media room and expand the fitness center.

**Response** – That is a possibility if the residents so desire. However, not every resident has a computer in their home and they use the computers in the media room. This issue needs a lot of study and fact finding to bring to the Board for a decision.

**Issue:**

Height of shrubs at intersections is too high.

**Response** – The shrubs are maintained at their present height to hide or screen the transformers and electrical boxes within them.

**Comment:**

We could save on our electricity bills if we turned on lights only as we needed.

**Response** – We try to monitor this best we can. We ask for everyone's cooperation.

**Issue:**

Unwelcome solicitors knocking on doors.

**Response** – We will be looking into what kind of signs and restrictions are permissible to use to try to control this activity.

**Issue:**

What needs to be done about the dead orange trees in our community?

**Response** – We will survey our community and address the removal of dead citrus trees with our new common area maintenance contractor.

The preceding questions and comments addressed by residents were condensed to define the essence of the issue. They have either been addressed by the Board or will be discussed at a future meeting.

Sincerely,

Don Pratt, Chairman  
Board of Directors