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Anyone interested in running for a place on the Board of Directors should contact the office. Please submit a short resume'. Ballots on the 2023 Board will be tallied during the November Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting. Don't forget to mail/drop off your proxies and ballots at the office for this election. They will be mailed directly to you approximately one month prior to this meeting. Three directorships are up for re-election. Please submit your information to the office before Friday, September 16th. Your resume' will appear in the newsletter. Thank you.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Submitted by  
*Judee Coyle*

Let's start September with some congratulations to our Santa truck homeowners, Ken Tiggelman and his wife, Wanda. The Tiggelman's truck took second place in the Olde Town's Classic Cars show and the trophy is taller than Wanda. Congrats again!

On a more serious note - There has been a few "attempted" and an actual theft from rear screened-in and windowed homes in Somerset. Thankfully, no serious damage was done - ripped screens, broken handle, old bike with blown tires - was the extent of the damage. One - only one-homeowner notified the Sheriffs' department.

Please, Somerset homeowners, if someone even attempts to enter your premises call the sheriff!

Many homeowners have installed motion detectors or night spotlights which can also serve as a deterrent for the attempts.

Still, the best thing to do is call the sheriff. They will come, check the premises and even take fingerprints. The Sheriff's department is here to safeguard the people of Orange County - you

as homeowners have every right to seek their assistance when needed.



## Architectural Review Committee

by *Alex Chiaro*

September is here Somerset! Many homes are looking beautiful with a fresh coat of paint and new roofs. Many new projects have begun, and I want to make sure that everyone is aware that any changes to the outside of your home will need ARC approval *prior* to work beginning.

Some questions may arise as to whether ARC approval is needed or not. When in doubt...please ask.

We are currently in a few situations with homeowners having to remove work that has already been done to their home. We never want anyone to have to incur the expense of having to redo a project. This is a completely avoidable situation. Please double check with our clubhouse if you are not sure.

Architectural Review forms are available at the clubhouse. You can print a form from our website and submit it online as well. When painting, exact colors

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**...ARC COMMITTEE  
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(with color number) that is to be used for the house, trim and/or driveway must be listed on the form along with the current roof color of the home

The committee meets each third Thursday of the month if required. Somerset is a beautiful community. Thank you to all the residents who keep it that way.

**Treasury Notes**

*Liz Norfolk  
Treasurer/Web Designer*

A homeowner asked: "Why can't we use the 'Reserves' for daily expenditures rather than increase the dues?" Well, the Reserve Bank account is for capital improvements. Most importantly it's what keeps us from having to subject our homeowners to that dreaded HOA Assessment.

Think of the reserve account as a 'safety net'.

If we tapped into the reserves to operate our village, then after a while, we would be forced to use the money in the reserves. Then what? An assessment?

I am aware there are Williamsburg villages that do not have sufficient reserves and have had to assess their homeowners when an unexpected expense is

incurred.

Somerset Village HOA has never assessed a property owner and it's our intention that we will do whatever is necessary so that will never happen.

**Building Committee**



*by Francine McCluskey*

Here's a few fun things for you: We now have added a refrigerator for the use of folks having a party.

We have the oven in working order (turns out the circuit breaker had flipped and we had a scavenger hunt to locate where this circuit breaker is located).

The decorative skills of the last few room renters is amazing.

No matter the celebration - Graduation or 50th Anniversary, First Wedding Anniversary, our residents have converted our party room in to a magical setting to reflect their theme.

Now for my typical: Had the down spout on the corner of the building repaired (it had gotten detached a little). Had repair made to the spigot used for filling the baby pool and had the plastic handles replaced with brass ones. We had to replace

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## Out and About In Our Community

*Submitted by Joe Grelish*

Greetings Friends and Neighbors, This month, yours truly, planned to write a great article on the new Brightline rail service from Orlando to Miami and vice versa. Well, "Shiver me Timbers", several of the websites that were perused by myself had conflicting and erroneous information. Now onto what was able to be deciphered. Today, Brightline trains share tracks with freight trains from Miami to West Palm Beach. The company is paying for track upgrades on the shared use line from West Palm Beach north to Cocoa. Those improvements, costing an estimated \$4 billion dollars, will allow Brightline to run up to 110 mph from West Palm Beach to Cocoa starting in 2022.

Brightline trains will seamlessly exit the freight line at Cocoa and head west on the new dedicated tracks to Orlando International Airport, Terminal C. Terminal C is supposed to open to the public, this month, September 2022.

Future service will extend from Orlando International Airport to Tampa on dedicated tracks in the median of I-4, which was widened in the late 2000's to accommodate high speed trains. This planned extension allegedly will have stops at Walt Disney World and in Lakeland, as well as a link to Orlando's SunRail commuter train. The definitive location of the link to Orlando's SunRail commuter train has not been released, and perhaps remains undetermined as of this writing.

Every Brightline train includes spacious restrooms that feature a touch free experience. (Their words, not mine!)

There is complimentary high speed Wi-Fi offered on all Brightline trains and power outlets / USB ports are available at the seats. Brightline trains are pet friendly for dogs and cats, with restrictions. Pets must be leashed, or crated at all times while on the train, or within the station.

Smart passengers may purchase snacks and non alcoholic beverages aboard the train. For Premium paying passengers, snacks and non alcoholic beverages are included. Having travel options using rail to visit some portions of our paradise state is a dream come true. There will be challenges and problems as with any new undertaking. That's OK. We have extremely intelligent, dedicated, committed personnel dedicated to their fields of expertise to fix any problem that may arise.

We live in a fantastic state surrounded with beauty, wildlife and opportunity, Get out of your rut (the only difference between a rut, and the grave, is the size of the hole) and go take a few train rides on Brightline and suck it all in..!

Until next time friends, be well and watch out for our national treasure, our children.



## Williamsburg Golf Association

*Submitted by Santiago Lopez,  
WGA President 502-376-2995*

The Williamsburg Golf Association plays regularly on Wednesdays at Remington Golf Course in Kissimmee, FL. It is a 7:30AM shotgun start.

The membership fee to the WGA is \$20.00 yearly. Three rounds of play are necessary to establish a handicap. Once you get your handicap you pay an additional \$5.00 per round for the league play. First place pays \$6.00 per man, per team, Second place pays \$5.00 and Third place pays \$4.00. The fees mentioned above are in addition to your greens fee to Remington Golf Club.

Closest to the pin winners receive \$10 on a Par 3. If you or anyone you know are interested in joining the league please feel free to call or text me (Santiago) at 502-376-2995.

### Closest to the Pin:

Rita Behnken, Santiago Lopez, George Schreiber, Roberto Rivera, Frank Velez, Donna Marcontell, Edwin Marrero, Ron Behnken, William Flores, Dennis Wolfe, Jose Soto and Bill Marcontell.

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4	5 <i>Labor Day Office Closed</i>	6	 <i>Lawn Service</i> 7 <i>Office Closed</i>	 8 9:30am Panera Bread	  9	10
11	12	13	 <i>Lawn Service</i> 14 <i>Office Closed</i>	 15 9:30am Panera Bread	  16	17
<i>Patriot Day</i>		7pm, GBVC Board Mtg		7pm, GBVC Game Night		
18	19	20	 <i>Lawn Service</i> 21 <i>Office Closed</i>	 22 9:30am Panera Bread	  23	24
25	26	27	 <i>Lawn Service</i> 28 <i>Office Closed</i>	 29 9:30am Panera Bread	  30	
<i>Rosh Hashana Start</i>		<i>Rosh Hashana End</i>				

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11	12 <i>Office Closed</i>	13 <i>Office Closed</i> <b>1pm, Valencia Water Meeting</b> 10:00am Panera Bread	14 <i>Office Closed</i>	15 <i>Office Closed</i>	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17
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## MEETINGS

### LRVCA Board Meeting

Monday, September 19  
 Normally First Monday @ 6:30pm

### Valencia Water Control

Tuesday, September 13 @ 1:00pm

### Lawn Service Days Thursdays

*Weather permitting*



### Chess Players Lake Ridge

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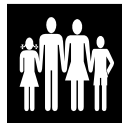
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18	19	20	21  <i>Office Closed</i>	22	23	24 Kids' Club 10am-12pm
25 <i>Rosh Hashana Start</i>	26	27 <i>Rosh Hashana End</i>	28  <i>Office Closed</i>	29	30	
		10:30am Williamsburg Discussion Group	1pm ..... Dominos	1pm ..... Crafts		

## Lawn Care

Lawn care weekly, weather permitting

## Williamsburg Discussion Group Montpelier

We meet weekly on Tuesdays from 10:30am until Noon. Come, listen and learn; bring your best ideas. Meet your charming neighbors and join in the fun.



## Kid's Club Montpelier

Kids from all of the communities, up to age 13, are welcome to join Jo Bladykas last Saturday from 10am-12pm for games, crafts and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the Montpelier Office at 407-352-0385 if you have any questions.



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<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>Labor Day Office Closed</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	 <b>8</b> 1pm . Craft Group	 <b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>Patriot Day</i>	<b>12</b> <b>1:00pm, Book Club</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	 <b>15</b> 1pm . Craft Group <b>7pm Board Mtg in Clubhouse and by Zoom</b>	 <b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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**Board Meeting**

Thursday, September 15, 7pm

**ARC Meeting**

Thursday, September 1, 6pm



**Book Club**

On Monday, September 12th at 1:00 pm in the Great Room we will meet to discuss *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline (Historical Fiction).



**Craft Club  
Parkview Pointe**

Every Thursday at 1:00 pm we gather in the Parkview Pointe Game Room. We socialize. We knit, crochet, embroider, circular loom knitting, etc. We work on our own projects and also items - baby blankets, hats, etc. - to donate to Winnie / Arnold Palmer Hospital (Creations From the Heart). We're happy to share what we know and welcome you to share as well! Join us!



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# Williamsburg Residents: A Message From Your Realtor, Darryl Hunt

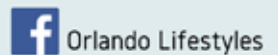
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## Williamsburg Market Update June 2022 - August 2022



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Address	Subd Name	HTD	Sold Price	BED	FB	YR Built	Close Date
10750 Westbrook Dr	Windmill Pointe	1,254	\$260,000	2	2	1980	07/29/2022
5526 Memoria Dr	Montpelier Village	1,268	\$299,900	2	2	1979	08/11/2022
10153 Matchlock Dr	Montpelier Village	1,312	\$305,000	2	2	1980	07/08/2022
4918 Gifford Blvd	Greenbriar Village	1,242	\$305,000	2	2	1981	07/25/2022
4840 Gamling Ln	Greenbriar Village	1,554	\$310,000	2	2	1981	07/06/2022
10866 Wheaton Ct	Windmill Pointe	1,680	\$315,000	2	2	1980	07/06/2022
4743 Gardenbrook Ln	Greenbriar Village	1,394	\$321,000	2	2	1981	06/29/2022
11230 Purple Plum Ct	Parkview North	1,836	\$325,500	3	2	1992	07/06/2022
5234 Mayapple Cir	Orangewood Shadowwood	1,064	\$333,900	2	2	1979	07/25/2022
5433 Silent Brook Dr	Somerset Village	1,619	\$335,000	2	2	1987	06/23/2022
5838 Plumtree Ct	Parkview Point	1,254	\$360,000	2	2	1989	06/29/2022
10223 Manila Bay Dr	Montpelier Village	1,260	\$360,000	2	2	1980	07/13/2022
12001 Dennison Ct	Deer Creek Village	1,576	\$365,000	3	2	1989	07/15/2022
10025 Garrison Ln	Greenbriar Village	1,576	\$365,500	3	2	1981	08/08/2022
10655 Lazy Lake Dr	Orangewood Shadowwood	1,929	\$370,000	3	2	1979	07/20/2022
10635 Bellflower Ct	Lake Ridge Village	1,929	\$390,000	3	2	1983	07/25/2022
5321 Seaton Hall Ln	Somerset Village	1,878	\$400,000	3	2	1987	07/05/2022
11640 Peachstone Ln	Parkview Pointe	1,952	\$408,000	3	2	1991	06/30/2022
11714 Peachstone Ln	Parkview Pointe	2,132	\$415,000	3	2	1990	08/05/2022
5515 W Scarington Ct	Somerset Village	1,835	\$428,000	3	2	1988	07/29/2022
10301 Gray Eagle Dr	Greenbriar Village	2,056	\$452,000	3	2	1981	07/12/2022
5517 W Sacramento Ct	Somerset Village	2,352	\$455,000	3	3	1989	06/30/2022



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## MEETINGS

**C&R Committee Mtg**  
 Tuesday, September 6, 10am  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
 Monday, September 12, 7pm  
**ARC Meeting** (If needed)  
 Thursday, September 15, 6pm

Please note that indoor Gentle Chair Yoga has been suspended for the summer. It will resume in the fall when temperatures are cooler.

## LAWN SERVICE

Lawn Service -Every Tuesday & Wednesday during the rainy season. Weather permitting.




Please be sure to clear your yard of any objects, furniture, branches, toys, etc on mowing days. Thanks.

The **Main Room** in the clubhouse is now **available to rent** for homeowner events. Rent: \$250 Security Deposit: \$250. Separate checks checks required with application. Contact the office for details.



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Make sure we have your correct email address and phone number. Fill out the Homeowner Contact Form and send it via email to the club or send the slip along with your dues. We're putting together an electronic version of the Phoenix for those interested but need to be sure we have your most current, correct email address. Thanks!					1	 	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3
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**Win-gate Village Club Association  
 Membership Dues Coupon - September, 2022  
 \$50.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payments due the 1st of the month; late after the 10th.  
 \*\*Late fee \$5.00 after the 10th of the month.\*\***





Please volunteer your time & talents to make your club, home and your community sparkle. Volunteer on the board, a committee or for clubhouse clean-up.

 Lawn Service
  Garbage
  Recycling
  Yard Waste

## SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS

Baby Safety Month. Keeping your baby safe is your No. 1 priority as a parent or caregiver. Whether you're expecting your first baby, adding to your family, or enjoying being a grandparent, now is the ideal time to take some simple steps to keep your baby healthy and safe.

Hunger Action Month. For tens of millions of people in America, a daily meal isn't a choice between different dishes. It's a choice between food and other crucial needs—like medicine, electricity, or child care. This September, join Feeding America for Hunger Action Month by choosing to stand against hunger.

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Ovarian cancer is a leading cause of cancer-related death in American women, largely because early ovarian cancer often has no symptoms. Age and a family history of the disease are the strongest risk factors. Screening for ovarian cancer is difficult, but pelvic imaging and blood tests are currently the best tests for diagnosing ovarian cancer.

## FEWER PEOPLE PLAN TO HAVE BABIES

The U.S. birthrate has been declining for the last six years, and that's not likely to change soon, according to The Washington Post. A 2021 survey of adult men and women who were not currently parents asked how likely they were to have children in the future; just 26% said "very likely," a decrease from 2018, when the number was 32%. Those answering "not too likely" had risen from 16% in 2018 to 21% in 2021.

Why? Fifty-six percent replied that they just don't want kids. Forty-three percent cited medical reasons, economic or financial issues, or lack of a partner. It's all part of a general trend: The 2020 census found that during the previous decade the U.S. population grew at the second slowest rate of any decade since the founding of the U.S.

## TATTOOS NO LONGER MEAN 'UNPROFESSIONAL'

More than 40% of millennials have tattoos, compared to just 13% of baby boomers. That's from the Mint Lounge website, which notes that tattoos have become more acceptable in the workplace in recent years.

A study by LinkedIn notes that around 60% of 2,000 working Americans say that the meaning of "professional" has changed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic—and just 40% think that covering body art to project a more professional appearance is required these days.

Research conducted by LinkedIn and others finds that tattoos don't appear to have much negative (or positive) impact on client relationships at traditional white-collar firms. On the retail front, according to the Journal of Organizational Behavior, customers don't purchase less from employees with tattoos, and in creative businesses, tattooed employees may actually provide a competitive edge.

## PREVENT INJURIES AS YOUR BODY AGES

As our bodies grow older, the risk of musculoskeletal injuries increases. Falls are frequently the cause, especially for people over 55. The NextAvenue website offers these tips for preventing injuries as you inevitably age:

- Check with your doctor. Before you start on any exercise program, or if you're just concerned about potential injuries, talk to your primary care doctor, an orthopedist, or a physical therapist. They'll help you decide what kind of physical activity is safe. This is especially important if you're feeling pain anywhere.
- Practice aerobic exercise. Aerobic exercises like swimming, brisk walking, jogging, and bicycling improve heart health, blood flow and lung capacity. They also help your body release endorphins, which can improve your mood and general sense of well-being.
- Manage your weight. Extra weight is a strain on your heart, knees, hips, and even your fingers. Watch your diet and work with a nutritionist to develop healthy eating habits.
- Avoid falls. Remove tripping hazards like loose rugs. Don't let clutter build up on your floors. Install night lights in hallways and bathrooms so you can walk around safely at night. Wear shoes that support your feet. Always watch where you're walking, both at home and outside.
- Check your medications. Some medicines, including over-the-counter drugs, can make you dizzy or drowsy, increasing the risk of losing your balance and falling. Pay attention to their effect on your body, and talk to your doctor to find out what's safe.

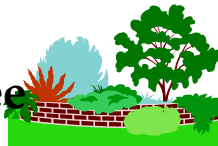


## BUILDING... CONTINUED

one of our A/C units and got that done along with a nifty new thermostat. The wall switch covering the garbage disposal had to be replaced. I think that's enough for one month.

Happy September to all of you.

## Grounds Committee

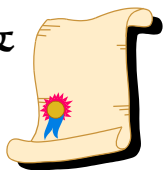


Reminders from Dependable Lawn Services (our landscapers): Hurricane season is here so - any objects on lawn that can be "lifted" by winds should be stored out of harm's way for the season. Second, please remind roofers to remove nails from lawn - before, during and after new roof is being installed - and third - homeowners with sprinkler systems, please water very early on Wednesday mornings - if possible. This will save on ruts appearing on lawns.

P.S. - Thanks for your cooperation. Another reminder: Pool, spa and all outdoor facilities close at dusk.

## Covenants & Restrictions Committee

by Judee Coyle



The Committee "eased up" on driveways that need pressure washing, houses needing repainting, roofs needing cleaning, bushes and shrubs needing trimming and weeds that need pulling. All this acknowledging summer's heat and humidity. Well, Florida's fall is here and the

C & R Committee will be checking all of the above - once again. The vast majority of homes in Somerset are in total compliance which is a credit to our homeowners who wish to keep Somerset "a great place to live". Thank you!

## Ask These Questions When Planning For Change

Every organization has to grow and change if it's going to survive, but bringing change to a workforce isn't always easy even when it's necessary. When you start planning any major change, *Fast Company* recommends asking (and answering) these questions:

- **What specifically do you want to change?** "Increase revenues" or "cut expenses" isn't a plan for change. Identify the problem you want to solve in concrete terms. Then design a solution that addresses the problem in measurable ways. Then you'll be able to zero in on the precise changes you need to make.
- **How will employees be better off?** Employees will embrace change more readily if they see what's in it for them. Start by understanding exactly what you're asking them to do instead of taking for granted they'll just follow orders. Then explain how implementing this change will help everyone, not just the organization's bottom line. Will it improve their day-to-day work experience? Increase their job satisfaction? Lead to raises? Give them tangible reasons to support your plan.
- **What obstacles should you**

**watch for?** Everything won't go smoothly no matter how detailed your plan is. Take some time looking for everything that could go wrong and preparing options for dealing with each potential setback. You'll be better able to adapt if and when you hit a snag, and everyone will feel more confident knowing you've done your homework.

## Hall Of Mirrors

Once a dog sneaked into a museum filled with mirrors. Seeing his reflection everywhere, he froze at the sight of a whole pack of dogs surrounding him from all sides.

The dog bared his teeth and barked. All the reflections responded to it in the same way. Frightened, the dog barked frantically; the dog's reflections imitated the dog and increased it many times. The dog barked even harder, but the echo was magnified. The dog ran from one side of the museum to another while his reflections followed him, snapping at his heels.

The following day, the museum guard found the miserable dog, surrounded by thousands of reflections of helpless dogs. There was nobody to harm the dog. He had exhausted himself by fighting with his own reflections.

## Learn To Tolerate the Pain

During a long winter many animals were dying because of the cold. A group of porcupines decided to huddle together to keep each other warm. Unfortunately, their quills kept wounding their closest companions, so they split up.

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Soon they began to die from the cold. They realized they had to make a choice: Either accept their companions' quills or choose death. Wisely, they decided to come back together. They learned to live with the few wounds caused by their close relationship to receive the warmth of their togetherness. This way, they were able to survive.



**SINCERE  
SYMPATHY**



Our sympathy to Mohammad Yunus and family on the passing of his mother.

**LAWN SERVICE**  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays; weather permitting. Please remember to have your lot cleared of any and all toys, hoses, branches and debris from the mowing paths. Let's keep Somerset looking great!

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**PEOPLE OF  
SOMERSET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary and we haven't mentioned it, please let the office know and we will be happy to include it in the Chatterbox.*  
**Best wishes to all of you celebrating a special day!**

**WELCOME  
NEW  
HOMEOWNER**

Tiffany Geisland  
of Silent Brook Dr

Yvonne Skeet  
of Sandy Hill Dr.

Joao Carneiro  
of Sassparilla Ln.

EnHau Yeh  
of W. Scarington Ct.

**MAIN ROOM  
RENTALS**

The Main Room in the clubhouse is now available for Somerset homeowners to rent for events. Rental Fee: \$250; Security Deposit: \$250. (Separate checks required.) Somerset homeowners may contact the office for details.

**BEST WISHES  
FOR A SPEEDY  
RECOVERY...**



Get Well Wishes are extended to anyone that is under the weather.

**September  
Birthdays**

A very happy birthday to our friends and neighbors in Somerset who are celebrating this month:

- Elaine Greene ..... 2
- Khadija Matthews ..... 15
- Cheryl Gambarrotti ..... 24
- Yvonne Skeet ..... 29

**Anniversary  
Greetings**

Best wishes to those of you who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this month:

- Tom & Gena Jones ..... 2



Check out page 9 of the Williamsburg Times for Somerset's calendar page.

**GARBAGE  
COLLECTION  
DAYS**

THURSDAYS  
GARBAGE ONLY  
(GREEN LID)



FRIDAYS  
RECYCLING  
(BLUE LID)

**& YARD WASTE** (IN YOUR OWN CONTAINERS, BAGS OR BUNDLES)  
**LARGE ITEMS MAY NOW BE PLACED OUT FOR COLLECTION ON FRIDAYS, NO CALL IS NECESSARY.**