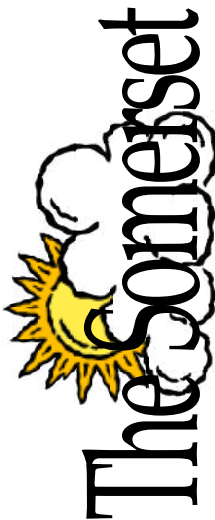


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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Submitted by
Alex Chiaro

August is just around the corner and it is heating up!

Stay hydrated! With the heat of the summer there has been a lot more homeowners at the pool and spa. Please be aware to mind the pool rules and be courteous to all ages while using the pool and amenities.

With the rain storms that we have been experiencing lately, please be aware of tree branches and other debris that maybe lying around your house. Put them in appropriate places so that it will not cause any damage to your house or others around you.

The neighborhood is looking great! Thank you for always keep our community a safe and wonderful place to live.



Architectural Review Committee

by *Alex Chiaro*

As outdoor projects; gardening, home improvements, along with general sprucing up of our properties continue. Some questions may arise as to whether ARC approval is needed or not. When in doubt, fill out an ARC form. 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 (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 we keep it that way. Enjoy summer and all the good things it brings.



Security Committee

by *Denise Anderson*

THE POOL AND SPA AREA
CLOSE AT 8:30PM

In order to comply with the State of Florida and Orange County Health Department ordinances, the Deck area (pool and spa) will close at 8:30pm. Violating this ordinance will result in Orange County closing our pool.

All Homeowners and their guests seen using the Deck area (pool or spa) after 8:30 pm will receive a letter notifying them that they are in violation of Article 8, section 1B, Community Wide Standards article 8, #18. Any future violation will result in a suspension of their clubhouse access for thirty (30) days.

Have a safe August.



From the Treasurer

Liz Norfolk
Treasurer/Web Designer

HAPPINESS

PEP Up Your Weekend

Make weekend plans that include physical, escape-oriented, and people-focused (PEP) activities.

Why It Matters

Anticipating a great weekend - one that offers physical fun, relaxing escapes, and meaningful

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**...TREASURER
CONTINUED**

relationships - can boost your happiness during the workweek.

Pro Tip

Take a scenic hike with friends. Enjoy a date night at the movies. Go on a family picnic.

Enjoy Somerset's Pool, visit our Gym or read a book in our quiet library. Make plans you'll look forward to all week long.

BELONGING

Practice Acceptance

When you meet someone new, focus on your similarities rather than your differences.

Why It Matters

Even if you or another person have very different life experiences and perspectives, odds are that you share common ground as well. And when you find that common ground and connect over it, it increases your sense of belonging.

Pro Tip

Showing curiosity and asking questions are great ways to build a bond with someone. Be open to hearing about their unique experiences and point of view. If differences arise, there's no need to

be defensive. Accept them gracefully and move on.

Building Committee



by Francine McCluskey

Around the Building

The mechanism that makes the toilets work, were replaced on all five toilets: Just another thing that is good maintenance. Later that same month we had the plumber return to fix a massive clog in the men's room. Volume discounts would be nice but not happening at this time. Life is good around the pool and people are enjoying it during the morning, afternoon and early evening hours. Wonderful way to catch up with friends! Hope you all are enjoying our long, hot summer.

Grounds Committee



Just a friendly reminder that if you are planning on putting new sod around your home. Please make sure you notify the Homeowner's Association office, so that we can notify the lawn care company to

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 Game Room, Library & Ball Room 7am-10pm

*Policies: No children under 16 unless accompanied by an adult.
 All guests must be accompanied by a Somerset Homeowner. No guest of other guests are permitted.*



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

I am happy to be back at the course after my knee surgery. I certainly missed the group and golfing. Special thanks to Bobby Randolph and Ira Fleckman for helping to keep everything together while I was out.

Closest to the Pin:

Ron Marble, Jose Soto, Roberto Rivera, Ira Fleckman, Dave Virovatz, Edwin R Marrero, Chuck Sabo, Juan Ruiz, Santiago Lopez, Don Groesbeck.

Our monthly scramble was June 28, 2023. First place was Dave Virovatz, Joe Porter, Juan Ruiz and Thomas Diaz. Second place was Santiago Lopez, William Flores, Ira Fleckman, and Chuck Sabo. Third place was Joe Lee, William Figueroa, Ron Marble and Alan Gary. Congratulations to all.

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/woman, per team, Second place pays \$5.00 and Third place pays \$4.00. The fees mentioned above are in addition to your greens fees 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.

MAKE HEALTHY EATING A FAMILY STRATEGY

Eating healthy as a family doesn't have to be a never-ending struggle. Instead of arguing, or letting anyone go hungry, follow these commonsense tips from the Healthline website:

- **Don't try to be perfect.** Remember that every day is different and new. You don't have to prepare completely healthy meals all day, every day. Be realistic with yourself and your family instead of obsessing over impossible goals.
- **Don't prohibit certain foods.** If you try to stop your kids from eating any cookies at all, they'll rebel. (The same goes for your partner, probably.) Focus on sensible portions for snacks and treats so no one is tempted to cheat behind your back.
- **Focus on wellness, not weight.** With children, meals should be about learning healthy eating habits, not worrying about weight. Even adults can overdo it with diets. Instead of constantly counting calories, emphasize the benefits of eating good food in reasonable portions.
- **Plan simple meals.** Don't try out a complicated new recipe after a busy workday. Plan meals without any excessive preparation or cleanup. Sandwiches and veggies can make a nutritious, filling meal that won't put you under any pressure.
- **Eat together.** You can manage consumption better if you eat every night as a family. That way you can watch how much people are eating and suggest alternatives before they eat that third helping.

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13	14	15	16 Office Closed	17 10:00am Panera Bread	18 	19
20	21	22	23 Office Closed	24 10:00am Panera Bread	25 	26
27	28	29	30 Office Closed	31 10:00am Panera Bread		

**Green Briar Village Club Association
 Membership Dues Coupon - August 2023
 Homes - \$72.00 Patio Homes - \$60.00**

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**Williamsburg Community Net-
 working Meetup**

Do you have a business or a service that you provide and want to announce it to the community? Do you need a service done and would like to give the opportunity to a member of the community? Come this July 10th at 7PM and meet your neighbors, advertise your skills, or the service you might need while enjoying pizza and refreshments. Spread the word, and we will make this a monthly event.

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MEETINGS

LRVCA Board Meeting

Monday, August 7 @6:30pm
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Valencia Water Control

Tuesday, August 8 @1:00pm

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Lawn Care

Lawn care every week, weather permitting

Williamsburg Discussion Group Montpelier

We meet weekly on Tuesdays from 10:30am until Noon. Tuesday the 6th Mr. Aaron Bernstein from JFS will be giving a presentation"



Kid's Club Montpelier

Kids from all of the communities, up to age 13, are welcome to join Jo Bladykas 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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6	7	8	9	10 1pm . Craft Group	11	12
13	14 1:00pm, Book Club	15	16	17 1pm . Craft Group 7:00pm, PVP Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 1pm . Craft Group	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 1pm . Craft Group		

Board Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 7pm

ARC Meeting

Thursday, August 3, 6pm



Book Club

On Monday, August 14 at 1:00 pm in the Great Room we will meet to discuss Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate - Historical fiction.



**Craft Club
Parkview Pointe**

Every Thursday at 1:00 pm we gather in the Parkview Pointe Great Room. We socialize. We knit, crochet, embroider, do circular loom knitting, etc. We work on our own projects and items (baby blankets, hats, prayer squares, prayer shawls) to donate

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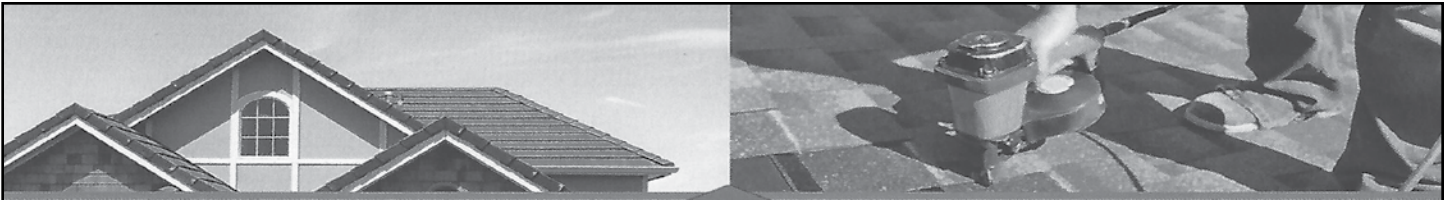
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MEETINGS

C&R Committee Mtg
 Friday, August 4, 10am
Board of Directors Meeting
 Monday, August 14, 7pm
ARC Meeting (If needed)
 Thursday, August 17, 6pm
Office Hours
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

Gentle Chair Yoga began in November due to outside temperatures. Check the clubhouse bulletin board and Chatterbox for updates on this.

Lawn Service Every Tuesday & Wednesday. Weather permitting Please be sure to clear your yard of any objects, furniture, branches, toys, etc on mowing days. Thanks.



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	<i>Senior Citizen's Day</i>						<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>National Waffle Day</i>
27	28	29		30		31	Are your dues overdue? Pay your dues by the first of the month. The dues box is emptied on the 10th; late fees will be charged for dues sent in after, regardless what date you write on the check.	
			<i>National Beach Day</i>					

Win-gate Village Club Association
Membership Dues Coupon - August, 2023
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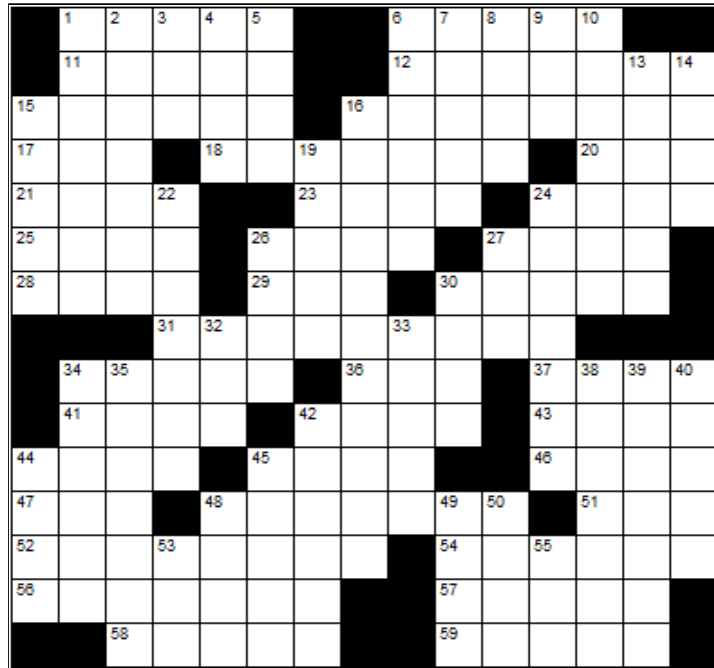
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August Crossword

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1. Sink
6. Similar
11. Battery terminal
12. Bring
15. Trough
16. Whenever
17. Lumberjack's tool
18. Podium
20. D
21. Not yours
23. Existed
24. A group of cattle
25. Europe's highest volcano
26. Charged particles
27. Be suspended from above
28. Burn the surface of
29. Partially opened flower
30. Itinerary
31. Paring
34. Footwear
36. Hebrew liquid measure
37. Not his
41. Duration
42. Alumnus
43. Journey
44. Disable
45. Hurt
46. Cassava
47. What we breathe
48. Plane ticket
51. Tiny circle
52. Curved shape
54. Not idle
56. Perfume
57. A frame of iron bars
58. Sugary
59. Extremely



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| 1. Aluminum ore | 15. Diversions | 35. A female heir |
| 2. Aerial | 16. Profligate | 38. Having profound knowledge |
| 3. Boozer | 19. Give or take | 39. Recoup |
| 4. Mid-month days | 22. An annoyingly catchy tune | 40. Glide over ice |
| 5. Adopted son of Claudius | 24. Disdainful | 42. January's birthstone |
| 6. Sun-dried bricks | 26. Nile bird | 44. Riot spray |
| 7. Tart yellow fruit | 27. Term of endearment | 45. Fragment |
| 8. Holly | 30. Peel | 48. Skin disease |
| 9. Fox baby | 32. Skirt's edge | 49. Tatters |
| 10. Apparent | 33. Tropical vine | 50. Beige |
| 13. Come forth | 34. Steps | 53. Stitch |
| 14. Marsh plant | | 55. Faucet |



GROUNDS... CONTINUED

be aware of the new sod. There is a form near the office window that can be filled out for this purpose. Also, if you have already laid new sod, it would be a good idea to rope off the area until the sod has settled.

Just a reminder, that the lawn company does not do requests such as racking the yard or picking up branches. They are only hired to mow our lawns and edge.

If your home has been surveyed, please remove the flags from your yard.

Covenants & Restrictions Committee

by Kristina Delia



Storms, rains and/or hurricanes in August can wreak havoc on our homes. Outside articles we think are stationary suddenly aren't. So, when given warnings of impending serious storms, please secure outdoor furniture and moveable objects to prevent damage to your home. Of course, the committee continues to check homes for weeds, bushes that need trimming, driveways that need pressure washing - and on and on! Thanks to all who endeavor to keep our village looking good!

Social Committee

by Kristina Delia

Stay Tune to the Chatterbox for what's happening in 2023.

Our Librarian by Kay Meyers



Due to the generous people in Somerset, we have such a variety of books, games, and puzzles. There are books on mysteries, romance, history, gardening, and cookbooks! If you get tired of paying exorbitant prices to eat out - borrow a cookbook! It could turn into a hobby that you could share with family and friends. It's interesting to read a cookbook - and one way to armchair travel and experience the food from other countries.

Outdoor Safety

We have reached the time of year where thunderstorms come with a fury almost every afternoon. You would think that Floridians would know what to do to protect them since we live in the "lightning capital of the world". Think again.

According to a recent article in American Profile magazine, people were killed by lightning last year while sitting in the backyard under a tree, while coaching soccer in a neighborhood field, and while walking uphill seeking better cell phone reception. Safety specialists from the National Weather Service warn that "there is no safe place outside during a thunderstorm. When you see clouds build up, the best thing to do is start looking for safety, because if you can hear the thunder, you're within striking distance."

The best shelter is a house or other fully enclosed building (no gazebos in the park!). An enclosed vehicle with a solid metal roof and sides (no golf carts!) is a good second choice.

Remember, you should not touch electrical equipment (which includes anything that plugs in like a TV or computer), corded telephones, or plumbing fixtures like sinks or showers (and get out of the pool!) because they conduct electricity. Safety experts recommend that you stay away from the windows and remain indoors for 30 minutes after the thunder stops.

Not all lightning strikes end in death. Many survive, although they may suffer neurologic difficulties. The best way to avoid injury is to listen to weather forecasts, watch the skies, and get to safety in a timely manner.

Canine Obesity – Fun Facts

Did you know Approximately 50% of U.S. dogs are overweight or obese.

Do you have a pudgy pooch? If you break a sweat when picking your dog up or you notice he cleans the floors with his stomach - there is a problem! All joking aside, health risks of obesity are real. It contributes to many medical conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, heart and lung disease, high blood pressure, compromised immune function and can even predispose to certain types of cancer. It has been well documented that dogs maintaining an ideal body weight live 10% longer, and with less disease, than overweight dogs. It is a fact that dogs will live shorter lives if obesity is not addressed.

While most dog owners realize their dog may be a "little heavy" they often don't recognize when

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their dog is truly obese. When a vet says "Fido" should lose 5 pounds, it often goes in one ear and right out the other. Really who doesn't have 5 pounds to lose. But this is us thinking in human weight terms.. Did you know:

5 extra pounds on a (should-be) 12 pound Shih Tzu is like 58 extra pounds on a 140-pound woman.

5 extra pounds on a (should-be) 25 pound Beagle is like 28 extra pounds on a 140-pound woman.

5 extra pounds on a (should-be) 70 pound Lab Retriever is like 10 extra pounds on a 140-pound woman.

The first dog in this example is morbidly obese at 42% over ideal body weight. The second dog is also obese at 20% over ideal body weight. The third dog is overweight at 7% over ideal body weight. These are weights that veterinarians see every day. This kind of weight problem is responsible for many preventable illnesses in our pets.

WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNER

Amy & Michael Riddiardella
of Sandy Hill Drive

PEOPLE OF SOMERSET



Did you know? We have donated wheelchairs and walkers for any of our residents who have a short time need. Contact the clubhouse for more information.

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!

Lawn Service - Every Tuesday & Wednesday. Weather permitting.

Please clear your yard of all objects. Such as furniture, branches, toys, etc. on mowing days. Thank you.

EVENT ROOM



Event Room is available to rent for your special events. Please download the form from the website at www.somersehoa.online. Form is also available in the lobby.

Rent: \$250 with a Security Deposit of \$250. Please email: info@somersetvillage.comcastbiz.net for details.

BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY...



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

August Birthdays

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

Peg Huber 5
Lilliana Castro 10

Anniversary Greetings

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



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.