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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Submitted by
Denise Anderson*

Welcome March!

So many wonderful things are happening this month. International Women's Day is on March 7th, what a wonderful way to celebrate the success of women all over the world and especially in our community. March 10th is daylight savings, so don't forget to "spring" forward those clocks. Around the corner March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, dust off those green outfits!

The 2024 State Primary Election Day will be located in our main room of the clubhouse for safe voting.

March 24th is Palm Sunday and the 31st is Easter!

What a wonderful month of great celebrations to look forward too. Keep a look out in our Chatterbox for exciting events that are also happening in our community.

Happy Spring to all!!



Architectural Review Committee

by Alex Chiaro

March is here Somerset! Spring is fast approaching and I am sure we are looking forward to the warmer weather.

The periodic cold snaps are nice,

but we all love our warm weather as well.

The warmer weather will undoubtedly bring on some new outdoor projects for our homeowners. We welcome all the refreshing of everyone's home and ARC is here to answer any questions that may arise

Architectural Review forms are available at the clubhouse as well as our website. When painting, please be sure to come to the office and look at the *approved color book*. 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.

Please remember that if any changes are being made to the outside of your home ARC approval is needed **prior** to beginning your project.

The committee meets each third Thursday of the month if required.

Have a happy and safe month everyone



From the Treasurer

*Liz Norfolk
Treasurer/Web Designer*

Perks!

When you register for our website, www.somersethoa.online, you are a member of the Website Blast Email group.

When we have news that pertains to everyone in the village, The Website Blast email members are the first to know.

Sign up today.

Building Committee

by Francine McCluskey

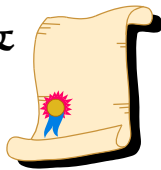


Many thanks to all the gentlemen who shared their MENS ROOM with the ladies as we awaited the plumbers to install the new toilets in the LADIES ROOM. The new Comfort height toilets are here and are a delight for all the gals. The replacement of the water heater that heats the outdoor shower is still in the works and we anticipate that repair being completed soon.

On the social side, we have started up the Friday afternoon/early evening to get together. Come and bring something to share and BYOB. Come alone or bring a friend. Just a bit of fun to round up the week! We meet every Friday from 4pm to 6pm in the screen room. Hope to see you there for a giggle or some hot gossip.

Covenants & Restrictions Committee

by Kristina Delia



Happy March!

We are looking for volunteers to join the C&R committee. If you

have any questions or are interested in being part of a great group of people, please contact Michelle in the clubhouse office for more information and to set up a time to talk.

Garbage & Trash Disposal:

All trash, garbage and other waste shall be kept in sanitary containers, except for the day of pickup, and the evening before. All containers shall be kept at the rear of all dwellings, out of sight from the street (**containers cannot be kept on the side or front of our homes**). This includes but not limited to furniture, yard debris and misc. items.

As the C&R Committee we will continue to uphold our Governing documents by checking our homes to ensure we are all working together to keep our Somerset Community beautiful and a great place to live.



Social Committee

by Kristina Delia

Please submit any suggestions or ideas you have for any social events or gatherings you'd like to see take place within our community.



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Alex Chiaro, *Director*

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For your convenience and enjoyment, remember all the great facilities that Somerset of Williamsburg has to offer you.

Pool & Spa 7am-Dusk
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Bocce Crts 7am-Dusk
Shuffleboard 7am-Dusk
Game Room, Library & Ball Room 7am-10pm

Policies: No children under 16 unless accompanied by an adult.

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From the President

by Ken Benson

Spring Greetings fellow Williamsburg homeowners! Here's an update on the recent OC Town Hall Meeting and our last Board meeting.

On Wednesday January 31, 2024 our OC Commissioner Nicole Wilson (nicolewilson.org, district1@ocfl.net) held a Town Hall Meeting at Deer Creek Clubhouse. It was standing room only with over 200 attendees. People had to be turned away after the room reached capacity. The agenda included presentations from OC department heads of Public Works, Traffic Planning, Environmental Protection Division, Neighborhood Services, and Code Enforcement.

Krista Taraszewski from Traffic Planning recapped improvements to Gateway Ave. and Orangewood Blvd. that were presented at the Williamsburg Areawide Study meeting in May 2023. She focused mainly on Orangewood Blvd., both at the intersection of Central Florida Parkway (CFP) and southward from there to Williamsburg Blvd. She announced that due to overwhelming community protest that Orangewood south of CFP would remain a four lane road. Short and mid term recommendations include a reduction of the speed limit to 35MPH and the addition of two speed advisory signs. At the CFP/Orangewood intersection recommendations include converting the existing southbound outside through-right shared lane to a "right only" turn lane, leaving one through lane heading south, as is the case on southbound Gateway at CFP. Eastbound and westbound CFP turn lanes at Orangewood will be extended by 100 feet and revised signal timing will enhance traffic flow. For the latest and complete

Williamsburg Areawide Study details, visit williamsburgstudy.com, click on the 3 horizontal bars in the upper right corner, select Project Documents, and under Project Reports download a pdf of the Williamsburg Transportation Analysis Report Presentation December 2023.

Other department heads gave updates, explained their respective departments' responsibilities, gave their contact info on the OC website (ocfl.net), and answered questions from the residents. There was much discussion about the late night noise ordinance violations committed by groups of local auto speaker enthusiasts. An OC Sheriff answered questions and assured everyone that they are actively working on minimizing the occurrences. Despite numerous requests, OC Sheriff John Mina did not attend. Many thanks to the Deer Creek Board and President Lisa Gladkowski for hosting the meeting.

Our last Board meeting was held Tuesday February 13 at 7:00pm at the Lime Tree Clubhouse. All Board members and 8 homeowners attended. I reported that our vendors are serving us well, our 2024 Annual Report has been filed, and that Ernest Jordan Jr. (Parkview) and Kim Durgin (Somerset) have volunteered to help out with trash, debris, and solicitation sign collection. Many thanks!

Treasurer Liz Norfolk reported that 5 of the 6 participating villages are paid for the first quarter of 2024 and that WHOA is in good financial standing. For her OC update, Secretary Donna Finklestein spoke about the Town Hall Meeting Areawide Study Recommendations mentioned earlier, that the I-Drive lighting upgrades she requested are scheduled to be completed by year's

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WHOA PRESIDENT CONTINUED

end, and that there are no plans to extend Williamsburg Blvd. in Deer Creek to John Young Parkway. The main topics of discussion in Open Forum were the Town Hall meeting and Areawide Traffic Study Recommendations. Thanks to Mac McGowan (Parkview) for sharing his detailed notes on those subjects that lent everyone a more complete understanding of OC's proposed solutions to our community's traffic challenges. Other topics included Valencia Water Control District's weed control in the main canals, and OC mosquito control and street sweeping.

Many thanks to Liz, Donna, and the homeowners who attended. It was a good meeting. Our next meeting is Tuesday May 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Lime Tree Clubhouse. All Williamsburg Homeowners are welcome to attend and be a part of the community's conversation. Thanks for everyone's continued support and for reading.

Williamsburg Golf Association *by Santiago Lopez*

Hello fellow golfers! Spring is upon us....traffic, traffic and more traffic. Weather is warming up and everyone is coming to the theme parks wow.....and we are still playing golf.

Happy to mention we have a new member, Tim Gibbon. Please welcome him when you see him on

the course. We are happy to have you, Tim.

Next up on the agenda is our Annual Tournament which will be held March 20. More details will be given as I see all of you on the course. Thanks for participating.

Information about joining the WGA:

The membership fee to the WGA is \$20.00 yearly. Three rounds of play are necessary to establish a handicap. Once your handicap is established you pay an additional \$5.00 per round for the league play.

First place pays \$6.00 per player, 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 contact me at 502-376-2995. You do not have to live in Williamsburg to join.

Longest Drive: We do a monthly scramble and the longest drive contest is held that day.

Mens Silver Tees

Mens Red Tees

Womens Red Tees

Ball must be in the fairway and we will pay \$5 to each winner.

Closest to the Pin:

Joe Porter, William Flores, Frank Velez, Santiago Lopez, Done Groesbeck, Tim Gibbon, Juan Ruiz, and Donna Marcontell.

Longest Drive:

Don Groesbeck, Roberto Rivera, and Donna Marcontell

Palm Sunday

On Sunday, March 24, 2024, before Easter Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. Christian churches distribute palms (and sometimes pussy willows) on Palm Sunday to commemorate Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, before His arrest and Crucifixion on Good Friday.

Brief History of Easter

Easter Sunday is the most important celebration in the Christian calendar. This Christian holy day celebrates the resurrection of Christ after his Crucifixion and was probably the earliest of the church's annual festivals. Folk customs attached to the festival date from pre-Christian times:

* Eggs, traditionally forbidden during Lent, symbolize new life.

* The Easter Bunny recalls the hare, the Egyptian symbol of fertility.

Easter may have derived its name from the Saxon goddess Eostre, whose feast was celebrated each spring at about this time. Or, it may have derived from the word oster, meaning "rising."

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Green Briar Village Club Association
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MEETINGS

LRVCA Board Meeting
 Monday, March 4, 2024
 Normally First Monday @ 6:30pm
Valencia Water Control
 Tuesday, March 12 @1:00pm

Lawn Service Days
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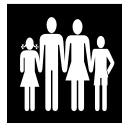
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Lawn Care

Lawn care every other week, weather permitting

Williamsburg Discussion Group Montpelier

We meet weekly on Tuesdays from 10:30am until Noon.



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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Board Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 7pm

ARC Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 6pm



Book Club

Monday, March 11th at 1:00 pm we will meet in the Great Room for an informal chat about books in general. Join us!



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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Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 11, 7pm

ARC Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 6pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Gentle Chair Yoga is now meeting on Wednesdays. Come and join us.

Lawn Service Every Week:

Tuesday & Wednesday.

Weather permitting

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Win-gate Village Club Association
Membership Dues Coupon - March, 2024
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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.

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From the Bocce Court

by Fred Munch

Somerset Bocce League

Our organizational meeting was held on January 9th and we were not able to fill out four teams. During the next two Tuesdays, which became practice sessions, we were able to complete the teams. At this writing we have had three weeks of competition and find all four teams doing well. In first place is Captain Kay Meyers Team 1, followed by Fred Munch's Team 2, and Ron Steinfeld's Team 4, in a tie for second place. Right on their heels is Art Angst's Team 3.

We will be playing every Tuesday [weather permitting] with the season ending on March 26. Spectators are welcome so come on down to the Club's Bocce Court and watch the fun. Interested in playing? We need substitutes and that is a good way to learn the game.



Game Time

Who: You! Bring your own board and group to play or come and join others.

What: Games: such as Sorry, Rummykub, Scrabble, Train Dominoes,

Where: Somerset Main Room

When: Every Wednesday at 4pm!

We had such a good time at our first Game Time. Maureen Beach brought Train Dominoes and gave us all of us a lesson-she was patient and we laughed at ourselves a lot! It was nice to see

Denise Anderson, Francine McClusky, Donna Sollami, Maureen Beach. Join us --we'd like to get to know you, too!

The Benefits of Cycling

Cycling can improve your cardiovascular fitness and decrease the risk of heart disease. It's also a great form of aerobic exercise and a great way to burn calories. The faster you pedal, the more you burn - and this means it's entirely up to you to set your pace. Not only does cycling help you burn calories, but it also helps tone your muscles. In the lower half of your body cycling works on your calves, thighs and bottom while in the upper half it gives your shoulders and arms a workout too. Cycling is also easier on your joints than other high impact activities such as running and jogging, but it still helps you get into shape.

Moderate activities like cycling can also strengthen the immune system and contribute to fighting illness, with the added benefit of ramping up your metabolism — even when the ride is over. It also gives you a sense of well being and is said to reduce anxiety, depression and other psychological problems because its repetitive clockwork movements have a soothing effect.

There's another benefit too. Cycling's a perfect activity for the family to do together - and research has found that kids are influenced by their parent's exercise choices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

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!

EVENT ROOM



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BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY...



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

Come join us for Chair Yoga on Wednesdays at 10:00am. See you there!



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

Name: _____

Saint Patricks Day Word Search



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| BARBRACK | CLOAKS | KILT |
| CHAMP | IRISH STEW | RAINBOW |
| IRISH | LUCK | CELTIC |
| LEPRECHAUN | BUCKET HAT | IRELAND |
| HOLIDAY | GOLD | KNOT |



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March Birthdays

- Fran Kujda 5
- Fred Munch 22
- Joe Gyorko 23
- Milton (Tom) Jones 26

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

Anniversary Greetings

Richard & Janet Parker 11

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

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.**

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.