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The Somerset Village Annual General Meeting will be held on:
Wednesday, November 20, 2024
at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse main room. Please try to attend.
**Anyone interested in a Board of Director's position, please see
the application on the back of this newsletter.**

Announcement

Somerset HOA has an opening for our office secretary.
This is a part-time paid position.
If interested, please contact the office for an application.
Thank you.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Submitted by
Denise Anderson*

September is going to be a busy month.

We have a volunteer to join the Board and take over the Treasurer's duties. Karl Haglund is our new treasurer and will spend September training. Thank you, Karl. A big thank you to Liz Norfolk who is training him. We are now also looking to hire a new office secretary. Michelle has resigned and her last day was August 15th. Please fill out an application if interested.

The Board of Directors annual election is coming up in November. Volunteers interested in running for a position, please complete the attached application and return to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you to all our valuable volunteers. Keep up the excellent work. Have a happy and safe Labor Day.



Architectural Review Committee

by Alex Chiaro

Somerset, September has arrived! The month of September is one of our warmest here in Florida. It is also peak hurricane season. When an emergency repair on the outside of your home is needed you can contact the ARC via the club office or website for an expedited approval/review. We have recently had quite a few new homeowners move in and I encourage all to visit the ARC section of our website at www.somersethoa.online. Here it will explain many of the ARC requirements and you can even print or upload a request form. Many questions can be answered as well as colors reviewed for house repainting.

Architectural Review forms are available at the clubhouse as well as the website. When painting, please be sure to come to the office and take a 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

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**ARC...
CONTINUED**

color of the home. The committee meets each third Thursday of the month if required. We have a wonderful community and I would personally like to thank all of our residents that have kept our village so sharp by having their homes freshly painted and neatly landscaped. Stay safe everyone, fall is right around the corner.

 **Treasury Notes**
by Karl Haglund

Welcome to our new Treasurer. We look forward to his articles once he is settled in.

 **Building Committee**
by Francine McCluskey

Our building held up just fine in spite of the Cat I Hurricane Debbie. However, when I went to retrieve some paper products I found quite a mess on the floor. One of the shelves holding a great deal of "stuff" had come loose from the wall and spilled a great deal of the "stuff" all over the floor. I will ask Michael

McParland, our wonderful volunteer who keeps repairing the little things that require his attention, to please take a look and see if it can be reattached or do we need a new shelf with hardware. That's it for me this time. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Covenants & Restrictions Committee
by Louella Lios



Stay tuned for future articles when the C&R committee resumes in September.

Request's For Social Events
We are open for suggestions and volunteers.

 **Social Committee**
by Louella Lios

Somerset Village is pleased to announce that our homeowners will again be participating in the Halloween Trunk and Treat on **Thursday, October 31st**. We look forward to seeing all the cute little goblins and ghosts. The time for this event will be determined at a later date.



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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
Tennis Crts 7am-Dusk
Bocce Crts 7am-Dusk
Shuffleboard 7am-Dusk
Game Room, Library & Ball Room 7am-10pm
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From the President

by Ken Benson

The Williamsburg Homeowners Association (WHOA) Board of Directors hopes everyone had an enjoyable summer, voted in our Primary Election, and enjoyed Labor Day weekend. Here's a brief update of what's happened since our July article was published.

Our last Board meeting was held Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00pm at Lime Tree Clubhouse. Quorum was established with 2 of 3 Board members present with Roy Miller, Ernest Jordan Jr., Tim and Ann Pokalsek, and Ron Christian in attendance. I reported that our vendors are serving us well, that on an as needed basis I continue to collect roadside litter and solicitation signs throughout the community, and volunteer time assisting our landscape vendor Billy Copeland. Many thanks to our team of volunteers who help with the ongoing effort to keep our community clean.

In Treasurer Liz Norfolk's absence, I gave the Treasurer's Report. Our Profit and Loss through July 30th was under budget. Because vendor increases for 2025 were minimal, the WHOA Board is pleased to announce that the current annual cost per home of \$4.50 will remain the same for 2025. The Proposed Budget was approved at the meeting and will be sent to the village Boards by Labor Day. Many thanks to Liz for lending her expertise in helping WHOA meet its fiduciary responsibility.

WHOA Secretary and Orange County Community Advocate Donna Finklestein reported that she attended the debate between Commissioner Nicole Wilson and Austin Arthur. She continues to work with OC regarding the pending right hand turn lane at southbound Orangewood Blvd and Central Florida Parkway (CFP), the left

hand turn lane extension on eastbound CFP at Orangewood, and the addition of a left hand turn signal exiting the Williamsburg Downs Plaza at Gateway Ave and CFP. The County is finally mowing the median in front of the Publix on CFP on a monthly basis and as you may already know, speed limits on both Orangewood and Gateway have been reduced to 35MPH and 25MPH respectively. Many thanks to Donna for her ongoing work with the County.

On August 14 Donna Finklestein and I attended a Valencia Water Control District (VWCD) meeting at 1:00pm at Lake Ridge Club. I requested landscaping maintenance in the C-10 Canal located by our monument signs and Donna requested additional signage prohibiting dumping at Pond #1 in Lake Ridge. Clarification was also given that our retention ponds have a built in flood control feature called an outfall that prevents them from flooding over their banks during a major rain event. Many thanks to the VWCD for diligently managing our community's drainage and flood control needs.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Lime Tree Clubhouse, 5303 Gateway Ave. All Williamsburg homeowners are welcome to attend. As always, thanks for your continued support and for reading.



Williamsburg Golf Association

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

Hello Everyone: Just a little history of the WGA, which was established in 1980 with membership as high as 125 members. I am glad to report some 40 years later we have around 40 members and we are still going strong. We have some good players, and we have some beginners! But we are out to enjoy ourselves and have fun. Nothing serious. That is what our group of golfers is all about. We enjoy new members regardless of their skill levels.

Closest to the Pin:

William Flores, Jose Soto, William Figueroa, Santiago Lopez, Frank Velez, Hiram Pedraza, Dennis Wolfe, Joe Lee, and Edwin Marrero.

Information about joining the WGA:

We have a shot gun start every Wednesday at 7:30AM at Remington Golf Course. We do a Scramble format on the last Wednesday of each month.

The membership fee is \$20.00 yearly. Three rounds of play are necessary to establish a handicap.

Once your handicap is estab-

lished 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 is interested in joining or getting more information, contact me directly at 502-376-2995. Men and ladies are welcome. You do not have to live in Williamsburg to join or be a "pro golfer". We always try to have a good time.

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Green Briar Village Club Association

Membership Dues Coupon - September 2024
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 Lot Number: _____ Amount: _____

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MEETINGS

LRVCA Board Meeting

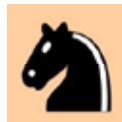
Monday, September 9, 2024
 Normally First Monday @ 6:30pm

Valencia Water Control

Tuesday, September 10, @1pm

Lawn Service Days

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22	23	24 	25	26  	27  	28
<i>Autumn Begins</i>		10:30am Williamsburg Discussion Group		1pm Crafts		Kids' Club 10am-12pm
29	30	  				

Lawn Care

Lawn care every 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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- Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open
- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

How to report identity theft

To report identity theft, contact:

- The **Federal Trade Commission** (FTC) online at IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-438-4338
- The three **major credit reporting agencies**. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts.
- The **fraud department at your credit card issuers**, bank, and other places where you have accounts

How to protect yourself from identity theft

- **Do not answer phone calls**, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or **people you do not know**.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- **Collect your mail every day** and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- **Understand how ATM skimming works** and how to protect yourself
- Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network
- Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. **Do not carry it in your wallet.**

Imposter Scam

The top types of imposter scams:

An imposter scammer may call, text, or email to convince you they are **someone in authority**. They may even use caller ID to make it look like they are calling from an official government or business' number. To commit identity theft, they try to get you to send money or a gift card or share personal information.

- **Government** imposter scams - Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- **IRS** imposter scams - scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- **Social Security** imposter scams - scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- **Charity** scams - scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
- **Grandparent** scams - scammers pretend to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help
- **Tech support** scams - scammers tell you your computer's security is at risk and try to remotely access your device and steal personal information or ask for payment
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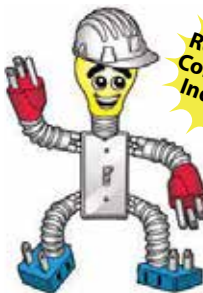
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<i>Grandparents Day</i>			<i>Patriot Day</i>	6:00pm, PP ARC Meeting	Parkview Garage Sale	Parkview Garage Sale
15	16	17	18	19  1pm . Craft Group	20   <i>Flag Day</i>	21
	1:00pm, Book Club			Parkview 7pm Board Mtg		
22	23	24	25	26  1pm . Craft Group	27  	28
<i>Autumn Begins</i>						
29	30	  				

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 7pm

ARC Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 6pm



Book Club

On Monday, September 9th at 1:00 pm we will meet in the Clubhouse Great Room to discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon (Historical Fiction). Join us!



Craft Group
Parkview Pointe

Every Thursday at 1:00 pm. Bring your portable craft (knitting, crochet, embroidery, jewelry making, etc.). We work on our own projects and also donate items to local charities (Orlando Health, Orlando Rescue Mission, etc.). Join us!

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MEETINGS

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 9, 7pm

ARC Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 6pm

Office Hours

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

Lawn Service Every Week:

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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1 Pass Swap	2 Pass Swap <i>Labor Day</i>	3 10am-12pm Sit and Sew Pass Swap	4 Pass Swap	5 Pass Swap	6 <i>Office Closed</i> Pass Swap <i>Arbaeen Janmashtami</i>	7 Pass Swap
8 <i>Grandparents Day</i> Pass Swap	9	10 10am-12pm Sit and Sew 6:30pm WGVC Board Meeting	11 <i>Patriot Day</i>	12 	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14
15 <i>Rosh Hasbanah starts</i>	16 <i>Rosh Hasbanah</i>	17 10am-12pm Sit and Sew <i>Rosh Hasbanah ends</i>	18	19 	20 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Nat'l POW/MIA Day</i>	21
22 <i>Autumn Begins</i>	23	24 10am-12pm Sit and Sew <i>Yom Kippur starts</i>	25 <i>Yom Kippur ends</i>	26 	27 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Mawlid</i>	28
29 <i>Sukkot Pitru Piksha</i>	30	Don't park on the street! Use your driveway. Don't let your guests park directly across from other vehicles on our narrow streets - it makes our streets impassable. Weekly trucks are unable to collect trash and recycle bins. Be courteous! If the problem persists, we will call the police - we'll have vehicle towed <u>at the owners expense.</u>				

**Win-gate Village Club Association
 Membership Dues Coupon - September, 2024
 \$70.00**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Lot Number: _____ Amount: _____

**Payments due the 1st of the month; late after the 10th.
 Late fee \$7.00 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

Security Committee

by Denise Anderson

Happy Labor Day

The sun will soon be setting earlier and that means the pool and spa closing hours will be changing. Please, watch the website, Chatterbox and notices posted at the clubhouse. Also please familiarize yourself with the new spa sign updating the spa rules.

Have a happy and safe Labor Day.

Insulating the Garage Door

In a community with attached garages and basic aluminum garage doors, it's a no-brainer that the temperature in the garage directly affects other rooms in the house. It is estimated that up to one-third of energy loss in a garage comes from the garage door. This can be amplified depending on the exposure your door has to direct sunlight. Such loss can be dramatically reduced by an insulated garage door, sometimes lowering the temperature by as much as 15° in the summer. Though pre-insulated doors are available for \$1000 and up, it is much less expensive to simply add insulation to your existing door. Insulation kits can be purchased for about \$100, or you can use bulk insulation materials – polyurethane and polystyrene seem to work best while fiberglass is less desirable for this type of application. For optimal results, consider tinting the glass panels in the door (obtain ARC approval first) and replacing old or worn seals around the door to minimize air leakage and keep pests out.

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!

BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY...



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

**WELCOME
NEW
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Maria Castro
Silent Brook Drive

MAIN ROOM



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Birthdays

Elaine Greene 2
Khadija Matthews 15
Cheryl Gambarrotti 24
Yve Skeet 29

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

Anniversary Greetings

Tom & Gena Jones 2

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

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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.

Somerset Village Homeowners Association
Board Candidate Application

The Board of Directors is requesting candidates to be placed in consideration for nomination by the memberships for the upcoming 2024 Annual Membership Meeting of the Somerset Homeowners association. As a member of the community, you are encouraged to take this opportunity to participate in the upcoming election process.

At this year's election, there are three (3) seats open for election. One is currently occupied, for a three (3) year term. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Board of Directors, please complete the candidate application.

All candidate applications must be received in the Somerset office no later than October 2, 2024.

Expectations as a member of the Board:

- Within 30 days after being elected or appointed to the board, each director shall certify in writing to the secretary of the association that he or she has read the association's declaration of covenants, articles of incorporation, bylaws, and current written rules and policies; that he or she will work to uphold such documents and policies to the best of his or her ability. members.
- Prepare for and attend monthly, semi-annual, and annual Board Meetings (approximately 1 or more hours per meeting) held at the Somerset Clubhouse Main Room.
- Periodically assist on a short-term project; or possibly serve on a committee; or attend additional meetings. Level of involvement is often dictated by activities on the Board, need of the Community.

NOTE: Directors agree to use good business and personal judgment in their role as a Board Member. Directors cannot be compensated for their time and effort, and all members agree not to realize any personal gain from their involvement on the Board of Directors.

Please place my name on the nominating ballot for the Board of Directors. By signing below, I certify that pursuant to Somerset's governing documents, I am a Somerset homeowner and therefore qualify to be a board member.

Homeowner Name: _____ Lot # _____

Property Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

- How long have you lived in Somerset Village?
- Why will the community benefit from your service on the board of directors?
- Have you served on a committee or Board in Somerset or any other community in the past?
- What are the issues you are most concerned about in the community?
- Please share any other information you would like the homeowners to know about your candidacy.

The information you provide below will be included verbatim into the candidate biography that will be provided to the homeowners. The board reserves the discretion to ask a candidate to resubmit their biography if defamatory references are made to other persons within the Association.

Signature

Date