

Terraverde News

MARCH 2015



Monthly Reminder to All

From "Everything You Need to Know About Terraverde."

Q: What are the restrictions for pet ownership?

A: Each condominium association has its own restrictions. One household pet per unit is allowed and should be registered with the Condominium Association. All animals must be kept on a leash no more than six feet in length when outside the unit and must not become a nuisance or annoyance to neighbors. ALL SOLID WASTE MUST BE PICKED UP BY THE OWNER. The Association holds the right to fine owners or require any pet to be permanently removed from the condominium property if violations of these provisions occur. No dogs or other animals are ever allowed to be walked on the golf course. They must be walked in the regular traffic areas.

Q: Are there weight limits for pets?

A: The weight limit for pets varies from 20-50 pounds, depending on the individual condominium association by-laws. Check your condo association documents.

LADIES' CLUB

Eileen welcomed new member, Jackie Reitenga.

In February, lunch at Rumrunners was attended by 51 members. Sixteen ladies and one man attended the paint party.

A Fashion Show Luncheon was held in March. Belk's provided the fashions. Dick prepared the lunch. Raffle drawings were held and the proceeds went to "Community Cooperative" charity. A representative from the charity presented an informative video which highlighted the various functions of this charity.

A luncheon is planned for April. Check the Ladies' Bulletin Board for details.

Ladies were asked to keep Lorrane updated on any changes in your information so she can keep the directory up to date.

Committee members are needed for some months next year. The signup sheet is on the Ladies' Bulletin Board. Please consider taking a turn. Members that have done functions before will be more than willing to assist you if you have never served before.

MEN'S CLUB

Pickleball will continue in April on Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8 PM+. We will also be playing on Monday's from 1 PM to 2:30+ PM along with tennis. Come and watch/play.

The Men's Luncheon and Golf Outing honored those that helped out on this year's social and charity events.

The All of Terraverde Picnic on March 8th was enjoyed by those attending.

Kayaking was great, with 20 paddlers. We enjoyed many up close manatee sightings and numerous types of birds. New kayakers did very well in the scenic Port Sanibel Marina area.

Our Farewell Charity Waffle Breakfast will be on Sunday March 22 from 8:30AM to 11:30 AM. The price of \$5 includes a freshly cooked waffle with strawberries, whipped cream, sausages and orange juice. A

50/50 again will be held. All are welcome. The Charities will be the Wounded Warriors and Salvation Army. Thanks for a record year in social and charity events. The next Men's Club Meeting will be December.



DANGER REMINDER

Drivers slow down and obey the speed limits please. Our roadways are used by vehicles, walkers and bikers. Walkers, please try to not spread out across the roadways and if you are wearing earphones, be extra aware of vehicles. At night, walkers cannot be seen. If you walk at night, wear light clothing and carry a flashlight.

STEERING MEETING

Tom Tindall noted that he had served long enough and that it is time for someone else to step up and chair the meetings. Please contact Tom if you would be willing to do that.

OLD BUSINESS:

"Traffic Calming Plan." Tom Tindall reported on the progress of the "Traffic Calming Plan." Speed Humps (no longer are bumps used by the county) would be 6 feet long. Tom stated that the county code says that all affected residents need to be notified. This would involve buildings 21 to 25. Letters are being sent to residents of those 5 buildings asking them to respond to the proposal by April 10th. Each building would have one vote. Residents should give their votes to the building representatives. The votes would be tallied and the representatives would give their building's majority vote, accepting or denying the proposal. 75% of the representatives would need to approve it to move forward. At that point, it would go then to the fire department for approval. If they approve it would go to the Department of Transportation. Joe said at that point, lots of negotiating would probably need to take place. Our plan does not guarantee anything. It is just a plan to get it going. The Board and our lawyers would also be getting involved.

Budget Format: The Board voted to not change the format. Tom noted that he was not happy about that but would accept their decision.

JOE INTORCIA'S REPORT:

Distressed Villa: Last Friday we heard from the bank regarding this villa. We are owed about \$4000. The villa will probably go on the market as is.

South Fence: Cliff Wright has been working for a year on this project. The Board is having final negotiations with Tropical Fence Company to have the fence installed. We still have some encroachments to deal with. Affected owners have been notified as to what will happen. The camera installed at the boat dock is showing people coming into Terraverde from those homes. Some boys were seen recently in the boat dock area shooting BB guns.

Sauna: The Men's room sauna parts are scheduled to come Friday.

Fountain Lighting: Repair of the fountain lights is to be done next week.

Pool Lights: Three pool lights had to be replaced. Joe asked Gale Mapes to get a proposal of the cost that would be required to light the pool after dusk in accordance with state requirements. Proposed cost would be: \$3,000 for the engineer, \$150 for the permit, and \$16,000 for the lighting. In addition to that, a person would need to be working so salaries would have to be adjusted. There is also the extra electricity involved. The Steering Committee later discussed the pros and cons of the lighting and unanimously voted no on a proposal to continue pursuing the matter, weighing the cost against the need.

Sound Problem in Clubhouse: Curtains will be put on the windows and they are looking at other ways to absorb the sound.

DICK GAROFANO'S REPORT

Things are going smoothly. The clubhouse has been busy with the pool and functions. New help has started and things are going better. Parties are winding down. Wednesday dinners will continue as well as Monday and Friday Happy Hours.

Dick was not plaining to have an Easter Dinner but he has had many requests so he probably will have one. He has some employees willing to work. It would be from 2:00 to 4:00.

If you have been to the pool, you have noticed the addition of owls. Dick might tell you that they are there to watch the ladies in the pool but actually they are there to keep the ducks from getting into the pool. Their eyes look like they are following you.

PAVING AND TREES: Fran Meyers said repairs like seal coating would be done this summer. Trees are being cared for by in house workers when they can fit it in. Please turn in written requests if you see trees on common grounds that need trimming. Trees on your association property are to be handled by your association.

GOLF: Bob Anderson noted that <u>scrambles</u> are so well attended during season that he would like to see the size increased next season.

He noted that USA won the <u>Ryder Cup</u> again for 6 out of the 7 times. He noted there was great comradery among the teams. Tom Tindall added that he was emotional when the Canadians sang our National Anthem and we countered by singing the Canadian National Anthem.

The First Terraverde Masters Championship was a big success. Next year they plan to tweek it a bit. Bob Anderson was this year's winner. They are discussing a plaque to be put up in the pro shop.

GOLF COURSE: When asked if any work would be done on the golf course this summer, Joe said that only necessary repairs that come up will be done. We still owe about \$70,000 on the pump house and that loan matures in 2016. Eventually we will need a new irrigation system.

This will be a very expensive project. In the meantime, repairs are being made as they present themselves.

DICK GAROFANO: Joe gave Dick special recognition, noting what a great job he has done. Anyone who lived here before Dick came recognizes the changes Dick has made in the clubhouse and the additions he has added.

WELL DONE, DICK!

TCC WEB REPORT: Tom Tindall reminded owners to check and use the website. Don Smith is working with Grace to add things to the website. It was noted that if individual associations would like to have their own information areas on the website, that can be set up.

OPEN FORUM

Elinor Mitchell mentioned that someone was seen breaking into a covered car in their area at 3:00, AM. We are reminded to keep our cars locked and to call police if we see suspicious activity. Dick Garofano noted that crime increases when school is out. Joe said he would look into getting a neighborhood watch set up again. Joe noted that the sheriff likes to have a large group attend the meeting to discuss the set up. Full time residents would like to have it be done sooner rather than waiting until season.

The sheriff's department has deputies assigned to periodically check Terraverde. If they start getting lots of calls they will know to check more often and hopefully deter vandals.

Dave Vona noted that the blue recycling bins sitting around are an eyesore. He suggested that they be put into the closed areas. After much discussion, the committee decided to table the concern until the next meeting. In the meantime, members were asked to check with the recycling company regarding a solution. Hiding them would dress up the area.

Bill Weigel questioned the procedure for counting the votes for the Board of Directors. He wondered why the final count was not made public since several rumors arose after the meeting. Tom Tindall said that next year they would need to set up rules and regulations regarding that issue before the vote.



TERRAVERDE ANNUAL MEETING

March 26, 2015 6:30 PM in the clubhouse

If you can't attend please send your proxy.