

# Tamarind Cay



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Community Newsletter

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## Useful Phone Numbers

Pre-call Gate Access	482.6998
North Gatehouse	482.5039
South Gatehouse	433.0110
Security Patrol	340.8994
Sheriff Non-Emergency	477.1000
Poison Control	800.282.3171

**For other Emergency numbers  
Tune in Comcast Channel 95**

## Landscaping '101'



It's no *accident* that the landscaping and plantings within our community have never looked better in the 10+ years I've lived here. As a matter of fact, it's a lot of *hard work* on

the part of our Landscape Committee led by Jean Long. She not only negotiates with and directs the efforts of the contractors who do our trimming and major replanting work, but does much of the plant selection and trowel/shovel work herself.

It's not unusual to see her up to her elbows in potting soil and mulch - in one or another garden area in Tamarind Cay. We all owe her a debt of gratitude.

If you're looking to get your hands dirty, Give her a call - she might need some help.

## COUNTY HURRICANE SERVICES FOR 'SPECIAL NEEDS' RESIDENTS

Lee County sponsors **Special Care Shelters** for residents with special needs. They can also arrange for transportation to a regular **Emergency Public Shelter** for residents who cannot get there on their own or with other drivers. If you, or anyone else you know, might need these services you **must register now**. Space is limited and registration closes when Lee County enters into the 5-day forecast cone.

If your physician feels you should be in a **Hospital** your doctor must arrange for pre-admittance with the hospital and you must also register with the County. Without their pre-approval the hospital will not accept you.

Call 239/533-3640, **Debbie Quimby Special Needs Coordinator**, for further information or to obtain an application to register.

## June 16, 2008 Board Meeting ~ Unofficial Draft of Minutes

### Establish a Quorum/Call to Order

Board members present were Susette Nordstom and Walt Kittredge. Ed French was on speaker phone. Also present was Sheila Ullmann from Suitor and Assoc. One resident was present. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Susette Nordstom, at 2:15 P.M.

### 1. Minutes

*Motion was made by Walt Kittredge; seconded by Ed French to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2008 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 2. Old Business

#### Landscape Projects - Jean Long

a.. *Motion was made by Walt Kittredge; seconded by Ed French to accept the bid from Lewsader of \$2500 to replace eleven aging air conditioner hedges and the bid of \$2290 to replace the next section of hedge by the golf maintenance sheds. Motion carried unanimously.* Larger ficus plants will be used this year for the maintenance fence. The above projects will be funded from the routine landscape budget.

b. *Motion was made by Walt Kittredge; seconded by Ed French to allow \$200 to be spent on webbing for the fence by the golf maintenance sheds. Motion carried unanimously.* Tamarind Cay will try to get reimbursed from golf maintenance. Since their staff has been drastically cut, Bob Hecker will do the web installation so the project is completed in a timely fashion.

c. The landscape committee hadn't requested any money since last October's meeting. *Motion was made by Walt Kittredge; seconded by Susette Nordstom to give the landscape committee \$500 to do additional future planting. Motion carried unanimously*

#### Pool / Spa Repair

*A motion was made by Walt Kittredge; seconded by Ed French to accept the bid from Neptune Pools To repair the spa and correct two safety issues in the pool if the bid didn't exceed \$3500. Motion carried unanimously.* The funding will come from the "pool deck resurfacing reserve account".

Any additional pool work will be delayed until a future time.

### 3. Schedule Next Meeting

The next Tamarind Cay Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 4:00 PM at Suitor & Assoc. *Motion was made by Walt Kittredge; seconded by Susette Nordstrom to adjourn at 2:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.*

### Warning ~~~~ Take Heed

There have been 3 reports of vehicular burglary in Tamarind Cay in recent weeks. In all cases, the vehicles were parked in driveways (not in garages), and it appears the doors to the vehicles were unlocked with personal electronic equipment, and in one case a wallet, in plain view. The message seems clear— neither the Board of Directors, nor the Management Company, nor Security can be everywhere all the time. Owners need to be the first line of defense. Garage your vehicles if possible...if not, stow your valuables and lock the doors.

This edition of the TC Newsletter, as well as all past editions and lots of other helpful information can be found on the Tamarind Cay Web Site.

Go to <http://sites.google.com/site/tamarindcay/>  
And check it out

If you have questions you always wanted to ask... or subjects of common interest...or want to contribute your writing skills, please contact Susette Nordstrom or Walt Kittredge ([Captwalterk@cs.com](mailto:Captwalterk@cs.com)).

## Ten Water Conservation Tips

*Our Florida lifestyle depends on a clean, ample supply of water. As you read through these ways to conserve, you'll notice that most are based on simple common sense. It's important that we all do our part.*



1. Don't pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as using it to water your indoor plants.
2. Make sure your home is leak free. Check your water meter when you are certain that no water is being used. If the meter reading changes, you have a leak!
3. Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year!
4. Consider retrofitting all household faucets by installing flow restrictors.
5. Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If you have a leak, the color will appear in the bowl within minutes.
6. If the toilet handle frequently sticks in the flush position, replace or adjust it.
7. Install a toilet displacement device to cut down on the amount of water needed for each flush. (There are devices available at most hardware and home centers.) Be sure installation does not interfere with the operating parts.
8. Replace your shower head with an ultra-low-flow version.
9. Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or set the water level for the size of load you are using.
10. Store drinking water in the refrigerator. Don't let the tap run while you are waiting for water to cool.

*Try to do one thing each day that will result in saving water. Every drop counts...and we collectively pay for every drop.*

## Waste Disposal Guidelines

The **REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAYS** for trash pickups are;

Sec I and IV Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Sec II and III Monday and Friday (in season Sec II is also picked up on Wednesdays)

Recycling is scheduled for pickup at all sites on Thursdays

**NO TRASH SHOULD BE LEFT OUTSIDE THE DUMPSTER - CLOSE ALL COVERS AND GATES PLEASE**

VEOLIA will pick up items such as TV, computer and other electronic equipment, furniture or appliances. **BEFORE** you take these items to the dumpster, you must first call Suitor (239/437-0340). They will get a confirmation number from Veolia and let you know when you should put it at the dumpster.

**DUMPSTERS** should be used only for **NON- HAZARDOUS NON- RECYCLABLE** waste.

**NO** Auto/marine batteries. These batteries should be taken back to the dealer or to the hazardous waste site. (Regular household batteries are OK). Rechargeable batteries (Radio Shack & Gavins/ACE Hardware will accept these).

Construction debris (contractor should remove this). Appliances/furniture or other bulky items (call Suitor).

Left over paint must be taken to the hazardous waste site. (Empty cans or dried paint may go in the dumpster).

### **PAPER RECYCLING**

**YES** Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, paper bags, phone books, soft cardboard (without a wax layer) and corrugated cardboard. **ALL BOXES MUST BE BROKEN DOWN AND FLATTENED.** The corrugated cardboard may be placed **behind** the recycling bins in bundles no larger than 4' x 6' and 6" thick.

### **COMINGLED GLASS/PLASTIC RECYCLING**

**YES** Glass jars, bottles, cans, aluminum foil, pie plates, cans and empty aerosol cans.

Any rigid plastic container marked with #1-7 on the bottom. **NO PLASTIC BAGS.**

**NO** Aluminum lawn furniture, kitchen utensils or glass cookware, dishes, mirrors, pots/pans, screens, license plates, car parts, tools, polystyrene, flower pots or plastic bags. Auto fluid containers must be taken to the hazardous waste site.

### **THE COUNTY HAS REGULARLY SCHEDULED HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF SITES.**

We encourage recycling not only for the environment but it will also keep our costs down as there is no extra charge from Veolia to pick up the recycling.

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## July 17, 2008 Board Meeting ~ Unofficial Draft of Minutes

### Establish a Quorum/Call to Order

Board members present were Susette Nordstrom and Walt Kittredge. Ed French and Tom Lemley were on speaker phone. Also present was Sheila Ullmann from Suitor and Assoc. Two residents were present. The meeting was called to order by President protem, Walt Kittredge at 4:10 P.M.

1. **Minutes** *Motion was made by Susette Nordstrom; seconded by Ed French to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2008 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*
2. **Old Business**
  - a. Spa Refurbishing Schedule The work will begin on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and should be completed within 5 days. The main pool will remain open during this period.
  - b. Progress Report Landscaping and Fence Weave by Golf Maintenance Shed  
Landscaping - The last section of the hedge by the maintenance shed has been replaced with larger plants than last year. All the air conditioner hedge replacements have been completed and Lewsader is finishing the summer trimming. A palm inside the hedge at the end of Jacana was hit by lightening and will be removed.  
Fence weave - Bob Hecker with the help of Walt Kittredge have installed part of the weave. It will be finished when they get the rest of the material.
3. **Topics Related to Maintenance Person** A list of projects for rainy days will be compiled for Bob Hecker.
4. **Status of Open Maintenance Requests**
  - a. Roof Repairs 1502 Colonial Roofing will do the 1502 repairs next week. They will also check the roof dryer duct for unit 806. Depending on what they find, more ducts may be checked. Owners are responsible for getting their dryer ducts cleaned to prevent fires.
  - b. Rear Gutter Repairs 1604/1606 The gutter work for 1604/1606 and 910 has been authorized.
5. **New Business**
  - a. Review Need to Turn Off Water and Washing Machine Fill Hoses Another unit has received inside water damage. All residents should be aware of the necessity to replace aging water hoses and connections. Outside water valves must be turned off when occupants are gone more than 24 hours.
  - b. Security All owners are asked to assist in reporting speeders in Tamarind Cay—make an anonymous call to Wackinhut. There were two car break-ins on Jacana last week. Residents should park their cars in garages overnight if possible and definitely lock vehicles left in driveways.
6. **Schedule Next Meeting** The next Tamarind Cay Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 2:00 PM at Suitor & Assoc.

*Motion was made by Walt Kittredge; seconded by Susette Nordstrom to adjourn at 4:40 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.*

### Dryer Vent Hazard

**Unit owners please note:** We have had a recent incident of a clothes dryer catching fire and investigation revealed that the cause was a plugged vent pipe going to the roof which had accumulated lint that eventually backed up to the dryer heating coils. The Yellow Pages list several companies that specialize in cleaning dryer vent systems. Some owners have been able to negotiate a better price by organizing all owners in a building to have the work done at once.



### An Ounce Of Prevention...

...As Ben Franklin said is worth a pound of cure. Turning off the valves behind your washing machine when not in use, and turning off the water main to your unit when you are going to be away can prevent a mechanical or plumbing failure from flooding your unit or that of your downstairs neighbor.



Remember, damage resulting from negligence is your responsibility.