

President's Message

Summer in Deerwood is a beautiful and I certainly hope everyone is enjoying it. Along with the nice weather, however, a rash of vandalism has arisen. Whether it is from extended daylight hours, or bored kids out of school, I don't know, but Deerwood is not immune. We have had several incidents of vandalism in cars and on the Deerwood Country Club (DCC) golf course. I would urge everyone to be a watchful neighbor and report any suspicious activity to the police and then Access Control. Don't forget to lock your cars and house and alert neighbors when you will be away.

Many of you have asked about the storm water and solid waste fees. Thanks to our special assistant, Andrew Glazier, who diligently worked through the maze of requirements and permit numbers by City Hall, our voluminous application for an exception to the fee is now on its way. Once the application is processed and approved, new fee statements will go out. If you have already paid the fee, you will either get a refund or a credit next year (the City is not sure which they will do). If you have not paid yet, the new statement will come in eight to twelve weeks.

We have new signs going up in Deerwood! With the new lighting project underway, we realized many of the Deerwood street signs were attached to the old lighting poles which were coming down. Additionally, first put up in the late 1960's and 1970's, the signs were small and nearly impossible to read in the dark. After much debate within the Board, we came up with a new design that was cost efficient, yet still attractive.

The first phase of our multi-year lighting project is well underway, on time and on budget. We hope to have the new lights up and working by November. At that time, the committee will make a recommendation to the Board for the next phase to be implemented during the next year. With patience, we will have all of Deerwood safely lit.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

We love the diversity and creativity that is Deerwood and work to help you keep Deerwood the special place it is! Remember, before making any exterior changes to your home, yard, fence or driveway, please contact the ARC Coordinator, Tobe' Budner, at 285-2519.

Whew!!! ARC has really been busy. During 2007 we reviewed: renovations--23; new driveways/pavers--10; landscaping--1; tree removal--50; fences--10 (remember we're encouraging the wrought iron fence look); roof replacement--19; and another miscellaneous 13 projects for a total of 126. For the first six months of 2008, we've received 84 projects for review, of which a large percentage are renovation projects that require both preliminary and final reviews.

ARC meets at DCC every other Monday at 2:00 p.m. with our volunteers, paid staff and homeowners. However, requests for expedited service have increased significantly and ARC is incurring additional expense for the services of our Architect and ARC Coordinator. To offset these costs, the DIA Board has approved a \$100 fee for expedited ARC review effective August 1, 2008.

Those storage pods and dumpsters are great, aren't they? They just drop them off, you fill them up at your leisure and then they come back and pick them up. However, they do detract from Deerwood's overall appearance and should be in your driveway only as long as necessary during your remodel, etc. Pods used for longer term storage should be sent back to the storage facility until you are ready to have it returned for unloading. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated by your community!

Are you building a home or making improvements? With all of the decisions you have to make during construction, it is easy to forget that the DIA covenants require completion within a certain time period depending on the covenants applicable to your Unit. ARC will send you reminder notices near the end of your time period. If you receive a notice, please contact the ARC Coordinator to advise of any special

circumstances or reasons why the project cannot be completed on time. Please be a good neighbor during your construction. You are responsible for your contractors' and subs' behavior.

Thanks for your patience while going through the ARC process. It's systems such as these, that after almost forty years, keep Deerwood one of the most prestigious communities in Jacksonville!!!

Standards

Just as ARC makes sure we undertake projects in line with our covenants and restrictions (C&Rs), our Standards Committee is tasked with making sure that residents comply with our restrictions. One of the current issues that our property manager is busy notifying residents about is mold on roofs. This general upkeep notification is like that for dead grass, trees and bushes and peeling house paint and an effort to keep Deerwood beautiful. It is not meant to hurt people's feelings. The Property Manager will make every effort to give you suggestions for licensed and insured Roof Cleaning Contractors. However, Deerwood does not recommend any particular vendor nor guarantee their work.

The DIA has a procedure for ensuring homeowners comply with our Deerwood standards which includes notifying the homeowners with letters, being available for questions and comments, making suggestions and levying fines and liens. Maintaining the standards in Deerwood adds to the presentation of our property and promotes higher property values.

Access Control

School is out, the economy is troubled and even Deerwood is subject to vandalism and theft. There were three burglaries to residences in May, numerous cars broken into and the golf course was vandalized.

Remember to lock and set your alarm when you leave your home. Lock your car if it is in your driveway at night. Most of these security issues were with homes and cars that were not locked. If you see or hear any suspicious activities, call the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at 630-0500 and then Access Control at 642-1633. Let's all work together and eliminate these problems.

You should have received a flyer about our new Access Control System with improved software, camera and audio system. **The NEW NUMBER TO CALL IN VISITORS IS 642-1604**

AND YOU CAN ENTER GUESTS ON THE ACCESS CONTROL WEBSITE

www.isnsecurity.com/deerwood using your home telephone number as your username and your personal PIN as your password. Please call 642-1633 with questions.

Property Manager

We have been busy implementing several new projects. Phase 1 of the street light project is on schedule. The new poles should be erected soon and old ones will be discarded or used for parts in the other areas of Deerwood.

The new boatyard is completed and open. All boats, trailers, RV's, commercial vehicles, etc **MUST NOW** be parked in the boatyard area. There are still some 27 and 30 foot spaces available, so if you are interested in renting a space, please call me and I will send you the paperwork.

We are currently installing the new street signs that are much more visible and easier to read. All street signs will be replaced to match the new street signs and obviate the continuous repairs we had been making.

I continue making my rounds to promote resident's compliance with Deerwood covenant and restrictions.

Please call me at 273-3033 / Marsh Landing Management if you have any questions.

Landscape Committee

The summer time heat is upon Deerwood and the beautiful knock-out roses and crape myrtles are not wilting. Let's beautify all of our yards with a little flower power or plant perfection. Annuals add so much color from spring through fall. The entire neighborhood will applaud your gardening enhancements! Keep on planting those flowers, shrubs, and trees.

Herb Monroe, Landscape Committee Chair, has personally inspected every sprinkler on Deerwood's 83 islands. The Committee has completed plantings on Southside Blvd (notice the Nellie Stevens holly trees). The beautiful Baymeadows Gate Deerwood granite sign will be polished and refurbished next week. There are more magnolias and crape myrtles around Deerwood, too. A new rose bed was planted on Summit Ridge. At the Boatyard, there are three new beds and irrigated viburnum plants around the fence.

Our next major project will be new sod plantings, irrigation, and split rail fence on Crosswicks and Little Fox. For years this area has been neglected. It has become a parking lot for cars and lawn maintenance vehicles. Please keep all vehicles off the grass. Watch for major improvements within this visible area.

Call Herb at 642-5359 for much appreciated comments and suggestions. Join our Committee which meets the second Tuesday of every month at 5:00pm at DCC. Keep waiving to Herman, our indispensable Deerwood Maintenance Man, in the white DIA pickup truck!!

New Access Control Procedures & Web Site

DIA has a new access control web site and software. You may enter visitors on the web site or call them in to the Gatehouse.

There is a new phone number to call in visitors: 642-1604

Residents can also logon to the Internet at www.isnsecurity.com/deerwood to enter their visitors using their home **telephone number as their username** and their **personal 4-digit PIN as their password**.

If your previous PIN had more than 4 digits and contained letters, the new PIN is now the last 4 numbers you had selected of your old PIN.

You will be able to edit, add and delete guests and view your guest log on this website.

If you have any questions, please call 642-1633.

Community Events:

Baywatch Membership: Baywatch is seeking interested homeowners from Hampton Glen, Hampton Park, Reedy Branch, The Overlook, Royal Lakes, James Island, South Chase and Deerwood to join our group of volunteers. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. for 1-2 hours at the East Hampton Clubhouse. We work closely with the city and developers to help make our community a better place to live. Please call Hank Houpert at 538-7471 if interested!

This will go along under special notes:

JSO -- 630-0500

Access Control -- 642-1633

Visitor Access/Guests -- 642-1633

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