



# Village Woods Newsletter



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**HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S**

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> @  
10:00AM**

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT DAN BROWN**

Thanks to all residents of Village Woods for your support and confidence in voting for Dan, Lee and Frank. We have worked as a team for the past 4 years.

All architectural change requests and lease/for sale applications are signed by all 5 of the board members so that we all have insight in to what is going on each month.

Per our rules and regulations all repairs that are to be taken care of by our Village Woods Condominium Association must be authorized by the board of directors. The board can not request payment for repairs unless the repairs are authorized.

It will be the owner's responsibility if prior approval is not requested. If in doubt contact a board member or Management and Associates.

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

When a person does a good deed,  
When he or she didn't have to,  
God looks down and smiles and  
says, "For this moment alone, it was  
worth creating the world".



### **OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

was well attended and many interesting subjects were covered. Soon some of our landscaping projects will be getting underway.

The interest and cooperation of the residents is much appreciated. We mentioned that there was an anonymous donation of \$100.00 to be put toward the purchase of a tree. Soon another resident donated \$100.00 toward the landscaping plans. These are quite generous offers and much appreciated. If you would like to make a donation please contact one of the board members. We are also looking for residents that would "adopt a garden" to take care of. Let's make Village Woods the envy of Beacon Woods.

### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

Thanks to Rick Lauder and Tom Belesimo we have our own internet Web Site. Rick will be our Web Master and Tom will be assisting as we grow our new site. The Web Site is: " [villagewoods.weebly.com](http://villagewoods.weebly.com) " (type in address box)

We are still adding information and up dating. If you are on the internet please take time to check this out and any suggestions would be welcome.

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## **TREES**

You may have noticed the removal of some trees here in Village Woods. At the rear of units on Darwood Drive two trees had to be removed due to roots in the sewer system and going under a foundation. Large camphor trees were removed on Dearborn due to splits in the tree crotches and the danger that this could result in unit damage. Other trees in Village Woods have been inspected and deemed to be healthy and do not present a problem at the present time.

Like many of you, we hate to see trees taken down but when they pose a threat or problem to the property action must be taken.

## **NEW TREES**

Soon we will see the planting of about 30 new trees on the island between Darwood and Majestic. Covering an area of about 300 feet up the middle of the island there will be a mixture of 30 Oleanders and Crepe Myrtle trees planted along with a Jacaranda tree.

On some of the peninsulas between the parking areas there will be bottle brush trees and ligustrum trees planted in 5 locations. The sloped area at the entrance of Danube near Darwood there will be a landscape theme of mulch, boulders and some drought resistant plants. Additional plantings to follow.

The board is working on a plan to plant 25-30 live oak trees along clocktower behind the Dearborn Drive buildings. This could be in the very near future.

## **NICE WEATHER**

We finally have the nice weather that we have come to expect. Hopefully the danger of frost is gone. As we look around we see what mother nature did to some of our plantings and grass. Some hedges have been replaced in front of the units. You will notice that many of the hedges around the dumpsters did not survive. We thought it was more important to do other areas first. We hope to tackle those next – budget!

## **BIG EXPENSES**

We had a 3 inch water main break on Dearborn. That break was due to a large camphor tree root system. The main was broken quite deep in the ground and that resulted in bringing in a back hoe to get to the pipe. The tree had to be taken down and has since been smoothed off and sod planted. And that is why we must submit an architectural change request before doing any plantings.

## **RAKING**

### **DO NOT RAKE THE LAWNS**

When the lawn is raked it destroys the runners that grow new grass. In the northern states there is an entirely different type of grass that can and should be raked. The saint augustine floritam grass that we have sends runners out horizontally and they spread to grow new shoots and grass. This is information from professional landscapers.