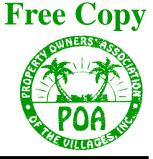
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The Property Owners' Association of The Villages

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Groundbreaking for Recreation Trails Project: A Proud Moment for Villagers





The official groundbreaking ceremony on July 19th, from right to left are: Janet Tutt -District Manager, Richard Lambrecht - Chairman AAC; Charles Dunlap; Arthur Terrill; Richard Belles and Paul Kelly.

This Is How The Project Started

The great news is that the reconstruction of the recreation trails north of Hwy. 466 has finally begun. See groundbreaking ceremony picture above.

What a great event this is for all Villagers. And, the funds to make this happen are not coming from any of our monthly amenity or annual maintenance fees. The funds came from the Developer from the \$43 million lawsuit settlement in March, 2008. This would never have happened had it not been for POA leadership and the passion and perseverance of Elaine Dreidame, Rich Lambrecht, Bill Garner, Irving Yedwab and Joe Gorman with financial support from the POA legal fund. See picture above. All five "lead plaintiffs" were and are POA members.

Let's review some of the history surrounding the decision to proceed made by the lead plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

On three separate occasions, commencing on **March 3, 2006**, Elaine went before the VCCDD Board of Supervisors and made her case as to why the amenity fees should be paying for the repair and maintenance of the recreation trails on Buena Vista and El

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The lead plaintiffs in the lawsuit settlement and the attorney. Standing, from left to right, are Rich Lambrecht, Joe Gorman, and Irving Yedwab. Seated, from left to right, are William Garner, Elaine Dreidame, and Attorney Carol Anderson. (3/08)

Developer wherein the Developer or its designee, (the VCCDD) agreed to "perpetually provide the recreational facilities.

-The recreation trails (cart paths) are 'recreational facilities' and defined as such (Continued on page 2)

August 17, 2010 THE NEXT POA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Third <u>Tuesday</u> of the Month – 7:00 p.m.

Notice: Back to Paradise Center For One Meeting



Camino instead of the residents in the numbered CDDs. Her major points were as follows:

-Each homesite owner signed a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions with the

Paradise Recreation Center

Jim Richards, Mayor of Lady Lake, speaking about What's New in Lady Lake and in the Lady Lake Shopping Malls.

Ollie's Frozen Custard Sundaes FOR ALL AFTER THE MEETING ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME – COME AND JOIN US

Rec Trails Project

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by the Developer who a) clearly states in its "Estimated Monthly Cost of Living" advertising and promotional materials "... Enjoy our Country Club Lifestyle at a Price that's Surprisingly Affordable and Includes... Private fishing lakes, waterfront parks, recreational and fitness trails...all covered by our current monthly contractual amenities fee..."; b) The Developer's promotional lifestyle video shows a couple walking on the recreation trail and the audio states, "... offering streets and recreation trails that are perfect for bicycling, inline skating and evening strolls"; and c) The recreation trails along Camino Real/Buena Vista Boulevard are identified as such in the Legend on the \$5 Developer produced Villages Street maps;

-The recreation trails are used by all residents, as are the executive golf courses, etc. They should be maintained on a general basis by the VCCDD so that they are all the appropriate style. The burden of repair and maintenance should not be on the residents of one district when everybody else is using them.

Supervisors gave their opinions as to why they did not agree and finally VCCDD attorney Duncan stated, "The Board has made their position clear. A quick note, Ms. Dreidame makes some points clearly. As lawyers tend to do, we pick and choose the words that we point out. If you'll look at the notes on tract 6 which she was referring to originally, it does say that tracts A and B are dedicated for the use of recreation areas, as open space, all those other things, but it clearly says in there that the developer has the right, reserves the right, to construct golf cart paths within those recreation trails. Once that golf cart path is constructed within that recreation trail it becomes a golf cart path maintained in accordance with the same rules and regulations of all the other golf cart paths within the district. I think that's the Board's

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Alas, Ms. Dreidame and the POA leaders followed Attorney Duncan's advice, found an attorney and took the matter to Court.

Today, more than four and a half years later, residents north of CR 466 not only have \$43 million from the developer to settle the class action lawsuit, but importantly we now have the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC), chaired by Richard Lambrecht.

The AAC is comprised of residents, elected by residents, (plus one representative from the VCCDD) who now control all of the non-bond related expenditures of our amenity fees north of Hwy. 466. This enabled the AAC to 'require' the VCCDD to spend \$7 million of the settlement funds to reconstruct our recreation trails.

So, our thanks go out to the several unselfish members of the POA and in particular Elaine, for pursuing this issue for the ultimate benefit of all residents of The Villages.

This gives living testimony to the Mission Statement of the POA found in every issue of the Bulletin on page two. That Mission statement reads in part as follows: "The Vision/Objective of the POA is to make The Villages an even better place in which to live, where Residents' Rights are respected, and local governments are responsive to the needs and interests of residents."

Congratulations to all Villagers – we residents made it happen! And, let's not forget to thank the Developer for agreeing to the lawsuit settlement in the best interests of residents. He did the right thing.



POA Mission Statement

The Property Owners' Association of The Villages is an independent organization devoted to our home ownership experience.

The Vision/Objective of the POA is to make The Villages an even better place in which to live, where Residents' Rights are respected, and local governments are responsive to the needs and interests of residents.

The POA serves Villagers through programs of education, research, analysis, representation, advocacy, and legislative action.

The POA also functions as a "watchdog" organization overseeing the actions of our developer and our local governments.

Specific POA attention is focused on housing, community, neighborhood, and local government issues. Special emphasis is focused on the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC), our Community Development Districts (CDDs), the Florida Chapter 190 law that regulates CDD operations, and our developer.

The POA has no ties or obligations to the developer of The Villages which might compromise the POA position or its advocacy of Residents' Rights.

The POA, founded in 1975, is the original homeowners' organization in The Villages. Membership is open to all Villages residents. \Box

The Villages Residents' Bill of Rights

RESIDENTS have RIGHTS to:

- 1. Be treated in a respectful, fair, and responsive manner by the developer and our local government officials.
- 2. Have decision-making authority for important issues in our community.
- 3. Elect our top government officials and approve appointments of the top administrative officials in our community.
- 4. Approve major purchases of common property and the related debt obligations assumed by residents.
- 5. Have local governments that are free of any conflict-of-interest issues.
- Be charged honest monthly amenity fees that are used only for the stated purposes.
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- 8. Receive an objective market appraisal for major purchases of common property.
- 9. Receive objective, unbiased, un-slanted news reporting from local news sources.
- 10. Be informed beforehand by the developer on any major change in our community. □

Detour Advisory For Rec Trails

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Here's how to stay up-to-date on the latest conditions and detours: On your computer go to districtgov.org and scroll down the right hand column to Multi Modal Updates and click on it – all up-dated detour info is on that site. There also is a place for you to sign up for email notices to be sent to you personally as detours are being rolled to new areas.

The following closures are either in effect or will take place in the near future:

El Camino Real - At the Savannah Center, the cart traffic patterns affected will be the traffic coming out of the "hole in the wall", the Buena Vista Boulevard tunnel, and the El Camino Real tunnel. The detour route is around the south and east side of the parking lot of the Savannah Center. This pattern will remain in effect through August 6th after which time the newly constructed path will be available for use from tunnel to tunnel.

The east ramp of the tunnel will become both the entrance and the exit to the tunnel. On Wednesday, August 4th, this traffic pattern reverses where the east ramp will be closed and the west ramp will be both the entrance and the exit.

On Wednesday, August 4th, the "hole in the wall" at Savannah Center will be <u>closed</u> <u>to all traffic</u> starting at 9:00pm and will re-



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open at 6:00am the following morning. Beginning Wednesday, August 4th, the next segment of the El Camino Real path will be closed from the tunnel to Enrique Drive. The detour for this segment will be Enrique Drive to Caribe Drive to Azteca Loop through the "hole in the wall" at Savannah.

<u>Buena Vista Boulevard, District #4</u> (Marion County)

The closure will be at the northern most segment of the Buena Vista Boulevard path and continue south to the tunnel at Nancy Lopez. Traffic will be detoured to Legacy Lane and the Springdale Fitness Path on the east side of Buena Vista Boulevard and to Legacy Lane and Calumet Avenue on the west side of Buena Vista Boulevard. Golf cart traffic will be able to travel south on the Buena Vista Boulevard path from the tunnel at Nancy Lopez.

Saddlebrook

Golf Course and path closure will begin on July 26th. Detour will be the golf course and parking of Saddlebrook Rec Center.

Detour maps for Buena Vista Boulevard District 4 and El Camino Real are available on www.districtgov.org. As always, please contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

Eva M. Rey

Director of Purchasing and Support Services Villages Center Districts

Moffitt Cancer Center Coming to The Villages

We are thrilled to learn that the Moffitt Cancer Center, of Tampa, Fl, is coming to The Villages. This is outstandingly good news for all Villagers as well as for residents of our surrounding communities.

The Daily Sun published a full-page-wide double-line headline announcing the news in its July 29th issue.

The key reason for Moffitt's decision was that the developer of The Villages committed to financing and constructing the required building which we estimate at a cost of up to \$18 million. An additional \$2 million for equipment will be sought during construction through charitable donations.

The building will be constructed as an additional wing of the Sharon Morse Medical Building. Sharon Morse was the wife of Gary Morse and died of cancer about ten year ago. She was a key influence in designing many Villages building and conceived the mural in the Savannah Center auditorium.

Residents should take credit for their letter-writing campaigns. The developer deserves full credit and a heartfelt thanks for his generosity, forethought, and concern for the health and well-being of this community. \Box

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Buena Vista Blvd. Open To Hwy. 44 in Wildwood

Buena Vista Blvd. is now open all the way south to Hwy. 44 in Wildwood. You can now travel the entire 15 mile stretch of this road from Hwy. 42 in Marion County to the southern boundary in Wildwood.

The Villages now measures 15 miles long from north to south and about 8 miles wide from east to west. A total of 40 sq. miles.

If you get a chance and want to see this southern boundary, why not consider visiting some of the Bulletin advertisers in Wildwood. Just say Hello for us and tell them that you saw their ad in the POA Bulletin. Some of these businesses are:

Angelotti's Italian Restaurant (page 3) Sparr Building and Farm Supply (page 4) A Complete Dental Care Center (page 8) Frank Slaughter Insurance (page 14)

Bowling

When I moved here over ten years ago there were two Bowling Centers in The Villages. The population has more than doubled in that time, and there are still only two!

Editor's Note: You have identified a need here in The Villages. However, the developer has stated that he will not build any more bowling centers himself and will leave that up to other private companies to do so. \Box

Update: IRS Bond Investigation

At the June 3, 2010 VCCDD meeting Archie Lowry, District Counsel, stated the IRS investigation is continuing and no additional updates have been provided from the IRS. However, Mr. Lowry advised a Tolling Agreement has been sent out to numerous participants of the various bond issues and as the agreements are received, Mr. Lowry requested the Board approve the Chairman execute the Agreements that come in, if they do come in. He further stated that although a final determination has not yet been made by the IRS, as to an adverse determination at this time, the VCCDD has gone ahead with

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the Tolling Agreements. The Agreement simply states the timeframe for filing any type of action against any of the participants, if in fact any action would be taken, would be frozen in time. In other words, the time under the tolling agreement would not count toward the timeframe under law which says you have to bring the lawsuit. If the statute is for four years and the tolling agreement is for one year means you have a total of five years to file a lawsuit.

Editor's Note: Statutes of limitations generally limit the period after an occurrence in which a claim can be brought. Despite the concrete period specified in such statutes, however, determining exactly when the right to file a claim will be lost can be difficult to know with certainty. A tolling agreement between the parties to the potential claim can be used to create certainty that benefits both sides. The function of a Tolling Agreement is to prevent the loss of a right because of a statute of limitations. The terms of the agreement can be negotiated by the parties. Ultimately, the parties entering the Tolling Agreement agree to waive the statute of limitations for either some predetermined period or up until some precedent condition.



POA Meeting in August at Paradise

The POA will hold its August meeting in the Paradise Center on August 17th at 7:00 pm. This is a one month change, and the regular monthly meeting will revert to the Laurel Manor Recreation Center starting with the September meeting.

This is an opportunity to see some of our old friends who may not have been able to attend our meetings in the past in Laurel Manor. And, it is an opportunity for Villagers who haven't yet seen the beautiful Paradise Center to see it in person.

And, a big attraction is that we will serve Ollie's Frozen Custard Sundaes to everybody after the meeting in our social time. What a treat this will be on a hot summer evening. And, we understand that everybody can partake since the Ollie's custard sundaes have no fat, no calories, and no cholesterol. Such a deal!

A special attraction will be Jim Richards, mayor of Lady Lake, who will be our guest speaker. The mayor will talk about "What's New in Lady Lake" and will also detail the continuing plans for development of the shopping centers on Hwy. 441/27.

Overall, an evening of good news, good friends, a great rec center, and frozen custard on a hot night in August. See you there. \Box

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Cheers and Jeers

Cheers - To Janet Tutt, Villages Community Development District Manager. Janet, you and the staff you have surrounded yourself with did an outstanding job on making the recreation trail reconstruction project a reality. Congratulations, and thank you. Congratulations and thanks also to the AAC for it hard work to help move the idea along.

Jeers - To Owens Corning Shingle Company for hiding behind a cryptic warranty transfer policy and denying Villagers' reasonable claims for replacement of defective roof shingles that fail prematurely.

Cheers - To the developer for opening Buena Vista Blvd. south all the way to Hwy.44 coming out of Wildwood. The Villages now spans 15 miles, north to south.

Cheers - To all the medical Urgent Care Centers in and around The Villages which help to take the load off the often crowded Villages Hospital Emergency Room. We all need to better understand these medical alternatives and use them for minor emergencies.

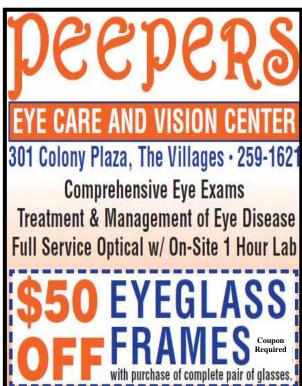
Cheers - To the Buffalo, wherever you are. We remember you fondly. Come back and visit sometime.

Jeers - To the Florida Department of Wildlife and the Department of Fish and Game for their indifference in a recent phone call about a gopher tortoise trapped in a metal fence in one of our wildlife areas. The attitude of the department personnel seemed to be that if a tortoise was in trouble, then that was nature, and if it dies then it dies, and there was nothing the departments would or could do. Gosh, that's cruel. \Box

CIC Anniversary

The Community Improvement Council (CIC) will celebrate its 25th Anniversary from 4-7 p.m., Friday, September 24th, at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center. All past officers of the CIC are invited to attend the event. The CIC is currently looking for former officers and would appreciate being notified as to how to contact them. For further information and to RSVP, please contact Paulette Graeven at 352-392-7000 or by internet e-mail at pgraeven@thevillages.net. Deadline for responding is September 10th. Join us for a good time including food, drink, entertainment and a lot of fun and reminiscing. Π

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AAC MEETING July 14, 2010

Old Business:

Multi-Modal Paths - The committee received an updated report from Richard Busche of Kimley-Horn regarding the Recreation Trail reconstruction project. Construction contracts with C. W. Roberts have been signed. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 19, 2010 on the north side of the Savannah parking lot and construction was initiated immediately thereafter. Trail paving and grading should be substantially completed by Thanksgiving 2010 with landscaping and irrigation completed by year end 2010. District staff requested residents keep up with web site info regarding "rolling" trail detours during the construction period.

The Committee was advised that storm water pond 14-2. located near the intersection of El Camino Real and Morse Blvd., needs relining before the new recreation trail in that area could be constructed. In May the AAC had agreed to share the cost of this relining project with the water utility (LSSA), but in light of the SWFWMD ultimatum, LSSA has withdrawn its offer. Staff estimates the cost of relining at about \$200,000.

The AAC was advised by numbered district counsel Valerie Fuchs that there is no



legal authority for the Districts to limit the forms of transportation allowed on the recreation trails or the speed, since the districts, under Chapter 190, lacks any enforcement power. The districts do have the authority to construct speed bumps in an effort to increase public safety and to reduce damage caused to the trails by increased speed.

The Committee recommended the VCCDD approve the First Amendment to the Agreement for Services with the Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. to extend the management services agreement to expire March 31, 2011 in order to allow for the inclusion of any fiscal impact in the FY2011-2012 budget.

The AAC was advised that discussions will be held between the Lady Lake Town Board and interested residents regarding a proposed traffic signal at the intersection of CR 466 and Chula Vista Avenue.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the AAC would be included in any future planning and approval of replacement vehicles for the Community Watch Department.

Subject to a staff review to assure compliance with the 2009 MUTCD regulations being adopted by the Florida Department of Transportation, the AAC approved the entry/

exit gate arm lengths and timing recommendations of staff.

Staff Reports:

District Manager Janet Tutt announced that Lady Lake would be appointing a replacement for Eldon Sheldon, the AAC representative for Lady Lake/Lake County, at the next Lady Lake Town Commission meeting to be held on July 19, 2010 (Joy Anderson was selected. She will serve until a new representative is elected in the November landowner election).

Other:

Please go to the www.districtgov.org website for the official minutes, agendas and meeting schedule.

The Next AAC meeting - Wednesday August 11th, 1:30 PM in the Savannah Center.





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Sexual Offender Database: July Article Clarification

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The article in last month's Bulletin about the Sexual Offender Database of the State of Florida had a confusing listing which we need to clarify.

The article, and the Database used as the source, listed Thomas J. Incorvaia at 2034 Ridge Spring Dr. as being in the Database.

We have learned that there is a son and a father with exactly that same name, Thomas J. Incorvaia. The younger Mr. Incorvaia is the individual who is correctly listed in the Database. The elder Mr. Incorvaia is a real estate agent in The Villages and should not be confused with his son.

Also, the son was listed as having an address in The Villages on Ridge Spring Dr. The elder Mr. Incorvaia clarified that this address was a temporary address and that the son's permanent address is at 12170 NE 51st Circle in Oxford (34484).

Furthermore, the house on Ridge Spring Dr. was sold in early 2009 and the people now living there have no personal connection to either Mr. Incorvaia.

We regret the confusion caused by this article and hope this clarification is helpful to all involved.



Editor's Note: Below is a letter received about this situation:

Out of a group mailing from Tom Incorvaia, of the Village Sales staff, and his wife, Roseann, I became aware yesterday of the atrocious and false listing in the July 2010 POA Bulletin of Tom's name on a Sexual Offenders list. Aside from knowing Tom as my sales person at time of my Village home purchase in March 2007 and as my personal friend, his elucidation in his group-mail promulgation shows the 'actual' situation; it also shows how inadvertently a person's character can be slandered when a POA Bulletin merely publishes a list.

I have high respect for you, Mr. Gorman, since becoming aware of your dedication to the well-being of Village homeowners through the POA Bulletin; I perceive you as a man of integrity and the Village community is a better place with your service to and for all Village residents. For the moment you have a major responsibility as President of the POA Bulletin to exonerate Tom Incorvaia. I ask that it not be merely a few limping lines in the next Bulletin issue. In light of the severity of the implicit slander I do hope you will consider a separate and explanatory publication for Village residents' assimilation.

Lawrence T. Barrett Editor's Note: Here is another Letter to The Editor:

I feel that the POA totally went beyond its

mission and common sense in publishing the names and addresses of individuals listed on the Florida offenders website. You should have stopped at just giving the website address. I mostly read the POA Bulletin for its entertainment value as I have never liked your confrontational approach to most things. But this article, using the rational that friends and family are visiting, was too much. Ok, now I know their names and addresses (which I've known for several years about the gentleman living in my neighborhood), now what? Should we picket their homes? Maybe follow them to be sure they aren't causing trouble? When deciding to publish this information, did you give any consideration to how long ago the offense (Continued on page 8)

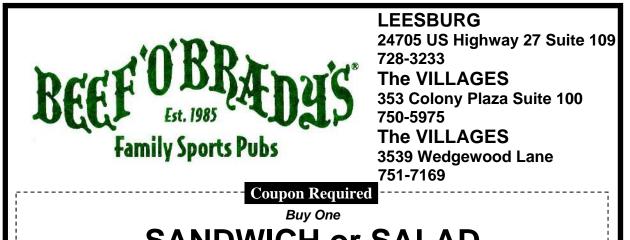
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Sex Database

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occurred? What the offense might have even been? Do you even know that in some jurisdictions you can be listed as a sex offender for such offenses as soliciting a prostitute? Maybe it's someone's son or daughter who is living here temporarily while they get back on their feet. If that were the case the property owner (your avowed constituent) should be livid that you published their address. In my mind all you accomplished was to show your ignorance by thinking that because a name shows up on a list that person must be a child molester. In fact, all you really did was embarrass people who may have rehabilitated themselves long ago, thought it was all behind them, and are stuck in an archaic set of rules and laws. You people need to do a better job.

Robert Daniels

Editor's Note: We provided that listing as a public service to residents who want to be informed about issues in their neighborhoods. The three-ring binder we have at our meetings with the complete listing is always reviewed by many. The Bulletin article expanded the review process for others who do not attend our meetings. The recidivism rate among sexual offenders is high and that is why the state monitors their whereabouts and publishes the Database. We are not trying to persecute these offenders – we are just trying to give our residents a means of identifying a potential situation in their neighborhoods and the opportunity to take precautions if they choose to do so.

Performing Arts Center

Some 2,200 tri-county residents, including from The Villages, responded to the online survey asking about preferences for a proposed state-of-the art performing arts center.

Richard St. Amant, president of the Volunteers Performing Arts Alliance (VPAA) said the response shows there is widespread public interest in and support for the center, tentatively called the Performing Arts of Lake, Marion and Sumter (PALMS).

More details will be reported in the September Bulletin, after an analysis by Donovan Management Inc., of Orlando, which supervised the 21-question online survey from July 1-18. "We're very gratified to see that so many people support the idea of bringing world-class entertainers to a beautiful, convenient, facility that will be a major attraction for the area," St. Amant said. "We're extremely thankful to the POA for giving the issue such prominence and support.'

Two recent annual surveys of only Villages' residents showed that establishing such a center was the number one requested improvement. In other developments:

Site Sought: VPAA is examining sites for a plot of at least 12 acres to house the 37,000-square foot facility outside of The (Continued on page 9)









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Performing Arts

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Villages, but nearby. After the location is chosen, VPAA will begin fundraising to acquire the site and build the proposed 1,200seat facility.

Board Chosen: VPAA, which was led by a steering committee for several years, has chosen 11 members of a planned 15-member board composed of representatives of performers, consumers, business and civic groups. The board held its organizational meeting on July 13. The members will be announced when the board is complete.

Media Appearances: To rally public support for the cause, St. Amant and Jean Corley-Wix, the VPAA vice president, did interviews on WLBE AM-790 and WRHB AM-1410 in Leesburg. In addition, the Leesburg Daily Commercial did a page one story on the campaign July 9, and the Ocala Star-Banner printed a letter to the editor from St. Amant on July 3. WFTV, channel 9 in Orlando, reported on the issue July 9. And Jack Petro did an interview with St. Amant which was posted on his theater review at the internet Web site, Jack's Theater, www.jackstheatre.blogspot.com/ in June. On May 2, the Orlando Sentinel did a lengthy story on the campaign.

For updated information on the project, or to volunteer/donate to the campaign, check with VPAA Web site: www.vpaa.org. П



Lightning Matters

By Bob Freeman The Study Group on Lightning

To better understand lightning and the damage it can do, and how to protect yourself and your property from the perils of lightning, it is necessary to examine all aspects. Today we are looking at the safety and damage prevention measures that are associated with an *indirect lightning strike*.

Previous articles by Len Hathaway, have focused on *direct lightning strikes*. That is where a lightning strike hits your home and usually results in major damage, unless it is protected by a lightning protection system (LPS), commonly called lightning rods.

An indirect lightning strike is where the lightning strike from cloud to ground is nearby but does not directly strike your home. It is a strike that hits a nearby tree, flagpole, neighbor's home, directly into the

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ground, or directly into the ground and involves buried utilities, etc. The possibilities are numerous.

There is nothing we can do to prevent lightning strikes. You can best protect your electrical equipment in your home by: (a) having installed grounding and bonding as part of a properly designed and installed LPS. The bonding and grounding are important to keep potential (voltage) differences between all things electrical/electronic from rising to a point where circuitry insulation



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fails. Or (b) by having installed surge protection devices (SPD's) in your home.

If you do "a" and "b", you will have provided maximum protection. Doing "b" alone will provide you with good protection against electrical and electronic equipment damage.

"Electrical surges" can come into your home via the electric service, telephone service, cable/satellite TV, and/or through the ground with a close lightning strike. The wiring in the walls and attic of your home can act like an antenna and have electrical surges. SPD's are designed to clamp (or limit) the magnitude of the voltage transient to a level that should not damage electrical and electronic insulation.

Surge protection is divided into two categories, primary and secondary protection.

Primary protection is located at the main electrical service entrance to your home.

One option is to have your electric utility

install it at the electric meter on the outside of your home. SECO will sell it to you, or rent it to you on your monthly bill. Call them for details. Progress Energy will rent it to you on your monthly bill. Call them for details.

The other option for primary protection is to have a reputable and licensed electrical contractor install a "SPD" on your electrical panel that is located in your garage.

The primary protection will protect the 240 volt equipment, like your furnace/air conditioning, water heater, electric clothes drier, electric stove, dishwasher and garbage disposal. Either of these two options is a must for surge protection. BUT is not yet "whole house protection" that some people say it is.

Secondary protection is also an important and necessary requirement. This is for equipment that has a 120 volt plug-in power cord. Most electrical equipment that is rated at 120 volts: garage door opener, irrigation system controls, refrigerators, micro-wave ovens, washers, gas dryers, radios, TVs, computers, cordless telephones, electronic games, golf cart battery chargers, etc. have solid state electronic controls. These are all subject to damage from voltage transients. Each of these items should have SPD protection at the point where you plug them into an electric outlet. These are referred to as "point of use" SPD's. Some SPD's are also equipped to provide protection for telephone and cable TV co-ax connections. Progress Energy has these SPD's for computer and TV. SECO has these SPD's for all applications. If you contact the Customer Service Department at either utility, they will be glad to help you. Secondary protection SPD's are also sold at hardware and other major supply stores.

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to any firm or organization related to the lightning protection industry. We offer a 30minute Power Point presentation, *Lightning Tips for Villagers*. This presentation addresses direct lightning, indirect lightning, validation of LPS, CSST gas piping, common myths and misunderstandings. It is intended to help homeowners make informed decisions on their residential lightning risk.

If your group or organization would benefit from a presentation, contact Len Hathaway, lhatha@aol.com (430-1164), or Bob Freeman, Stalit1@aol.com (751-0505).

Roof Shingles

Recently, a new widespread construction problem has come to light in The Villages. This time, we find the problem is not in the workmanship, but in some of the materials used. It appears that on many patio villas built between 2004 and 2006, defective 3-tab shingles were installed. Numerous roofs have already been replaced in several patio villa neighborhoods.

The defect consists of bubbling-up of the asphalt which causes the reflective granules to shed prematurely. Over time, this can lead to water intrusion—a leaking roof. Each roof

needs to be examined closely to see the defect, it can't be readily seen from the ground. The shingles that were originally installed are rated for a 25-year life expectancy. In the Florida sun, perhaps 15 years is a more realistic expectation. But Owens Corning, the manufacturer of the roofing material, has already replaced the roof shingles on patio villas in neighborhoods that are just 4 to 6 years old, because of the defective product.

What to do? If you are the original owner of a patio villa built during this time, call Owens Corning at (800)-ROOFING or local contractor Batterbee Roofing to arrange for an examination of your roof and submission of claim information. Not every claim is ap-(Continued on page 12)

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with any of the "pre-owned" homeowners we

talked with, either at the time of or prior to

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proved. Some homeowners have received a letter saying the defect is not severe enough to qualify for replacement at this time. Most second owners receive a letter saying that they do not qualify for replacement under warranty because the product warranty did not automatically transfer to them at the time they purchased their pre-owned home.

This brings up a question: When were second-homeowners informed that the warranty on each component of their pre-owned home may have to be individually transferred? How would anyone know about this? Is it just one more example of obscure "fine print?" According to the Owens Corning warranty, which, in retrospect, one can find on the internet, a homeowner would have had to submit transfer information, along with \$100.00, within 60 days of purchasing the home. This requirement was not reviewed

closing. In fact, some residents bought their pre-owned homes through The Villages salespersons, sight-unseen, relying on Villages-provided home inspectors as to the condition of the villa. Another question: At what time was this defect first discovered? Shouldn't the defect

have had to have been disclosed to all purchasers of villas that were built with these shingles as of the time of that discovery? We have not yet heard from any owners of "preowned" homes informing us that any such disclosure had been made. However, we note, The Villages seems to be involved with and well aware of the Owens Corning problem. The letters we have seen approving or

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declining claims for roof-shingle replacement have been carbon-copied to The Villages. We question whether information required to make an informed decision been withheld from purchasers of pre-owned homes.

It seems this is a "gotcha" for owners of pre-owned villas. And it's an expensive one. If the manufacturer won't do it under warranty, it will cost \$5,000 to \$6,000 out-ofpocket in labor & materials to replace a villa's roof shingles. We don't know of any (Continued on page 13)





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buyers of pre-owned villas who were ever informed by their realtor or the closing department that they had a limited opportunity to transfer the shingle warranty within a certain time (along with the \$100 fee). How would the prospective buyer of a pre-owned home even know what brand of shingle is installed on the roof in order to then transfer a warranty? Is the original owner somehow supposed to know this and pass the information along? How many other built-in components of these homes need to have warranties for the construction materials transferred individually when a home is sold to a second owner?

From what we've heard, The Villages does not use Owens Corning shingles any more. If so, this begs the question: Why not? The Villages and their contractors chose the manufacturer to provide materials for these homes, and the roofs are deteriorating while still quite new. Is there something more we

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don't know? Second homeowners will have to replace the shingles or disclose this defect to potential buyers of their villas. This can have a substantial impact on the value of their home.

We feel the developer should step up and vigorously advocate for the many current owners of "pre-owned" homes to help resolve this problem. Surely the developer has significant influence on how this issue can be settled in order to maintain quality standards and the confidence of Villages residents and prospective buyers.

We welcome information from homeowners who have had experience with this issue and will continue to inform readers of our findings. Hopefully this won't turn into another situation like the vinyl siding.

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Whose responsibility was it to notify buy-

ers of pre-owned homes about the warranties on the structure, including the roof, etc? We

bought our home, which had been owned for

only six months by the original owner,

through The Villages. We wonder why The

Villages sales rep. did not inform us of the

opportunity to have the roofing warranty

transferred to us from the original owner.

shingle problem in the July issue of the Bul-

letin and in a related article in this issue We

are currently talking with an attorney about

this situation and may have more to say in

the next issue of the Bulletin. As we learn

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other homes throughout The Villages.

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Letter to the Editor:

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More Roof Shingles

We are second owners of a patio villa in Tall Trees (Oak Bend Villas). In May, Batterbee Roofing, Inc (the original roofers when the homes were built in 2005) was inspecting roofs in our area for "shingle blistering." Most every roof was affected to some degree and claims were filed by Batterbee with Owens Corning.

Original homeowners whose shingles were found to be defective are receiving checks from Owens Corning for the labor and supplying Batterbee with the new shingles. Owners of pre-owned homes are being told that "warranties" were not transferred, therefore, their claims have been denied.

I recently was advised by a homeowner in the Madison Courtyard Villas in Mallory that that area is experiencing the same problem with blistering roof shingles. Therefore, it stands to reason it must be happening in

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Letter to the Editor:

Community Watch

When we came to look at homes we were told about Community Watch and gates for security. Right now, as I am writing, there is a truck with a trailer parked on the street, no label to tell who it is, and Community Watch went right on by and did nothing. For all I know someone could be robbing the house across the street. I have seen this before and am told anyone can come in the gates, people park wrong on the street, block fire hydrants, and Community Watch does nothing. What kind of security is this? Community Watch will get on someone's case for have a camper in their drive but do nothing about how long or what they are blocking when on the street.

Jim Horning

Editor's Note: The POA will have a speaker at an upcoming meeting to explain the role of Community Watch.

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Letter to the Editor:

Recycling in The Villages

Is there anyone doing anything about the charge for recycling?

We came from another location in Florida that has recycling. We started with just trash, then they changed to recycling and furnished everyone with barrels for the recycling and because of that, they made plenty of money.

They never charged extra for the barrel or pick up, not even for recycling. The trash bill stayed the same.

Here, they are charging for recycling and we have to buy our own bags, not to mention having to separate things with no bin to put it in!

I know they make plenty of money from recycling, so why are we being charged?

Please do not get this wrong, because I believe in recycling, but they make plenty on it!

Jim Horning

Editor's Note: We are stuck with the current system, so don't expect any changes in the near future. We gave the developer the job of providing trash pickup service when we bought our homes (see your sales documents). He decided to go with only bags rather than unsightly trash containers that might be left at curbside for days on end. When recycling was instituted, he decided again that we shouldn't have containers. Because of that we had to go with special bags at our expense. And, he decided that we would have to pay for the recycling rather than participate in any profits generated. \Box



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Letter to the Editor:

Grading Yards

I live in the Village of Largo on Cordova Circle. My wife and I moved in the day of the Tornado in 2007.

When the thunderstorms would arrive, my back and side property lines were flooded, as most are under those circumstances.

However, as I walked the Cordova Circle neighborhood, I noticed I had the most water gushing down my side property lines heading for the street out front. Then, after a while, the grass started dying and the weeds took over.

What was I to do? My neighbors said, "That's ridiculous, call The Warranty Dept, they'll take care of it!"

My first call was, what I would call, a Blow-Off. "Oh Mr Melloy, this in normal." I was told by the guy from the Warranty Dept.

As the situation got worse, I called again, maybe 6 months later, thinking maybe some-



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one else from the Warranty Dept would see it differently. Nope, same answer. "Mr Melloy, this is typical after thunderstorms."

So, I bit the bullet and rented a trencher from Home Depot, 200' of 4" drain pipe and all the other accessories and installed my own drain solution. Had Ken's Landscaping come in and install new grass squares. That was about a year ago. That's the background. NOW FOR THE CLINCHER. About a month ago, I see all these crews digging up the side and back property lines along Cordova Circle. I ask one of the homeowners what was going on. They told me they (about 16 separate homeowners) had called the Warranty Dept about my same drainage problem. Problem was, like me, they had all called individually. That is apparently the mistake we had all made.

What these 16 homeowners did after being "Blown-Off" was group together, write a letter to the Warranty Dept and threaten a lawsuit if something wasn't done. Presto-Chango, the Warranty Dept decided to quell the disturbance and quiet the folks by trenching and installing 4" drains; JUST LIKE I DID!!!!

I called the Warranty Dept (Dennis) and told him my plight. I wasn't asking for any money, just wanted to know why I got the run around just because I didn't gather up a posse of neighbors to challenge the Warranty Dept with a lawsuit.

Guess what - "He Blew Me Off." I asked him who his boss was. He said "I am". Gee, I guess he answers to no one. Nice job.

I asked a few more neighbors about this problem and they told me that this area in and around Cordova Circle (Largo) had not been graded properly, in the first place. It was at the time when The Villages was in high pressure sales, you remember, "You have 3 hours to buy this house or someone else will."

Ed Melloy





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Editor's Note: This illustrates the importance of trying to get all new home warranty work done within the first year. Whether you can or can't, be sure to keep a written record of any of your contacts with the Warranty Dept., listing time, date, person talked to, issue, follow-up, anything left pending, etc. You may find this worthwhile in the future to document the origin of problems.

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Letter to the Editor:

Thank You, POA

I thoroughly read and enjoyed your last POA issue and find it a very beneficial publication for obtaining a balanced view on my home town. Keep up the good work and thank you POA.

Paul Miller

Editor's Note: Thanks for the kind comments, we don't hear that often enough. \Box



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Our Monthly Gardening Column:

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Caladiums - A Favorite for Florida Gardens

by Anne Lambrecht Master Gardener

Sure, you've seen Caladiums: they're the lowgrowing plants with heart-shaped colorful leaves. Some people call them elephant ears because they're similar in appearance. Actually Caladiums and elephant ears are cousins in the Araceae, or aroid family, whose flowers look like a Jack-in-the-Pulpit. There are over 1000 named cultivars of Caladium from the original South American plant.

Caladiums are really nice plants and so easy to grow. Their beautiful leaves and tropical appearance are lovely in the garden. Caladiums can jazz up a shaded border, brighten a dark patio or skirt a bed of gloomy shrubs with color. They come in a spectrum of rainbow colors from pure white, cream, pink, bright rose to hot red. They have few enemies--germs or critter--and they're fairly inexpensive. Their color display lasts a long time. And Caladiums are perfect for containers or hanging baskets.

There are two kinds of Caladiums: Fancy-leaf and Lance-leaf. The Fancy-leaf varieties are the heart shaped, more rounded leaf and the Lanceleaf are the arrow shaped cultivars.

Examples of Fancy-leaf varieties include:

White-Candidum, White Christmas, Candidum Junior, Florida Moonlight, Garden White, Florida Blizzard, Red-Frieda Hemple, Red Flash, Postman Joyner, Florida Cardinal, Firecracker Red, Pink-Carolyn Whorton, Pink Beauty, Fannie Munson, Rosebud, Summer Rose, Novelty-White Queen, Miss Muffet, Gingerland, Mrs. Arno Nehrling, Florida Fantasy, Florida Calypso.

Examples of Lance-leaf varieties include:

White-White Wing, Jackie Suthers, Florida White Ruffles, Florida Whitewater, Red-Red Frill, Rosalie, Florida Red Ruffles, Pink-Florida Sweetheart, Pink Gem.

Most Caladiums like the shade but now there are cultivars that can be grown in the full sun.

If you buy the bare tubers, plant them upright with the eyes (like potato eyes) pointing upward in the spring after the cold. Put a little slow release fertilizer on the ground where you've planted the tuber. I dig my tubers up in the fall after the Caladium dies back if I can remember where they are. Even if left in the ground, they should return in the spring. I clean them off (wash and remove roots and stems) and place them dry in a paper bag and keep them in the garage. There are so many kinds that sometimes I just mark the bag if they are red or white.

Caladiums like rich, moist, slightly acidic (pH 5.5-6.2) soil. Good moisture retention is best although the soil should have good drainage because if they are left in water, the tubers will rot. Caladiums do not like cold weather. They grow best late spring through the summer and into fall.

Caladiums are perfect for our Florida gardens and they should be in every Florida garden since 95% of them are cultivated right here in Florida. The University of Florida has a Caladium breeding program at their Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Wimauma, Florida (inland

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from Tampa) and the professors there are absolutely crazy for caladiums. I've been to one of their Caladium Field Days where we learned about their research, new breeding updates, new cultivars and actually tour the fields. University of Florida caladium website is http:// caladiums.ifas.ufl.edu

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Odd's & Errands by Paula - Your affordable Personal Assistant. 352-430-0764. 10% POA discount.

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Panda Express - 869 North Hwy. 27/441, Home Depot Plaza, 352-751-2507. 10% POA discount, not valid with coupons or specials.

<u>Plaza Jewelers</u> - 16770 S. Hwy. 441, Baylee Plaza, Summerfield, 352-307-3846. 20 to 40% POA saving off retail price; all watch batteries \$3.00.

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<u>Colonial Medical Supplies</u> - 724 S US Hwy 441, Plaza One north of Oakwood Grill, 352-391-5169. 10% item discount to the POA.

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