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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Again exercising an abundance of caution as the Covid-19 pandemic continues and the vaccination process is not running as quickly or smoothly as hoped, the POA will again cancel its February Membership Meeting. We remain hopeful that circumstances will improve and that we will hold our March meeting as scheduled.

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## Sumter County Commissioners Delay Action on Impact Fees

Sumter County Commissioners found themselves between the proverbial rock and a hard place – or in their case, penned in by a parking lot full of construction vehicles – as they considered what to do about the campaign pledge made by the three new commissioners to raise road impact fees on new development. Sumter County's previous policy of discounting the impact fees, which most positively affects The Villages Developer, came under attack in 2019 when the Sumter County Commissioners raised the property tax millage rate by more than 25%. Residents argued they were bearing the brunt of development costs and that impact fees should be raised. The three incumbent commissioners who were up for reelection in 2020 all lost handily in the August primary.

After a special Commissioners' meeting on January 5 the topic of Impact Fees was on the January 12 meeting agenda for the purpose of scheduling a special public hearing later in January or in early February. Instead, small businesses and construction workers packed the meeting room and spent two hours telling the Commissioners why there should not be a change in impact fees during the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unlike Commissioners of the past, new Commissioners Craig Estep, Gary Search and Oren Miller listened to and heard what citizens and business people had to say and voted to delay any discussion of changing impact fees until at least July. Commissioners Doug Gilpen and Garry Breeden, however, voted no to tabling the topic because they don't think impact fees should change, signaling their continued and unwavering support for The Villages Developer, who continues to develop new neighborhoods and build homes at a record pace.

## An economic downturn in The Villages due to the pandemic is not evident.

The POA applauds the new commissioners for taking a pause and acting to delay setting a hearing but not closing the door to continued exploration of a fairer system. Unlike the previous commission that was faced with hundreds of protesting citizens at three different meetings on the proposed 25% property tax increase – to fund, among other things, a \$40 Million road improvement project for the Developer to continue building, at the request of county officials, south of CR 44 - these new commissioners listened and slowed the process down. The POA applauds this new and refreshing approach to county government.

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**Vision** The Property Owners' Association, Inc. (POA) is a champion for the rights of residents of The Villages. Guided by member input, investigation and determination, the POA brings attention to and acts on issues that may impact property values and quality of life.

**Goals** The POA provides 1) a forum for discussion of issues; 2) research and analysis; 3) programs of interest; and, 4) is a conduit for objective and accurate information. Specific attention is given to resolving housing, community and local government issues.

#### Values

Independence Honesty Fairness Objectivity Respect

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**Referendum**. In other business, Commissioners passed a resolution that will place a reversal of "One Sumter" on the 2022 primary election ballot. One Sumter, passed in 2004, allows all Sumter County's registered voters to vote for every Commission District Seat, instead of only candidates in the district in which they live. In December, Commissioner Miller made a motion to put the referendum on the ballot died for lack of a second. Miller had collected more than 10,000 signatures on a petition to place the referendum on the ballot, but the pandemic interrupted the ability to continue to collect signatures. For that reason, Commissioner Estep changed his position and supported the resolution, as did Commissioner Search. The referendum will have no impact on the August 2022 primaries; the outcome will only affect elections going forward from that point. ■



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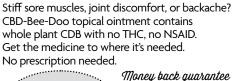




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Karen relocated from New York to The Villages in 2019 and lives in the Village of Poinciana with her greatest teacher, her hubby Mike. Karen has two sons and 4 grandkids who she visits and babysits very often. She holds a BA in Deaf Education, a BA in Psychology from Marymount Manhattan College, a MA in Human Resource Management from NYU, and a MA in School Building Administration from Mercy College.

In her previous life she was a teacher for the deaf; a career that began with a passion right after graduating from college in Venezuela and ended 42 years later in the USA. As a Deaf Educator she held a myriad of positions that included counseling of parents of deaf babies, leading parent groups, caring for fidgety preschoolers, enlightening many-a-elementary wanderers, taming middle-school know-it-alls, to guiding lost high -schoolers.

In the Villages you may find her on a Yoga mat, dancing on the Zumba floor or the squares, deepening her understanding of A Course In Miracles and The Law of Attraction, learning Italian or in the kitchen satisfying her gourmet palate. Following a family tradition of service to the community, she has volunteered as Tae Kwon Do Association President, Girl Scout Leader, Parent-Teacher President, Teacher Association President, and now an opportunity to serve the villagers.



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# Vaccines for Villagers – Where Are They?

Villagers have been frustrated and disappointed by broken promises of vaccines since the Developer's cronies were among the first to receive them on December 22. Governor Ron DeSantis has appeared in The Villages on more than one occasion to tout the delivery of thousands of vaccines and partners to dispense them. Yet as of January 19, only 10,267 people in Sumter where the majority of Village residents live had received the vaccine and only 165 had received both doses. Nearly four times that number of people from out of state have already received the vaccine in Florida! Source: FloridaDisaster.org.

The latest debacle was the big announcement made by the Governor on January 12 when he announced another 7,500 vaccines would be administered by its newest partner, Global Medical Response. Residents were immediately concerned when the sign up requested a full social security number, and after that issue was resolved by entering all o's, the drive through clinic that was set up in a field near Buffalo Ridge Plaza suddenly shut down after it was reported that a "failed shipment" had caused them to run out of doses.

So just what is the problem? There is much finger-pointing, and it is next to impossible to get any definite answers. The POA, along with all the residents trying to get vaccinated, is appalled by the logistics nightmare that has occurred and wonders why there has been no apparent intervention so that residents of this world-class community of older adults cannot even get its fair share. We all recognize that what doesn't exist cannot be distributed, but how is it that Sumter County has gotten barely 1% of the total of just over One Million of the total doses dispensed in the entire state of Florida?

It is time that every resource, every local and state elected official brings every pressure to bear on the Governor's office to make sure that when the national delivery system is unclogged, Villagers are as high on the list as everyone else.



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## In Case You Missed It... News Highlights from January Meetings

#### FY 21-22 Budget Calendars Approved

District Budget Director Barbara Kays presented budget planning calendars to each of the Community Development District (CDD) Boards, the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) and the Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) for the next Fiscal Year 21-22, which begins on October 1.

The AAC and PWAC both scheduled Budget Workshops at which time they will receive input from District staff on capital improvements and other amenity expenditures. It is also the time they will review any items they may have contemplated over the last several months and it is a time for residents to think about how they would like to see amenity dollars spent. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend the workshops and to be in regular communication with their specific CDD Boards and AAC (if north of CR 466) and PWAC (if South of CR 466). AAC's workshop is on March 17 at 1 PM and PWAC is on March 24 at 2 PM. Both meetings will be held at Savannah Center.

For the full budget calendar, please go to DistrictGov.org and click on Budget from the Departments menu at the top.

#### CDD 7 Moves Forward with New **Attorney Contract**

Jennifer Kilinski of the Tallahassee law firm Hopping Green & Sams attended the January CDD 7 Board of Supervisors meeting and stated, "The District has some issues. You need independent legal representation." She emphasized that she would answer only to the Board. The \$310 hourly fee for Kilinski compared to \$200 per hour for Mark Brionez, the current attorney for CDD 7 and all the other CDDs, was not enough to deter the Board. They began exploring independent representation last year when Brionez told them he had a conflict of interest in representing them and their possible efforts to end participation in its obligations to the Project Wide agreement, which costs CDD 7 more than \$1 Million of its maintenance budget annually.

Details and strategies will be worked out to minimize expenses for attendance at the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) that meets weekly. District Manager Richard Baier advised that an attorney should be physically present at all of the ARC meetings for the first several months and said they would look at restructuring the meeting agenda to make the most efficient use of the attorney's time so they do not have to bill for sitting through a 4-hour meeting every week.

CDD 7 expects to be able to finalize the contract at its February 8 meeting.

#### **District Offers Recreation Centers and Parking Lots for COVID Vaccine Injections**

District Manager Richard Baier advised all Boards and committees that the District Government has no formal role in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. He has, however, communicated with county health department officials and offered recreation centers and parking lots for use if/when the supply of vaccines ramps up. He also reported that rolling closures of buildings continue to accommodate the advanced disinfection of facilities.

#### **First Responders Recreation Center Project Ready to Go Out** for Proposals

District staff presented updated final estimated costs for the First Responders Recreation Center project after value engineering, revealing an increase from the \$6.5 Million placeholder to \$7.8 Million. The increases are accounted for with the purchase of ten additional acres, an 18-hole Putt n' Play rather than 9-hole, a resort style pool, additional restrooms and shade structures, outdoor fitness equipment areas, an expanded perimeter trail, and other outdoor amenities.

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AAC members agreed to have the staff proceed with soliciting Requests for Proposals. Proposals will be reviewed and a selection recommendation will come to the AAC for authorization in April. Construction would begin in May 2021 with completion in June 2022 and opening at end of July 2022.

#### A Second Project Wide Advisory Committee?

Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) members were surprised by an idea floated by District 12 representative, Jon Roudabush, to consider creating a second PWAC for the new amenities and shared maintenance south of CR 44. Members of the current PWAC agreed that the idea has merit and that it should be explored. They also suggested that it might be a premature dialogue as there is only one CDD – 12—that currently has resident landowners. The only other CDD – 13 – still has only Developer elected representatives on its Board.

Newly elected PWAC Chair Don Wiley strongly believes residents should be able to weigh in before decisions are made. He also expressed concern that there would be a perception that there are "two" Villages.

PWAC members were asked to have discussion in the CDDs in February and the topic will be back on the PWAC March meeting agenda. District Manager Richard Baier said staff will put together a presentation with pluses and minuses for discussion at the March meeting. Member Steve Brown suggested the discussion should be slow and purposeful. A target, if implemented, would be the Fiscal Year 21-22, which starts on October 1, 2021.

#### Developer Raises Amenity Fee Prevailing Rate to \$164

The Villages informed District government that the Amenity Fee Prevailing Rate effective January 1, 2021 would be raised to \$164 monthly. In May 2019 the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) and Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) both recommended and the Villages Center Community Development District (VCCDDD) and Sumter Landing Community Development District (SLCDD) voted to remove a long-standing \$159 cap on the amenity fee. Many feared that this would lead to annual increases of the Prevailing Rate, which appears to be coming true. Developer Representative IV Chandler said the increase represented the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI.)

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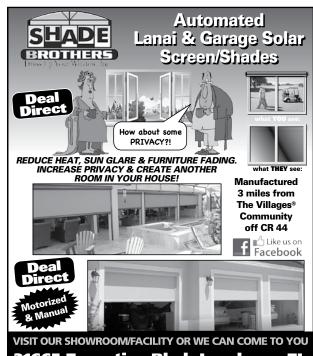


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**Lopez Professional Landscaping** Reasonable Prices, references upon request, 10% Discount to POA members. (352) 484-8098.

Lovett's Lawn Maintenance 2010 CR 416N, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538, (352) 303-4975. Specializing in Landscaping, Hardscaping, includes decorative stone walls, Mowing, Hedges & Palm Trimming, Irrigation Repair, Rock & Mulch, Clean-up's & Hauling. Offering a 10% Discount to POA Members with a Valid Membership Card for all services except for Mowing, which is 1st. Month Free and 10% off thereafter and Rock & Mulch is 10% off Labor. Call (352) 303-4975 for free estimate.

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**Routed Lamp Post Signs** (419) 705-5272 Spanish Springs - Mon & Wed., Sumter - Tues. & Thurs. 10% Discount to POA members. **Roof Commander**, 4680 Lake Industrial Blvd. Tavares, FL. 32778 - Offering to POA members with a current valid membership card: Roof Commander would like to offer a 30% discount for all roof cleanings and \$500 off all roof replacements. Call (352) 459-7599.

#### **S & N Lawn Care and Maintenance**

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**Sherwin Williams** #2906 at Lake Sumter Landing, (352) 205-8067 - 30% off regular pricing for paints and stains, and 15% off all supplies with POA membership card at time of purchase.

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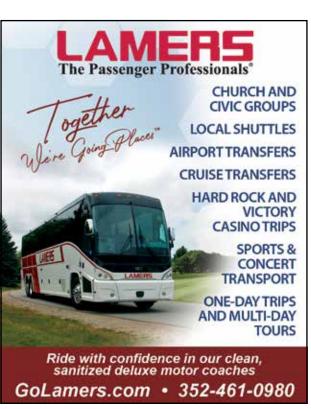
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**Exercise2gether** 10% Off Services for POA Members with POA membership card. (352) 801-1633.

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Appointment only, 10% POA Discount, (352) 430-2991.

Realtor Commission Discount - Premier Realty agent is offering a commission discount for new home listings to POA members. Call Susie Ellis for details at (352) 661-9440 or anderson-ellis@hotmail.com.

Wholesale Computer Components Terrace Shoppes Spruce Creek, Summerfield, across from Walmart, (352) 245-1500. \$15 POA Discount on any computer repair.

#### RESTAURANTS

**Firehouse Subs** 13757 US Hwy. 441, (352) 430-3870. \$2.00 off a SPECIAL COMBO consisting of a medium sub, drink, and chips. This offer is equivalent to a 20% Discount. Just show them your valid POA membership card.

Haagen Dazs 1001 Lake Shore Dr., Sumter Landing, (352) 751-0261. 10% POA Discount.

Honey Baked Ham Company & Cafe Best Buy Shopping Center, (352) 259-3900. Buy one sandwich or boxed lunch - Get 2nd 50% off (equal or lesser value).

**Ollie's Frozen Custard** In the Spanish Plaines Plaza, across from Lowe's Building Supply on Hwy 441. 10% POA Discount.

Panda Express 869 N Hwy. 27/441, Home

Depot Plaza, (352) 751-2507. 10% POA Discount, not valid with coupons or specials.

**The Rose Plantation**, 200 Rose Ave. Fruitland Park - Offering to POA members with a valid membership card: 50% off bottles of Albertoni House Wines, Tuesdays to Fridays with the purchase of Two (2) Entrees, offer not valid on Holidays or Holiday Eves. Call (352) 805-4340 for Reservations.

Villa Pinar Cuban Cafeteria 10% Discount with current POA membership card. 13685 U.S. Highway 441, Unit 2, Summerfield, FL Hours 8AM-5PM. Serves breakfast and lunch, which include delicious and authentic Cuban Cuisine and Pizza. (352) 347-8898.

#### RETAIL

**Amish Furniture** 5% Discount with POA membership card. 352 Shopping Center Dr. in Wildwood (352) 205-6969.

**Amish Yard Furniture** FREE Delivery on Poly outdoor Furniture with current POA membership card; 308 Shopping Center Dr.in Wildwood (352) 571-4002.

**Edible Arrangements** Southern Trace Shopping Center, (352) 391-1334. \$3 off order greater than \$25 with POA card.

#### **Entry Point by Perry Decorative Glass**

La Plaza Grande, (352) 751-0883. 10% off any non-sale items. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

**Plaza Jewelers** 16770 S. Hwy. 441, Baylee Plaza, (352) 307-3846. 20 to 40% POA saving off retail price; all watch batteries \$4.

**S@feScript Pharmacy** Custom compounding medications. \$25 Gift Card on any 3 or more transferred prescriptions. (352) 748-9900. Save a Lot Shopping Center, Wildwood.

#### Sparr Building & Farm Supply

At Hwy 44 & Signature Dr., Wildwood. (352) 330-1718. 10% Discount on Pool Supplies & Benjamin Moore Paints, excludes Aura & sale items.

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## **Let's Grow Some 'Maters** THE FANATICAL GARDENER

by Anne Lambrecht Fanatical Gardener mrsanneo4@gmail.com

The University of Florida has changed its tune about growing tomatoes in Florida. YES, WE CAN! They're not going to taste like the ones we remember from summers long ago. You know what I'm talking about: nice, thick, ripe slice of tomato on white bread slathered with mayo, salt and pepper. No, we can never get that taste back but we CAN grow them here — and they're not bad at all! It depends on carefully planned out timing and conditions.

#### There are two growing seasons in Florida and there are kinds of tomato plant:

determinate and indeterminate. Determinate grows like a bush and will produce only one crop per season. These are good for beginners and those who have limited space. Some are labeled "patio." Indeterminate grows to an unspecified height, produces fruit over a period of many months and have to be staked and pruned.

**Seeds:** It is important to purchase quality seeds. Sure, you can get seedlings from the store but they are not necessarily bred to be tasty. They also might have insecticide or fungicide inside them which is not healthy. There is a list of seed catalogs at the end of this article.

**Soil:** Your soil should be full of organic composted matter including manure. There is an invisible "worm" pest in our soil called nematodes and you know they are there too late when you pull up the plant and see misshapen nodules on the roots. This is what happens always when your soil is not composted enough and when you use inferior seed. After so many years of nurturing my soil, I still have nematodes.

**Fertilizer:** Tomatoes are "heavy feeders". Anything organic is recommended. I like the Espoma line of slow-release organics: Tomatotone, Plant-tone, Garden-tone. Espoma also makes organic potting mixes and garden soils as well as products to protect against insects and diseases. **Sun exposure:** at least six hours of sun a day. Tomatoes here will stop thriving when our temps get too hot. That's why we get them going in the winter and then again in the early fall.

**Water requirements:** two inches per week with one good soaking instead of many little sprinkles.

Most tomatoes do well in containers with good drainage. A 5 gallon-bucket with holes drilled into the bottom works well. I have heard that you need a dish underneath the container so the nematodes don't get into the soil but this may be just a myth.

Scout: early and often. Our warm and wet weather contributes to insect and disease problems. Keep an eye on the plant for fungus or wilting. Select varieties that are resistant to known tomato diseases such as verticillum wilt and fusarium wilt and those hated nematodes. These are noted on the label (or in the catalog) by two or three letter abbreviations: R (resistant), T (tolerant) N (root-knot nematode), F (Fusarium wilt), or V (Verticillum wilt). The most prevalent pests are caterpillars. If the infestation becomes overwhelming, buy a product containing BT or Bacillus Thuringiensis. This will only kill caterpillars and not other insects. If you see a giant green caterpillar, remove it (although it is hard for me to kill this creature since it evolves into a very beautiful moth).



**Many tomato varieties:** Beefsteaks, Heirlooms, Pear, Cherries and Grapes. Cherries do very well here. Many tomatoes have cool names: Bragger, Mortgage Lifter, Candyland Red, Tiny Tim, Green Zebra, Tasmanian Chocolate.

Now is the time to order your seeds and February is the time to get them started. Use "soilless" potting mixture if possible. Then get them out there after the last frost. We might as well: we've still got lots of time on our hands!

My Garden Buddy and I have had numerous tomato contests with taste determining the winner. We start with the same seedling, grow them separately and then do an independent taste test. I have only lost once...and that was because the taste testers didn't really like tomatoes.

#### Info:

https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ edibles/vegetables/tomatoes.html

https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ edibles/vegetables/cherry-tomatoes

Here are some great seed companies:

Johnny's Select Seeds

Seed Savers Exchange

Southern Exposure Seed Exchange

Territorial Seed Company

Tomato Growers Supply Company (they're from Ft Myers FL)

Totally Tomatoes



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**SERVICES. OTHER** 

Airborne Tree Services offers POA Members a 10% discount on total lawn care including mowing, lawn spraying, pruning, irrigation and tree service as well as pest control. Call Dwayne Sims at (352) 817-1380 for a personal quote.

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## **COVID-19 Contact Tracing Scams**

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If you've been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, you may be contacted by a contact tracer or public health worker from your state or local health department in an effort to help slow the spread of the disease. Here's what to know if you get a call:

A contact tracer may call to let you know you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. All information you share with a contact tracer, like who you've been in contact with and your recent whereabouts, is confidential.

You may be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days. This means staying home, monitoring your health, and maintaining social distance from others at all times.

You may be asked to monitor your health and watch for symptoms of COVID-19. Notify your doctor if you develop symptoms, and seek medical care if your symptoms worsen or become severe.

Be aware of scammers pretending to be COVID-19 contact tracers. Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Medicare Number or financial information. If someone calls and asks for personal information, like your Medicare Number, hang up and report it to 1-800-MEDICARE. Discussions with health department staff are confidential. This means that your personal and medical information will be kept private and only shared with those who may need to know, like your health care provider.

#### **Your name will not be shared with those you came in contact with.** The health department will only notify people you were in close contact with (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) that they might have been exposed to COVID-19.

Tell the health department staff if you develop symptoms of COVID-19. If your symptoms worsen or become severe, you should seek emergency medical care.

## The health department staff will not ask you for

- Money
- Social Security number
- Bank account information
- Salary information
- Credit card numbers



If you need assistance with understanding any aspects of contact tracing scams, contact the nearest Seniors Vs. Crime office in The Villages for advice or assistance. Seniors Vs. Crime also has a Speakers Bureau that will gladly come to your club, church, or group to speak about scams. To schedule a presentation, contact any of the offices. There is never a charge for their services. Seniors Vs. Crime can be reached at:

#### The Fruitland Park Police Department Annex in the Moyer Recreation Center in The Villages (352) 674-1882

The Marion County Sheriff's Office in The Villages (352) 753-7775

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office in The Villages (352) 689-4600, Extension 4606

The Wildwood Police Department Annex at

Brownwood in The Villages – (352) 753-0727

#### During this pandemic, please call before you come to our offices. Hours may vary or may require appointments.

To keep up with the latest scams, LIKE 'Seniors vs. Crime Region 4' on Facebook. Hablamos Español. Por favor pregunte por Yolanda. Martes a Viernes: 10:00 A.M. a 2:00 P.M., (352) 689-4606. ■

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### CORRECTION

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#### **STOP/START DELIVERY – NEW PROCESS!**

# COVID-19: Facts...Focus...Future

s a physician by training, my wish is for everyone to "live long and prosper." Let's evaluate this virus. Think of a mere particle whose closeness to you can cause irreparable destruction...with just one breath. Its invisibility does not provide comfort, but rather enables entry by deception.

A virus is not alive: it depends on hijacking your normal cells' ability to replicate. Think of it as a pirate ship sneaking into a port. Flying no flag of recognition, the renegade slips into our vulnerable harbor, only to plunder. (Step #1). If there was a way of identifying pirate vessels while still far at sea, it could be sunk long before ever docking. But if our response is delayed, the viral ship

gains a foothold. By not accurately focusing our cannons, the body's own immune counter-offensive destroys much of the homeland. We magnify collateral damage to ourselves that becomes overwhelming. This "cytokine storm" may be fatal for multiple body organs...and ultimately for us. (Step #2). The COVID-19 virus has an outer fat layer surrounding a protein. If the fat layer is disrupted, the protein is exposed and disintegrates. Our response must be rapid...and controlled. By doing so, we actually resolve both Steps #1 and #2.

Alpha lipoic acid is a natural anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant whose published medical results have been documented for forty years. It is not a prescription; but, it is inexpensive and safe when used as directed, and can address both steps at the same time. It is not a cure-all: rather, offering a natural balance for our immune response. The health impact goes well beyond treating a virus. If you find you do not tolerate Alpha Lipoic Acid well, consider trying the more gentle R-Alpha Lipoic Acid.

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