

Hammocks Happenings

September 8, 2016

The Hammocks: The Nicest Community on the Sun Coast

Below please find a number of 'Items of Interest' regarding River Wilderness and the Hammocks.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Hammock's October HOA board meeting: Thursday, October 20th, 2016, at 5:00 PM in the RWGCC Private Function Room.
- RW Master HOA September meeting: Tuesday, September 20th, at 2:00 PM in the RWGCC Private Function Room.
- Hammock's Annual Member's meeting will be Thursday, November 17th, at 6:30 PM at the RWGCC clubhouse.

Sympathies

The Hammocks board and the entire Hammocks community would like to extend deepest sympathies to Barbara Fiermonti, 12112 Maple Ridge, on the loss of her husband, William on August 15th, 2016.

Hammocks Board Update

- Starting this fall the Hammock's board will hold meetings every other month. There will be a meeting in October and then the Annual Member's meeting in November. No meeting in December.
- Rudy Prinz recently resigned from the Hammock's board. Thanks, Rudy for your service to the community. Ron Wooldridge will be moving into the vacated position on the board.

Welcome Aboard

The Hammock's community would like to welcome 7 new families to the neighborhood.

- Boris and Sherry Zabikow, 12179 Maple Ridge Drive
- Joseph and Idilia Arriaga, 12126 Red Leaf Road
- Larry and Doris O'Shea, 12175 Maple Ridge Drive
- Josh Morgan and Ashley Yankanich, 12187 Maple Ridge Drive
- Mary Lane, 3307 Woodland Fern Drive
- Alexander Rondero, 12158 Maple Ridge Drive
- Moni Vojcek, 3109 Woodland Fern Drive

A very warm welcome to one and all.

Landscape Update

- During this summer season we received an exceptional amount of rainfall. When the ground is especially wet the mowers are unable to cut certain areas without leaving big ruts in the mud. This is particularly true behind and beside houses along a swale. Without gutters on the houses these areas get extremely wet due to run off from the roofs. Therefore, it is possible that an area of your lawn might not get mowed in a particular week and the grass will get high. Please be patient; it will be cut as soon as possible.
- In the next week or two you will be seeing flags pop up in your lawn. No, you don't have to call pest control. These flags identify the location of sprinkler heads and a crew will be around to remove the grasses that have grown too close possibly affecting performance of the irrigation system.

Pool your resources

- Last May, the Hammocks' community pool had some repairs and upgrades, including a new locking system, and recently a section of fence was repaired and a new gate installed. So the pool is ready to welcome full time residence and 'snow birds' alike; enjoy this community gem.
- A reminder that last spring a new lock was installed and Hammocks homeowners were provided a new key for the lock. If you did not get a new key last spring contact June Seaton.
- It's important to keep in mind that the Hammock's Community Pool is for Hammock's residents and guests only. Please do not share or lend your key to non-residents. Non-residents using the pool will be asked to leave.

Social Committee Update

The social committee will be organizing a Bocce Ball Tournament followed by a 'pot luck' dinner this fall. Stay tuned for details.

The Eat Beat

For folks that are here year around this is a great time to escape to the Gulf beaches for some fun in the sun. While it still might be a little warm the traffic is light and access to the beaches and the many restaurants will be unencumbered. If you haven't been to the Beach House on Anna Maria Island in a while you are in for a surprise. Over the last two years the interior has been completely remodeled. It has a sharp new contemporary feel and an updated menu. The Ashley Farms house-brined chicken breast is great and the fish tacos were exceptional. The beach patio is still receiving a face lift but when that is completed it will be worth the drive just to sit and enjoy the sunset. Finally, the parking lot is also being expanded so if you don't want to take advantage of valet parking you should be able to find a place to park (not always possible 'in season').

Snow Bird Update

Well, if you hadn't heard, it rained here last week. On Thursday, 9/1, Hermine shed her tropical-storm status and became a 'minimal' Category 1 hurricane with 75 miles an hour winds. The brunt of the storm hit north of us by the Big Bend area of the state near Tallahassee. Nevertheless, we did receive our share of the rain. The three-day rainfall totals by Friday afternoon were 10.38 inches at the Sarasota-Bradenton airport, 9.46 inches in Ellenton and 10.82 inches in Palmetto. Friday into Saturday there was a strong wind but nothing threatening. The power along Red Leaf Road went out for about 45 minutes on Friday evening but that was about it. The sewers and drainage systems did a good job of keeping up with the rain throughout the weekend. By Saturday morning the Hammocks had some tree branches down and some fronds in the streets but that was about it. Folks closer to the coast were not as lucky. Anna Maria Island and even Bradenton had flooded streets and some personal property damage. There are areas in Tampa that consistently have drainage problems even with much more modest rainfalls. This time around they hit the trifecta – heavy rain, high tide and storm surge. There were pictures on television of trees uprooted due to the saturated turf but there no evidence of those types of problems in the Hammocks. So, Hermine was the first hurricane to come ashore in Florida in 11 years. Does that mean that we won't have to worry about a storm for another 11 years or is 2016 just the start of a new weather pattern? Who knows; just be prepared.

Committee Assignments

The 2016 committee chair assignments for Hammock's are as follows:

- Jack Afflebach – Compliance
- John Callaghan – Pool
- Bob Seaton – Grounds
- Susie Guidry – Social
- Donna Tosoni – Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

PS: For the Snow Birds

Hurry back to Florida but always travel safely!

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