

VINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2008

Hope summer weather has arrived to all of you who are in the North. It certainly has made an appearance here in Ft. Myers.

At the March board meeting the following officers were elected:

President	Skip Loper
Vice President	Jordan Ross
Secretary/Treasurer	R. W. Collins

President Skip Loper appointed the following committee chairs:

Road Safety & Security	George DeAngelis
Landscaping	Bob Boothe
ECC Liaison	Bob Boothe
Railroad	Jordan Ross
Perimeter Lighting	Jordan Ross
Newsletter & Website	Pat Cox
Architectural Control	Gladys Beron & Jordan Ross
Culvert Repair	Bob Manz

If anyone wishes to discuss any of those issues, or assist in any way on the committees, please contact the above-named individuals directly. Gladys Beron announced that she had sold her home and therefore resigned from the Board. We wish Gladys well in her new locale.

VCA Board Meeting Dates

The Board will meet at 12:30 PM on June 16, August 18 and September 15. There is no meeting scheduled for July.

Bar Code Reader

When approaching the barcode reader box, if another vehicle has entered just in front of you, and the gate arm has not started to come back down, you must slow down or stop prior to passing in front of the barcode reader until the gate arm starts moving down. If the reader does not read your barcode because you were going too fast, or are too far away from the reader the gate arm may come down on your car. Always wait for the gate arm to start coming back down before the front bumper of your car passes by the barcode reader. Remember, your barcode must be within 3 ft. of the reader box, and you should not be going faster than 3 mph to ensure it can read your bar code. Also, remember to roll up the window so that the reader can see the entire barcode decal.

Railroad

We believe the work at the railroad crossing will commence sometime in July. Appropriate notices will be sent and posted before work begins. Please remember to come to a full stop at the crossing, both in your cars and in your golf carts.

VCA Rules And Regulations

The rules and regulations were amended as follows: Article 10.3 was added.

- 10.3 Solicitations. There shall be no door-to-door solicitation by any person anywhere within the Vines property for any cause, charity or any other purpose whatsoever, unless specifically authorized by the VCA Board of Directors. Flyers or leaflets may not be placed in mailboxes or doors or hung on doorknobs.

ECC Rules And Regulations

To those of you with furry friends, please be reminded of the provision in the ECC Rules and Regulations which prohibits the walking of dogs on the golf course or the cart paths at any time.

Widening Of US 41

In the good-news-bad-news department, it appears the start date for widening Rt. 41 will by July, 2010 (bad news). The good news is that the traffic light at Estero Parkway is pulled out of that job and will be up and running when the flyover is completed in late 2009.

Mitigation Of Homeowners Insurance

All owners of homes and condos within the Vines may be eligible for a reduction in the cost of their homeowner's insurance, but the homeowner must file a request for mitigation with their insurer. This form must be filled out by a contractor licensed to perform mitigation inspections. One such contractor is Christopher North (239-825-9155). Chris is offering a special rate for residents of the Vines of \$25 for condo units and \$50 for single family homes. Be sure to ask for the "Vines" rate when talking with him. Your insurance agent may be able to give you the names and phone numbers of other contractors who are also licensed to perform the inspections. Each association should apply for the buildings that they insure. In addition, each individual owner should apply to their provider for mitigation on their own personal policy.

Request For Change Of Current Zip Code

Chris Smith, representing the Vines Community, is chairing a committee with representatives from Breckenridge, Osprey Cove, Belle Lago, and The Reserve, the purpose of which is to generate a zip code change from the present 33967 to the Estero zip code of 33928. This change would allow residents of the Vines to conduct postal business with the Estero post office rather than to travel the 10 miles into Ft. Myers.