

Sorrento South

TIMES

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**Sorrento South
Board Meetings are
held at 7pm the sec-
ond Tuesday of
each month at the
clubhouse. Every-
one is invited!**

Fall Newsletter

Hello Neighbors!

This edition marks the first of a new era for our subdivision newsletter. We would like it to be more electronic-friendly (email as opposed to snail mail; better for the environment and our printing budget!) and hopefully continue to communicate what you, the reader, need to know about what is going on in your own backyard (no pun intended!).

I hope you feel free to contact the board members (notice that they are all listed to the left) with any concerns or questions you may have. Also, feel free to contact me with any item you'd like to have mentioned in this newsletter. It is YOUR newsletter and I believe we are very much a work in pro-

gress. Newsletters will be distributed quarterly. ***If you are not receiving this electronically and would like to, please email Ron Wentworth*** (ronwentworth1@yahoo.com) and he will add you to the list.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the efforts of the prior newsletter staff. Judith Hart and Debe

VanPelt wrote, edited, printed, and mailed this newsletter for **THIRTEEN YEARS**, truly an underappreciated labor of love. In honoring their dedication, you will notice the Sorrento South logo has remained the same.

Thank you Judith and Debe!!

Ann Piscitelli
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Covenants Update

As you may be aware, the current Covenants (or “Deed Restrictions”) for our community are from 1966 and in **great** need of updating. Your board has been working on this for some time, yet we have several obstacles in our way.

Our original document actually has Sorrento South broken into 5 units and mandates that in order for any changes to be made to that document, a threshold of 80% of the property frontage be in approval. The board felt this was an unrealistically high standard and also was unfair because different homeowners had more or less power, merely due to the shape of their lot.

We decided to change the threshold for approval to 2/3 of the homes, giving each property one equal vote. This was the point of the consent and joinder drive that was begun in Fall of 2011. But in order to make that change, we have to meet that original threshold of 80% of the frontage. That has proven to be very difficult indeed—as we are still working on it four years later.

At this time only Units 1 and 4 have met this goal. Over the years we have had more problems with owners who had originally signed on to the new unifying document subsequently selling their homes, so we have to pursue the new owners as well. Also, since many properties are owned in trust, we have been notified that “The Trust” actually needs to sign the consent and joinders for those properties, a

problem for 24 properties who had previously signed off on the changes.

Meanwhile, the board has created a Covenants “wish list” and it has been sent to our lawyer, Dan Lobeck to begin the rewriting process. Our hope is to start the approval process for the updated Covenants shortly after the lawyer completes them.

However we cannot move forward as one united subdivision until all 5 units have completed the above process. Ron Wentworth and Diane Miller have been hard at work reviewing all the work done thus far and have identified all the homeowners who still need to sign on (or resign!) to the unifying document.

If you are contacted by a board member for this reason, please sign off on the unifying document so that we can all move forward with this process!

Having reasonable, and enforceable deed restrictions will make for an attractive Sorrento South neighborhood and help maintain property values.

Coming Soon!

This year our board decided to forestall our annual meeting (previously held mid November) to January in hopes that more of our seasonal residents might be able to attend. Obviously association dues (traditionally due on January 1st) will be due a bit later in the year as well.

This year’s meeting will be the evening of **January 13th, 2016** at Our Savior Lutheran Church (the usual venue). We will be serving heavy hors d’oeuvres and wine as well as sweets and coffee! Come and enjoy the refreshments, meet your new neighbors as well as catch up on what is going on in the subdivision **AND** we hope to have a sneak peek into the **new Covenants!**

SAVE THE DATE!!



Dock News

A few Sorrento South dock owners have docks for sale or rent.

Requirements:

Any property owner in either Sorrento South or Sorrento East is qualified to buy or rent any boat slip that is available.

Also, any renter living in either association is eligible to rent (only) a slip.

If interested, please call 966-1208 or 966-9797 for more information.

Attn: Dock owners: To sell or rent your dock, please use the bulletin board at the clubhouse, post your information on your dock, & notify this newsletter.

Thank you,
SSDO Assn.



Reminder

Unfortunately, the board has been made aware of occasional break-ins in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Please remember to protect yourselves and your property by locking your doors, especially to any vehicles which are left outside.

Who's on First...?

The board keeps a list of resident's names and contact information for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the publishing of our neighborhood directory. **That information is never shared with anyone for the purposes of solicitation**, so please update your information (and email addresses!) with listmaster, Ron Wentworth (ronwentworth1@yahoo.com)

Please remember our community's website. Visit **sorrentosouth.org** to find copies of newsletters and community documents as well as more information about the covenant process.

Say it ain't so...

Sorrento South has lost a truly involved and dedicated board member (not to mention one heck of a landscaper!). Mike Cavallo, formerly of Bayshore Drive, recently moved to Sarasota. Mike and his wife Suzanne weren't residents for that long but they certainly left a lasting impression in our community. Mike served as Vice President, in addition to his work on the Building and Grounds Committee, and Suzanne helped with the bookkeeping while our Treasurer was in New York for the summer. For anyone not familiar with Mike's work, you need only to drive through the Bayshore entrance. Mike redesigned the island landscaping--and did a fair amount of the work himself. Not to mention beautifying many other areas of the neighborhood. His time and talents are most appreciated and we wish the both of them the best of luck in their new surroundings.



*Thank you
Mike!*

We Need You!



Some of you may have already gotten calls from our nominating committee, seeking new board members. Ideally, we would like to draft 3 new members for the election to be held at the Annual Meeting in January. The time commitment for a general board member is minimal—1 meeting per month, usually for 1-2 hours. Even if you are a seasonal resident, you are welcomed.

If you care about how your community is managed, now and for the future, we are looking for you! Contact Hank Steves 966-9653, or any current board member to have your name placed on the ballot.

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Newbies!!!



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