

Sorrento South Times



Summer/Fall Newsletter

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Good Progress On Covenant Improvements

Your Sorrento Board of Directors has made very good progress bringing our covenants into the 21st Century. Here's a summary of what has transpired in recent months:

- Earlier this year, we obtained signatures from our residents whereby we satisfied the 80% frontage requirement for each of the 5 separate units that comprised Sorrento South at that time.
- We are pleased to report that we exceeded the 80% frontage requirement to approve consolidation of the covenants. More homeowners signed the document than were needed.
- Previously, each of the five units had its own covenant document. Those five documents were combined by our attorney into one document titled, "Consolidated Declaration of Restrictions for Sorrento South Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5". A copy is located on our website (sorrentosouth.org) under the tab titled, "Community Documents".
- That consolidated covenant document has been filed with and approved by Sarasota County. This is the covenant document that we currently must adhere to.
- With the Sarasota County approval, we are now one large single unit comprising 123 homes. We are no longer five separate units.
- During 2015 and 2016, with input from many of you, we submitted an updated set of restrictions to our attorney, Leah Ellington at Lobeck and Hanson. Leah prepared a proposed covenant document titled "Proposed Amended And Restated Declaration Of Covenants And Restrictions Of Sorrento South."
- Recently, with additional input from many of you, we have "fine-tuned" this document and have presented the changes to Leah. We should have a final draft back from her shortly.
- Then, our next step will be to send the final draft to each of you for your review.
- We will then present the finished product to the community at a town-hall-type meeting.
- Approval will require signatures from two-thirds of the members of Sorrento South.

This has been a work in progress for over five years. It has required a lot of time and hard work by your Board and many volunteers. Even after many reminders at meetings and after reminders in prior newsletters, we still have some residents who continue to make exterior changes to their homes without seeking approval from the board. This is in violation of past and current covenants.

The Board always works with any resident who requests prior approval to make changes to the exterior of his or her property in accordance with the our covenants. As a reminder, when you signed the deed to your home in Sorrento South you agreed to the covenants.

We are not only the Board; we are your neighbors. We want to help you with the changes you'd like to make to the exterior of your homes and, in the process, continue to enhance the value of our properties. We want a beautiful community! We're sure you do too. We want to work with you; please work with us.

PLEASE

Be sure to contact someone on your Sorrento South board should you wish to make exterior changes to your home. **We always try to accommodate whenever possible so long as our neighborhood appearance is maintained or enhanced.**

Sorrento South Embraces The Sport of Boating



We are a boating community and strongly encourage our Sorrento South Residents to take advantage of all the boating facilities available at Sorrento South and in our area. Here are some of the boating conveniences that are available:

Our marina has 41 docks with sailboat access to the Intercoastal Waterway (ICW) and the Gulf of Mexico (GOM). There are 50 waterfront homes on our canals with sailboat access to the ICW and GOM.

Sorrento South homeowners that are not on a canal and all Sorrento East homeowners can purchase the right to use a dock in the marina and become a member of the Sorrento Dock Owners Association (SDOA). Marina membership is subject to the SDOA rules and regulations.

Homeowners in the following subdivisions can rent a boat dock in our marina:

- Sorrento South
- Sorrento East
- Sorrento Inlets
- Sorrento Place
- Sorrento Villas Condominiums Section III
- Blackburn Shores

For those who prefer to keep their boat on a trailer, we are receptive to homeowners keeping their boat on a trailer in their yard subject to Sorrento South Property Owners Association board approval. Here are some requirements that must be followed:

- The boat and trailer must fit on the side of the house behind privacy fencing no higher than six feet.
- Plans for privacy fencing must be submitted for approval to the Sorrento South Board.
- The boat (and all of its attachments) and trailer **must not be visible from the street.**
- The privacy fencing must be in accordance with the Sorrento South covenants and in accordance with Sarasota County Requirements.
- The fencing must be installed by a licensed contractor.
- The front gate of the fence must open to a cement or a paver driveway extension that blends well with the existing driveway material.
- The fence must be well-maintained such as kept clean by power washing, etc.

We are located 2.5 miles from the Albee Boat Ramp, 3.0 miles from the Blackburn Boat Ramp and 5.0 miles from the Venice Boat Ramp. Boats and kayaks can be launched at these locations. Happy Boating!



Welcome New Neighbors!

Andrew and Vera Langston, 425 Murillo Drive

Dr. Joakhim and Linda Neubert, 427 Bellini Circle

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Welcome to our new Board Member!

Adam Waxler, 111 Cavallini Drive.

Thank you for volunteering your time to help make our community a better place for all of us!

Bits and Pieces

Trash Pick Up



Trash, yard waste and recycle pickup during the week of 9/4/16 caught many of us by surprise. The Labor Day Holiday delayed pick up by one day from Thursday to Friday that week. Since Labor Day was not listed in the Waste Management delay schedule, we called the company. This year they added Labor Day as a holiday that delayed pick up from Thursday to Friday. The Thursday/Friday delay was in the Sarasota HT, but many of us missed it.

For those of you receiving this newsletter electronically via e-mail, we are attaching a copy of Waste Management's pamphlet titled, "Sarasota County How-To Guide for Homeowners". This will give you tips regarding what is recyclable and what is not. Note that garbage containers and yard waste containers should be separated by placing them on opposite sides of your driveway. There are a number of important tidbits in the guide, such as how to handle chemicals, batteries, needles, etc.

If you would like a paper copy of the Waste Management "How-To Guide", you can call the company at 941-493-4100. Ask for a copy and they will mail it to you.

Speeding



Several residents have expressed concern about cars traveling too fast in our neighborhood. People are walking, roller skating, biking, walking with strollers, running, etc. Occasionally some dogs get out and are in the streets.

The speed limit in our neighborhood is 30 MPH. Considering the number of people that are out and about, even that speed limit may be too high. Please be cautious and drive slowly through Sorrento South. We don't want any person or any pet to get hurt.

E-Mail Addresses

If you have received this newsletter via postal mail and have an e-mail address that we can use to e-mail future newsletters, please send that e-mail address to Ron Wentworth at ronwentworth1@yahoo.com. That will save us postage on future mailings.

We hope everyone has a pleasant and safe fall!