



FROM PRESIDENT BOYER'S DESK

Happy Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 7th

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a celebration of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. **Please Remember both trash and recycle pickups will be delayed** one day during Labor Day holiday week.

September is Peak Hurricane Month

We will try to keep homeowners informed with any details and warnings as we receive them. If you do not get emails of our newsletters, then you are not on the email communication list. Please send me a request and I can add you to our email list. Our Hurricane committee chairman, Jack Chancellor, keeps us informed and he regularly talks with the leading local weather experts. If we have a bad storm coming, we will ask for volunteers to shutter up the clubhouse. Let either Jack or me know if you are interested in volunteering to help.

To keep your family safe during hurricane season, preparation is key!

- **Evacuation Planning:** If you live in a hurricane evacuation zone, review local government information on evacuation shelters and plans. Test the route in good weather beforehand.
- **Buy supplies in advance:** Avoid waiting in long lines for limited goods.

- **Check insurance coverage:** Make sure your home is protected against flooding and wind damage.
- **Move car into a garage** or off-site location.
- **Documentation:** Make copies of important documents and take photos of valuables inside the home.
- **Hurricane Kit Essentials** are:

First aid kit

Battery-powered or hand-crank radio

Flashlights and batteries

Whistle to signal for help

Local maps

Backup portable chargers for cell phones

HOA Financial Update

Our Association YTD results through July 2020 show that HOA Total Revenues were \$366,191 and Total Expenses were \$355,896, resulting in a surplus of \$10,295 to date. Our Reserve Accounts have increased by \$9,758 since last year and now stand at \$277,637. Association Reserves are used for major common area structure and equipment replacements. To date this year, we withdrew \$17,379 from Reserves to pay for clubhouse furniture and clubhouse parking lot resurfacing. Each year we put money into Reserves based on a Reserve Study calculation. Our HOA Budget for 2020 includes \$48,246 set aside into Reserves.

September Landscape Schedule

Mowing and Edging will be weekly on Tuesdays

Turf pest control will occur during weeks of Sept. 6th and 28th

Floritam Turf and tree fertilization will occur week of Sept. 16th

Pruning of shubs will occur week of Sept. 9th

Irrigation checks will occur week of Sept. 28th

Roof Tile Cleaning is Required

Homeowners are required to maintain and have their own roof tiles and driveways cleaned when needed. Cleaning roof tiles should be done every 3-4 years depending on how much dark mold has accumulated. We recommend using a "soft chemical wash" technique instead of high-pressure washing which may lead to cracked or loose roof tiles and color loss over time. We have used "Shine Window Cleaning" for our clubhouse roof tiles and recommend their "soft wash." Call "Shine" at 239-275-3037 and ask for Keith.

Flood Insurance is Recommended

Many nearby communities had homes that were flooded during the last major hurricane in 2017. Fortunately, ours did not. Homeowners in our neighborhood who do not carry flood insurance could suffer a financial loss of \$100k or more from a flood. If you have damage caused by weather-related flooding, your homeowner's insurance policy will not normally cover your damage costs. Flood damage costs are only covered by a separate flood insurance policy issued by FEMA. This FEMA policy costs \$516 per year for Casa del Lago homes which will give you a policy with maximum coverage of \$250K building and \$100K contents. Check with your insurance agent who can sell you a FEMA flood insurance policy. Remember, September will bring more rain. Please keep palm fronds and trash out of the street drains. If you don't have gutters on the sides of your home, you will see extensive mud patches, missing grass along your home and mulch washed away. Gutters placed on the side roofs do not cost much and can solve most of these problems.

Architectural Review Board Approval

Any change by a homeowner to the exterior of a dwelling, including landscaping changes, must be approved in writing by the ARB, PRIOR to a homeowner's making the change. For example, homeowners must submit an ARB application for changing the color of the house paint, adding or removing a tree or shrub, addition of a new screen enclosure, etc. **Our ARB rules** can be found on the community website information page. If you would like, I will email you a copy if that is easier for you. Just let me know.

Gate Clicker Not Working?

Nine times out of ten, your battery is dead. You can buy a replacement battery at Lowes or Battery Plus, probably for less than \$4 each. Remove the back cover of the clicker to replace the battery. If you need a new clicker, I have more at my home for \$20 each. Just contact me.

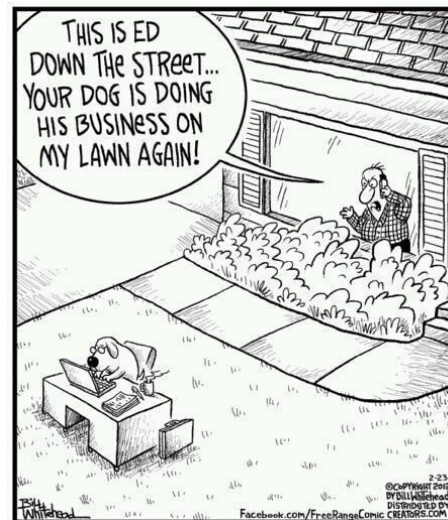
Street Parking Violators will be Towed

New Homeowners, please take note of our Association rules and regulations: Vehicles parked overnight on community streets between midnight and 6 AM may be towed away by RED'S TOWING without notice at the vehicle owner's liability and expense. Parking on our narrow streets is a safety hazard and can prevent emergency vehicles from reaching a home quickly in the middle of the night.

Dogs Must be Leashed or Carried when outside

Our rules require that all animals be kept on a leash or carried when outside the Owner's Lot. Pet owners are responsible for clean-up after their animals. If you observe violations of this or any other rule, please provide a detailed message to Pat Schoo at Schoo Association Management, 362-3091. Your identification will not be shared by Schoo regarding any incident you report.

Dog Owners, Please be Considerate!



Preserve Areas are Off Limits

Our Association woods and wetland Preserves are protected areas where no trespassing is permitted, no clearing of the vegetation is permitted and no dumping of trash or yard waste is permitted by the State of Florida.

Happy Labor Day Holiday!

George Boyer

Deer Lake Homeowners Association – President
Gboyer01@aol.com 239-415-1633

FROM OUT CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Anytime is a great time to reserve the clubhouse
Homeowners may reserve the clubhouse for all types of parties, including birthday parties, showers, etc. Please contact Debbie Wiegert at dwiegert54@yahoo.com or 239-313-5698 for any questions you may have. Due to the Covid-19 Virus, the party size must be limited to no more than 50 persons for safe social distancing. The clubhouse reservation forms can be found on our website www.MyCasaDelLago.com.

Community Garage Sale – Saturday, October 31st



The community entranceway gates will be kept open on Saturday, October 31st from 8:00AM to 1:00PM for anyone wishing to hold a garage sale. Unfortunately, garage sales can create temporary traffic problems and allow unknown visitors to enter our neighborhood. For these reasons, we have only **two** dates per year when community garage sales are scheduled. The next garage sale after this one will be announced in the CDL Newsletter. For further information, please contact Carolyn Gilbert (239-277-5743).

HOW TO CONTACT SCHOO MANAGEMENT

Our Community Management company contact person is Pat Schoo; Phone 362-3091 (Office) or by email to Pats@samcam.biz

Schoo Association Management, LLC is located at:
9403 Cypress Lake Drive, Suite C
Fort Myers, Florida 33919
Office: 239-362-3091 (24 hour answering)

OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:

George Boyer, President: 239-415-1633

gboyer01@aol.com

Rob Cooper, Vice President: 239-337-6700

racooper@hahnlaw.com

Karen Martin, Vice President: 502-396-5995

Krmartin57@gmail.com

Charlie Kelly, Treasurer: 239-274-3871

Blkjackkelly@comcast.net

Bradley Messina, Secretary: 815-298-6670

bmess57@yahoo.com

Charlie Kelly, Architectural Review Board:

239-274-3871 blkjackkelly@comcast.net

Debbie Wiegert, Clubhouse Cmte. Chair & Rentals

239-313-5698 dwiegert54@yahoo.com

Jack Chancellor, Hurricane Committee Chair

239-936-5695 jchan275@comcast.net

Estate Landscaping and Irrigation Repairs

Main Office phone 239-498-1187,

Account Manager-Jay Winborn 239-498-1187, or email

JWinborn@estatelandscaping.com

ADT Security Monitoring

Account Services phone 800-878-7806

SEPTEMBER TRIVIA

1. Which American college became the first to grant equality to women on September 6, 1837?

(a) Mount Holyoke College (b) Bryn Mawr College
(c) Oberlin Collegiate Institute (d) Smith College.

2. Who declared September to be classical music month in 1994? (a) Leonard Bernstein (b) George Bush (c) Frank Sinatra (d) Bill Clinton.

3. On September 5, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared: (a) National Send Your Wife on Vacation Month (b) US neutrality (c) the end of Prohibition (d) International German Awareness Month.

4. On September 5, 1950, this was the first American TV show to incorporate a laugh track:
(a) "Your Show of Shows" (b) "The Howdy Doody Show"
(c) "The Hank McCune Show" (d) "The Twilight Zone"

5. In 2013, Fanimation began the annual tradition of celebrating National Ceiling Fan Day on September 18, with the claim that if every American household turned off its air conditioning on that day and cooled with ceiling fans alone: (a) each adult would lose ten pounds (b) you could fry an egg on your bath tub (c) three trillion KW hours of energy consumption would be saved (d) the resulting sweat could fill the Indian Ocean.

6. On September 1, 1878, Emma M. Nutt became the first woman: (a) to have a candy named after her (b) to officially add a "t" to her last name (c) wrestler (d) telephone operator.

7. Promoters of Wonderful Weirdos Day on September 9 suggest you celebrate by: (a) hopping and skipping while walking (b) talking to yourself loudly in public (c) dying your hair a funky color (d) any or all the above.

8. Ask a Stupid Question Day (September 28) was started in the 1980s by: (a) the Republican National Committee (b) the Democratic National Committee (c) Mister Rogers (d) teachers who wanted to encourage classroom engagement.

9. On September 1, 1752, what was officially placed in the Pennsylvania State House? (a) William Penn's coffin (b) Benjamin Franklin's kite (c) the Liberty Bell (d) Edward Clarke's cane.

10. September 22 is National Elephant Appreciation Day. What is the gestation period for an African elephant? (a) 6 months (b) 9 months (c) 22 months (d) 38 months.

11. September is, of course, National Chicken Month. The National Chicken Council estimates that the 2020 per capita consumption (in pounds) of chicken in America will be: (a) 23.4 (b) 52.2 (c) 96.1 (d) 146.4.

12. Also according to The National Chicken Council, in 1925 a broiler's market age was 112 days and its liveweight was 2.5 pounds. In 2019, a broiler's market age and liveweight were: (a) 120 days and 2.9 pounds (b) 82 days and 3.2 pounds (c) 62 days and 4.5 pounds (d) 47 days and 6.32 pounds.

13. On September 7, 1901, the Boxer Rebellion ended with the signing of the: (a) Wi Brief (b) Boxer Protocol (c) Short Memorandum (d) Mohammed Ali Act.

14. On September 10, 1945, Mike the Chicken became: (a) dinner for farmer Lloyd Olsen (b) headless (c) Judy the Chicken (d) legless.

15. Olsen kept Mike alive and took him on the road to sideshows, where he charged 25 cents to see him. Unfortunately, Mike died in a Phoenix motel on March 17, 1947, when he unexpectedly: (a) slipped into the pool and drowned (b) flew into a trash container (c) choked on a kernel of corn (d) tripped on a doorstep and broke several ribs.

ANSWERS: 15. (c) 14. (b) 13. (b) 12. (d) 11. (c) 10. (c) 9. (c) 8. (d) 7. (d) 6. (d) 5. (c) 4. (c) 3. (b) 2. (d) 1. (c)

---Ben Shearer