



## FROM PRESIDENT BOYER'S DESK

### Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

With all the bad news of the virus spreading and desperate families not able to feed their families, we need to appreciate our blessings here at Casa del Lago. Thanksgiving will be different this year. Family gatherings may occur over the phone or internet instead of in person as we try to connect with loved ones safely. Many of our northern neighbors have not yet made their way to their southern homes here in Casa. Perhaps this year you may choose to share your generosity and love by contributing to a local food bank or homeless shelter.

### October 21, 2020 Zoom Board Meeting

We had a community first in October! Because of the danger that in-person meetings pose to our members, due to the Covid-19 virus, like many Homeowner Associations in Florida, we switched to holding an on-line meeting. We held our first "Virtual" Board Meeting on-line using ZOOM on Oct. 21st. If you do not know about Zoom, check it out. It is a very easy to use and its a free way to join a video meeting. Zoom is a computer application that can be used with smart phones and computers that have video and audio capabilities. When you click on a link from an email sent to you by the meeting host, you will be quickly connected to the meeting to watch, listen and participate from the comfort of your home.

### HOA Association Financial Update

We have one less thing to worry about this year. Our Association is operating under Budget and our HOA currently has a surplus. HOA September year-to-date

Income was \$470,236 and Total Expenses year-to-date were \$462,038. As a result, we are \$8,198 ahead of Budget. Reserve Accounts have also grown to \$285,535 and are 5% higher than last year. Reserves are used when we need to repair a major Association structural part or street or replace equipment that wears out. With a community that is over 20 years old, things are constantly wearing out on a regular basis. All of our Reserve Accounts are safely held in FDIC insured bank accounts and Certificates of Deposit. Including our Reserves account and all checking accounts, our total bank accounts hold \$456,279 as of September 30, 2020. With two months remaining this year, it appears that we will stay within our Budget.

### HOA Budget Approval for next Year status

Our Board of Directors has approved a Draft Budget. If the Draft Budget is approved without changes at the upcoming December 2nd Budget meeting, then homeowner quarterly Assessment Base Fee (which does not include Comcast TV or ADT security fees) will increase slightly by only \$4 for 2021 per quarter. A Homeowner letter with this information has been mailed out and you should get it soon. It contains the proposed new HOA Budget for 2021. It also includes all the meeting details for December 2nd which will meet using Zoom virtual on-line event instead of in person.

### Want to be a Board Member?

Each year there's an opportunity for homeowners to put their name on the ballot to become a Board Member. Information regarding how to do this was mailed to all homeowners and is contained in this newsletter. Our Homeowner Association has a five-member Board of Directors. Next year, on January 27, 2021, two board members terms will expire. At the January 27, 2021 Annual Homeowners Meeting, homeowners will vote and choose who they want to represent them on the Board. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member please read all of the Association documents and rules and regulations so that you fully understand the obligations and responsibilities of the Board of Directors.

### **Time to Clean your Roof**

This is prime roof cleaning season and many homes REALLY need to have it done. Ask for a free quote before you select any contractor. Be sure that the contractor is licensed and insured. We recommend using a "soft chemical wash" technique instead of pressure washing. Pressure washing can lead to color washing out of the roof tiles and to an increased likelihood of tiles being cracked from workers walking on them. Additionally, a soft wash chemical cleaning will last longer than pressure washing. We recommend "Shine Window Cleaning" for cleaning roof tiles using a "soft wash." Shine's phone number is 239-275-3037; ask for Keith. Recently our Clubhouse roof was cleaned by "Shine" and looks like new. Check it out!

### **Holiday Decorations Can be Dangerous**

To prevent damage, trees and shrubs decorated with holiday decorations, wires or lights will be skipped and not trimmed or pruned. After the removal of the decorations, pruning will resume on the regular schedule. We do not want electrical cords or decorations to be damaged but often they are green and can be hard to see. Please do not have your electrical cords lying across the lawn where the mowers travel. This will definitely cause damage to the cords and result in unnecessary complaints.

### **November Landscape Schedule**

Mowing schedule changes to every other week during the winter months. Hard edging is done with each and every mowing; soft edging will be done every other mowing. The November mowing dates will be Tuesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Estate Landscaping will fertilize shrubs the week of Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Lawns will be fertilized the week of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Pruning shrub beds is scheduled beginning Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and irrigation checks will be done week of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mulch application:** Our annual mulch application is scheduled for November prior to Thanksgiving. You can prepare for this by clearing out any personal items stored next to your house such as hoses, pots and the like. We will use dark brown pine mulch. It is an organic mulch, which helps keep water in the soil, and breaks down to add nutrients to the soil. If you currently have a different mulch in place such as stones, your property bedding mulch will be skipped. This year, as in previous years, we use a professional mulch company, "Southeast Spreading" to apply the mulch. They have been instructed by and will be supervised by Estate Landscaping.

### **Reporting Landscaping Problems:**

Please, for any homeowner landscape request, such as a broken sprinkler or plant problems, report your issues

directly to our **Estate Account Manager Jay Winborn. Jay's cell phone number is (239) 872-0932** which you may call or text, and the Estate Landscaping and Irrigation Repairs main office phone is (239) 498-1187. Jay has also given us his email address **JWinborn@EstateLandscaping.com** If you do not receive a response from Jay, please let Pat Schoo or the Estate office know.

### **New Homeowner Information:**

1. If you need a clubhouse key card or entry gate clicker, contact me at [gboyer01@aol.com](mailto:gboyer01@aol.com). Cost is \$10 per clubhouse card and \$20 for gate clickers. I keep a supply at home.
2. All garbage and recycle cans must be stored **inside** an enclosed garage except on the trash/recycle pick up date. Outdoor storage of these trash and recycle cans is not permitted per our community rules.
3. Cars parked overnight on our neighborhood streets will be towed at owner's risk and expense without warning. Please keep vehicles in your garage or driveway and off our streets between midnight and 6AM.
4. Before making ANY changes to the exterior of your home, including landscaping, painting, pools, etc., please obtain prior approval by the Architectural Review Board. Please review the ARB guidelines found in our rules package which can be found on the community website.

### **Bocce Ball and Swimming Pool Reminders**

Remember to try out our Bocce Ball court. The balls and equipment bag needed to play are kept inside the clubhouse. They are located behind the white office door near the ping pong table. Please return them when you are done. Our swimming pool is heated all year long so you can enjoy that too while your northern friends are freezing and shoveling snow this winter.

### **Happy Thanksgiving!**

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### **Anytime is a great time to reserve the clubhouse**

for parties of less than 50 people, including birthday parties, showers, etc. Please contact Debbie Wiegert at [dwiegert54@yahoo.com](mailto:dwiegert54@yahoo.com) or 239-313-5698 for any questions you may have. The clubhouse reservation forms can be found on our website [www.MyCasaDellLago.com](http://www.MyCasaDellLago.com)

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**DEER LAKE HOA BOARD APPROVED  
MEMBER ELECTION PROCESS FOR 2021**

An Election will be held at the Annual Homeowners meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to fill two expiring positions (George Boyer and Rob Cooper).

**Current HOA Board Members are:**

George Boyer – Term expires Jan. 2021  
Robert Cooper – Term expires Jan. 2021  
Charlie Kelly – Term expires Jan. 2022  
Karen Martin – Term expires Jan. 2022  
Bradley Messina- Term expires Jan. 2023

- The Term of each Board Member Seat is for three years.
- This Board approved election process will be followed and communicated by mail to each homeowner.
- Any homeowner in good standing (current in Association Dues payment), wishing to run for a Board Seat should contact Pat Schoo at Schoo Association Management in writing or by email no later than Nov. 24, 2020.
- Homeowner election candidates are encouraged to prepare and provide a one page Bio to Pat Schoo at Schoo Association Management no later than Nov. 24, 2020. Additionally, candidates may submit an article of up to 100 words for placement in the January 2021 newsletter and website, in writing or by email, to Pat Schoo at Schoo Association Management no later than November 24, 2020.
- At the December 2nd Board Meeting of the HOA, a Ballot will be created containing all of the names of homeowners (in good standing) who made it known to the Board that they want to run in the Election for an open Board position. The Board will distribute the ballot and Annual Meeting and Election notice by mail to all homeowners along with copies of any one page Bios that were received.

**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

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For repairs or services call 800-934-6489

## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN SLOGANS THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1. In 1920 Warren G. Harding ran for president

**with this slogan:** (a) Give the Democrats the 23 Skidoo (b) Harding and Coolidge—Good for Business (c) Vote for Plenty in 'Twenty (d) America First.

### 2. Harding also ran with this negative slogan against Democratic, anti-Prohibition opponent

**James Cox:** (a) Cox and Cocktails (b) James Cox is All Wet (c) Stumble with Cox (d) James Cox is Unorthodox.

### 3. Grover Cleveland used this attack slogan

**against his opponent in 1884:** (a) Who's to Blame? James G. Blaine! (b) Blaine is a Stain on America (c) Blaine, Blaine, James G. Blaine! The Continental Liar from the State of Maine (d) Blaine's Insane!

### 4. In 1928 Herbert Hoover ran on this slogan—A Chicken in Every pot and a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ : (a) Hog in Every Sty (b) Cow in Every Barn (c) Car in Every Garage (d) Dose of Common Sense.

### 5. When Hoover ran for re-election in 1932

**against FDR, he came up with a new slogan:**

(a) Happy Days are on the Way (b) No More Roosevelts! (c) Vote for Hoover Anyhow (d) We are Turning the Corner.

### 6. In Pat Paulsen's humorous 1968 campaign for president, this was among his slogans:

(a) Vote for Me or Else! (b) Let's Have a Party! (c) United We Sit (d) Mom Liked Me Better.

### 7. In 1916, Charles Evans Hughes lost to Woodrow Wilson with this losing campaign

**slogan:** (a) America First and America Efficient (b) Send the Blues Away with Hughes (c) Wilson Stinks (d) Follow Your Muse and Vote for Hughes.

### 8. Benjamin Harrison defeated incumbent Grover Cleveland in the 1888 election using this winning

**campaign slogan:** (a) There's Something Rotten in Cleveland (b) Grandfather's Hat Fits Ben (c) Get the Rascals Out! (d) Tippecanoe and Tyler Too.

### 9. U.S. Grant's winning 1868 campaign against Horatio Seymour employed this slogan:

(a) Seymour What? (b) Vote for a Winner (c) Vote Republican for Freedom (d) Vote as You Shot.

### 10. Thomas E. Dewey famously lost to Harry

**Truman in 1948 with this slogan:** (a) Don't Listen to Hooey, Vote for Dewey (b) America First (c) Truman is Screwed, Vote for Dewey (d) Dew it with Dewey.

### 11. Conservative writer and commentator Pat

**Buchanan tried to wrest the 1992 Republican nomination from President George H.W. Bush using this campaign slogan:** (a) End Immigration Now! (b) Democrats are the Devil (c) Bush is a Loser (d) America First.

### 12. Democrat James Buchanan bested Republican John C. Fremont in 1856 with this campaign

**slogan:** (a) We'll Buck 'em in '56 (b) 54 40' or Fight (c) Fremont's a Freebooter (d) Beware of Fremont.

### 13. Responding to the Goldwater 1964 slogan of In Your Heart You Know He's Right, the Johnson

**campaign came up with this:** (a) In Your Tummy You Know He's a Dummy (b) In Your Knees You Know He's Sleaze (c) In Your Head You Wish He Were Dead (d) In Your Guts You Know He's Nuts.

### 14. Statesman Henry Clay ran for president in

**1844 as a Whig against Democrat James K. Polk.**

**The Clay campaign slogan was:** (a) Who is James K. Polk? (b) Don't Get Polked in '44 (c) Clay is the Man for Today (d) Hurray! Hurray! for Henry Clay.

### 15. Anti-Prohibitionist Al Smith ran

**unsuccessfully against Herbert Hoover in 1928**

**despite the Smith campaign's excellent slogan:**

(a) Make Al Your Drinking Pal (b) Bottoms Up! (c) Make Your Wet Dreams Come True (d) Everybody Knows a Smith.

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

---Ben Shearer