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FROM PRESIDENT BOYER'S DESK

June is the Start of Hurricane Season

Included in this newsletter is our annual Hurricane Preparedness Checklist developed by our Hurricane Committee. The average season in the Atlantic, Gulf and the Caribbean has 12 tropical storms with 6 becoming hurricanes. So please be prepared. Please keep the attached Hurricane checklist for when you need it!

Will you be away during Hurricane Season?

Remember that our Rules require that steel or aluminum storm shutters MUST be painted to match your home when left up for an extended period of time or when there is no named storm or hurricane threatening our area. When you go away on an extended vacation, please be sure to secure all your outdoor furniture and flowerpots which can become flying missiles during a windstorm.

Deer Lake HOA Board Meeting

The HOA Board will meet at the clubhouse on June 7th at 7PM. Topics covered will include Auditor findings and recommendations from the recent CPA Financial Audit, results from the homeowner Speed Bump survey, an update on various proposals received for a three year Landscaping contract, update on Hurricane Insurance claims received and outstanding, status on Hurricane repairs. Homeowners are encouraged to attend all board meetings and find out what is happening in our community.

Pot Luck Dinner Party Saturday June 3rd

Our Clubhouse committee has planned a Pot Luck party and all residents are invited to attend. Details are attached to this newsletter on the Party flyer. If you are attending, please bring a dish to share with others. The clubhouse committee will provide the beverages! We hope you can stop in and enjoy this Potluck Dinner Party!

Rain, Rain, and more Rain

On average, we will get 10 inches of rain per month from June through September. Almost every street in Fort Myers will flood when rainfall exceeds 2 inches per hour. Heavy rain events will cause some areas of Casa del Lago to be under water until the rain subsides. Don't be alarmed by 2-inch rain events -- our streets drain quickly (usually 30 minutes or less). A hurricane, however, could dump as much as 10 inches of rain. While that has never happened here yet, it could. No street drainage system will be able to keep up with that much rain. Most garages will flood at that point, so never store anything on the floor of the garage that can be damaged by water. While not required, I strongly recommend buying flood insurance even though we do not live in a designated flood area.

Comcast Xfinity May 1st Start Up

The new Comcast program that provides a wide assortment of channels, two X1 TV boxes and one Gateway Internet service with household WIFI started on May 1st. The new program also provides free installation for the first 90 days. If you have not set up your new equipment, please call 1-800-XFINITY and provide them with your address, your phone number and set up a day convenient to you to install the new equipment. It is highly recommended that you add the Xfinity App to your home computer and your smart phone. This App will let you see everything involving your account with Comcast: account billing, channel line-up, checking internet speed, adding or deleting services or equipment. Our Comcast channel line-up is attached to this newsletter.

April 2023 YTD HOA Financial Results

Our HOA Total Revenue April YTD was \$254,502. Our Total Expenses April YTD were \$235,917, meaning our revenue has exceeded expenses by \$18,585 so far. Association Reserve Accounts held for future capital repair or replacement items currently total \$365,819 and have increased by 9% versus last year. All Reserve funds are held in FDIC-insured bank accounts or CD's. Remember, you can view more financial details including line by line income, expense and balance sheet details on your

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homeowner portal. If you have not yet set up your owner portal account, please contact Schoo Association Management and they will help you log in.

June Landscape Schedule

Weekly landscaping services in June will include mowing, edging, blowing and monthly weed removal from flower beds. Shrubs and hedges will be trimmed the week of 6/14 as needed. Turf and shrub pest treatment will occur 6/07 irrigation checks are done every month and should occur the week of 6/01. If you have any concerns regarding your landscaping, such as irrigation repairs needed, please contact the Estate Landscaping office phone at 239-498-1187 and be sure to give them your address and problem specifics. You may also email their office at **info@estatelandscaping.com**. Be sure to include your home address, the problem and your contact information.

Living with Alligators

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program permits the killing of approximately 7,000 nuisance alligators each year. Alligators are an important part of Florida's landscape and play a valuable role in the ecology of our state's wetlands. Visit MyFWC.com/Gators for more information. Generally, alligators less than four feet in length are not large enough to be dangerous unless handled. Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn. State law prohibits killing, harassing or possessing alligators. Never feed alligators, it is illegal. In many cases, if left alone, alligators will eventually move on to areas away from people. However, if you encounter any alligator that you believe poses a threat to people, pets or property, call the Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-Gator (866-392-4286). Please be aware, nuisance alligators are killed, not relocated.

Welcome New Homeowners

We are very glad you've chosen our community for your new home. You may have questions or are curious about the community. To help you, we have lots of useful information on our website www.mycasadellago.com. Also please get on our community email list by sending me an email request at gboyer01@aol.com.

Dog Owners, please be Considerate!

How is it possible to live in such a nice community as ours with wonderful neighbors and still walk your pet and leave dog poop on a neighbor's front lawn? If you see any thoughtless dog owner doing this, please report their address and details to Schoo Management.



Remember to Keep Street Gutters Clear of Debris to Prevent Flooding

Trash/Recycle Container Rules

Our rules require that all trash and recycle containers MUST be kept stored **INSIDE** of an enclosed garage except during pick up days. Pick up of all trash and recycles now occurs on Thursdays except if it is a holiday week, when it is pushed back one day to Friday. You may put the trash and recycle containers out the night before, so you don't miss an early morning pick up. Our rules such as this one, help protect property appearances and home values. We live in a "Deed Restricted" community and all homeowners here are members of the Association. A copy of our Rules can be found on our website www.mycasadellago.com

Please note the following:

- 1. If you need a new gate entry code, clubhouse replacement key card or entry gate clicker, contact me at gboyer01@aol.com or 239-246-5460. There is a \$10 charge for a new clubhouse card and \$20 for a gate clicker.
- 2. Mailbox repairs and replacements are included and made by the Association. So, contact me for any needed repairs.
- 3. Cars parked overnight on our neighborhood streets will be towed at owner's risk and expense without warning. Please keep vehicles in the garage or driveway and **off streets between midnight and 6AM**.
- 4. Before making **ANY** changes to the **EXTERIOR** of your home or yard, including landscaping additions, painting, pools, etc., please obtain prior approval by the Architectural Review Board. The ARB guidelines can be found in the rules package on the community website www.mycasadellago.com.

Be Prepared for Hurricane Season! George Boyer President, Deer Lake HOA Gboyer01@aol.com 239-246-5460

HOW TO CONTACT OUR MANAGEMENT COMPANY Our Community Contact person is Pat Schoo.

239-362-3091 (Schoo Office) or by email Pats@samcam.biz

Schoo Management, Inc. 9403 Cypress Lake Drive, Suite C Fort Myers, Florida 33919 Office: 239-362-3091 (24 hour answering) President Pat Schoo pats@samcam.biz

CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS

Anytime is a great time to Reserve the Clubhouse for Private Parties, including birthday parties, graduations, baby or bridal showers, etc. Contact Sheryl Colborn at 215-290-4742 or email at cdlparty@yahoo.com for any questions you may have. Clubhouse reservation forms can be found posted on www.MyCasaDelLago.com

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Casa Del Lago Homeowner Hurricane Preparation List

WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED (36-72 hours ahead of predicted landfall)

- Check around home outside and clear yard of potential flying debris, including furniture, toys, trash cans, etc.
- Check your storm shutter panels and bolts, charge up your electric screwdriver.
- Check fuel levels in all vehicles and fill-up as necessary.
- Get extra cash from ATM/bank.
- Store water in safe containers (one gallon /person/day) NOTE: Do not use empty milk jugs due to potential bacteria contamination.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting and freeze plastic soda bottles filled with water and place in freezer (not filled to capacity for expansion)
- Check supply of all prescription medications and refill accordingly

WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED (24 hours ahead of predicted landfall)

- Install hurricane panels on all windows and doors.
- Locate and gather important documents (insurance papers, phone numbers, etc.)
- Locate and gather battery-operated radio, candles, lanterns, flashlights, in case of power failure.
- Check your supply kit for 3-day supply of canned food and other necessities (don't forget a hand operated can-opener)
- Stay informed with local weather forecasts concerning storm track and strength.
- Move vehicles into garage or, at a minimum onto driveways and out of the street.

IF YOU EVACUATE CASA DEL LAGO

- Secure home with shutters and take in any outside furniture, garbage cans, or other potential debris that could be blown away.
- Take all family important papers/documents and prescription medications.
- Notify relatives/friends of your evacuation plan and allow plenty of time to travel.
- Notify Casa Del Lago Hurricane Committee with a telephone number where you can be reached

in case of an emergency at your home following the storm.

IF YOU PLAN TO STAY AT CASA DEL LAGO

- Designate a safe room in your home with no windows on the lowest level of your home (bathroom or large closet with interior wall is best)
- Keep your supply kit with you in safe room including first aid supplies.
- Keep family members together in one safe location inside.
- Best to turn off water at the main cut-off should the public system become contaminated (residual in your pipes will be safe to drink, including hot water heater)
- Remain indoors during the storm and away from windows, even those that have Storm shutters.
- Check weather reports on your battery-operated radio for storm updates.
- Garage all vehicles or, at a minimum, keep vehicles off the street and in paved driveways.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR LEE COUNTY

- Lee County Emergency Mant. 239-533-0622
- American Red Cross 239-278-3401
- Florida Power and Light 1-800-4-OUTAGE

EVACUATION ROUTES

- Head North on I-75 to Punta Gorda then North on US 17 from Punta Gorda (I-75 North will be clogged)
- Go East on SR 80 to US 27 then North.
- Be sure to travel far enough North to be out of potential storm path since most hurricanes tend to turn Northeastward...Orlando may or may not be far enough.

JUNE IS NATIONAL ACCORDION AWARENESS MONTH!

TEST YOUR OWN PERSONAL ACCORDION AWARENESS

- 1. Cyril Demian and his two sons submitted their patent for an accordion on May 6, 1829, in what city? (a) Bismarck, North Dakota (b) Vienna, Austria (c) Munich, Germany (d) Cremona, Italy.
- 2. On what date was the patent approved? (a) May 23, 1829 (b) January 3, 1830 (c) March 2, 1831 (d) May 1, 1832.
- 3. What were the names of Demian's sons? (a) Karl and Guido (b) David and William (c) Horst and Wilhelm (d) Hans and Franz.

- 4. What country is now the epicenter of accordion manufacturing? (a) USA (b) Italy (c) Romania (d) Germany.
- 5. Which one of the following is NOT a famous accordion brand? (a) Zero Sette (b) Excelsior (c) Scandalli (d) Orecchiette.
- 6. What is the difference between a traditional accordion and a piano accordion? (a) about 500 lbs. (b) a traditional accordion has no woofer (c) a piano accordion has a piano keyboard (d) a piano accordion has a tweeter.
- 7. The piano accordion is the official musical instrument of what city? (a) Philadelphia (b) Atlanta (c) Las Vegas (d) San Francisco.
- 8. Which American celebrity plays the accordion? (a) Charlie Sheen (b) Barbara Eden (c) George Hamilton (d) Lucy Liu.
- 9. How many Americans registered as certified accordion players in 1990? (a) 22,000 b) 35,000 (c) 75,000 (d) 105,000.
- 10. Which of these pop songs features accordions? (a) Smokey Robinson's "Tribute to Weird Al Yankovic" (b) Tom Jones's "What's New Pussycat?" (c) Shirley Bassey's "I Am What I Am" (d) Bob Dylan's "Bevond Here Lies Nothin".
- 11. The accordion is the official musical instrument of these US cities: (a) Nashville, TN, Cincinnati, OH, and Austin TX (b) Birmingham, AL, Boston, MA, and New Braunfels, TX (c) Taos, NM, Provo, UT, and Frankfort, KY (d) Detroit, MI., Skokie, IL, and St. Paul, MN.
- 12. Accordions were first played in Carnegie Hall in 1939. Who were the musicians? (a) Bobby Schmitt, Erik Engel, and Maurice Braunvogel (b) Gene von Halberg, Joe Bivian, and Abe Goldman (c) Lawrence Welk, Jimmie Ballard, and "Spitz" Beinecke (d) the Polka Kings Trio.
- 13. A Pigini Nòva accordion has about how many separate pieces? (a) 250 (b) 1,700 (c) 4,000 (d) 12,000.
- 14. What is the approximate cost at retail of a Pigini Nòva accordion? (a) 40,000 euros (b) 60,000 euros (c) 75,000 euros (d) 100,000 euros.
- 15. Myron Floren was a featured accordion player with the Lawrence Welk Orchestra for many years. What was his nickname? (a) Fast Fingers Floren (b) Master Myron (c) Bob (d) The Happy Norwegian.

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

--Ben Shearer

POT LUCK DINNER



CASA DEL LAGO CLUBHOUSE PARTY

Saturday, June 3, 2023

From 5 - 8 pm

Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share, family-style.

Cold beverages will be supplied.



This is a free event.

All Casa del Lago Residents are welcome to Attend!

Party organized by Casa del Lago Clubhouse Committee.





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