



Deer Creek Village

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New\$ from the Board of Director\$

We hosted a town hall meeting on January 31. We invited nearby community residents for a town hall meeting. Several representatives from the Orange County District One Commissioner's office came to discuss potential traffic changes on Orangewood Boulevard. See the summary of the meeting on page two.

The Board is addressing two projects to improve our community. First we will be upgrading the berm from Entrance 1 to Entrance 2. We will have more bushes and shrubs being planted, new mulch installed and removing older bushes. Look for work to start in mid-March.

The second project was just completed. The pictures from our security cameras were becoming blurry because the covers were old. We replaced the covers that and now we have great pictures from our cameras. We did this for a couple hundred dollars instead of spending thousands to replace cameras. Thanks to our Grounds and Maintenance team for both of these projects.

Our DCV website continues to expand. Our upcoming events are now listed on the website. We also have our Rules and Regulationss, Schedule C and our Welcome Message to new owners. This managed website will give our Boards the ability to share important updates and information Take a look around at:

deercreekvillagehoa.org.

Next HOA Board Meeting is March 14, 2024
at 7pm via Zoom call

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Summary of Town Hall Meeting

On Wednesday, January 31 we hosted several representatives from the Orange County Commissioner's Office. Nicole Wilson from the Orange County Commissioner's Office, District One, was the main presenter. We had about 200 attendees from nearby neighbors. Here is a summary of the topics that were discussed.

The big topic for the night was potential lane changes on Orangewood Boulevard. Based on a traffic study, it was thought to be beneficial for Orangewood to be reduced to two lanes in either direction and one lane dedicated to bicycle lanes in either direction.

The County Commissioner informed us that the only proposed changes would be lowering the speed limit from 40 to 35 mph on Orangewood. And digital signs that would reflect the driver's speed to help reduce speeding. We don't have a timeline as to if and when this might happen. On the north side of Central Florida Parkway, there are some minor changes taking place in the neighborhoods but will not effect Orangewood Boulevard.



The other issue was about potential zoning behind Sunshine Elementary School. This is privately owned land. The landowner has not taken any actions to develop this land.

If you have any questions, please email: district1@ocfl.net

Sentry Management News

Our Sentry Manager for our HOA, **Cheryl Drake**, has been promoted within Sentry to Divisional President. Congratulations on her new role! She has done a terrific job keeping out HOA on track with many different issues. She is a perfect fit for her new role.



Our incoming Sentry Manager is now **Lindsey Thigpen**. She has been with Sentry for eleven years and with us for the past three months. Lindsey is already very familiar and active within our community. She has been busy working on a few projects and helping us stay on track with everything. Some of you might have seen her on our monthly Board meetings. We are happy to have her as part of our team.

We have filled our open position on the ARC committee!

Welcome Luz Montero to the team. This team reviews all ARC requests which are presented to the Board and then discussed. They are also responsible for ensuring the work is completed properly.

If you are planning any house changes such as painting, new roof, additions, drive way changes or other work, please follow the ARC process.

BIG NEWS! You can now complete the ARC process on the website. The instructions and necessary forms are located there.

"This new process is so easy!" (shameless quote}

Go to deercreekvillagehoa.org, then ARC forms.

Email address is dchhoa.arc@gmail.com

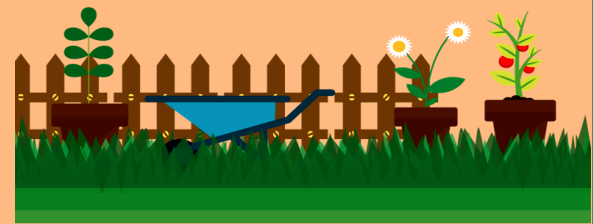


IT'S SPRING!

As the warm weather has been teasing us, many people are thinking about spring projects. I know I have quite a list.

If you want a nice green lawn this spring, it is time to start prepping your lawn. What can you do to get ready? Try these ideas:

- Rake up any of those old leaves. Old leaves will become brown spots in the spring. Clear them now so the grass is ready for sun and rain.
- If your Oak trees are still dropping leaves and such on the ground, don't let them sit too long. First they carry a lot of pollen. Secondly they can leave your sidewalk or driveway with a slight yellow color which has to be hosed down or rained away (let's hope for some rain).
- Trim branches to promote growth. Also any branches hanging over the sidewalk by **8' or lower** must be trimmed by our HOA rules.
- Get ready for planting flowers over the next month or two. Once you have decided what to plant, you'll be ready to buy your seeds and flowers as soon as the season starts



Look for more info in the next newsletter about our
Community Garden

LEARN ABOUT GARDENING AND BUTTERFLIES

if you remember last Spring we started our butterfly garden with Kevin Harp providing his expertise and guidance. When you drive by the clubhouse, you can see our garden is thriving.



Kevin has agreed to teach two classes this Spring. He will share his knowledge on what to plant, how to plant it, how to keep them thriving and butterfly tips. We had excellent feedback from last year's classes.

The two class dates are April 6 and April 20, 10am-11am.

If you are interested in attending, please drop us a note at gaildchoa@gmail.com and put which date you want to attend in the subject line. The classes are limited to 20 participants and you must be a Deer Creek resident.

Please bring a hat, some water, gloves and anything else you need to work with plants.

Ooohh new
flowers!





Our Disco Karaoke night was slamming!

We had a great time and lots of fun for this new event. Judging from the turnout this is likely to become an annual event. Thanks our terrific DJ and our volunteers and the Special Events team.



Our gamers are having great fun, **but we need more players to continue this night.** We are going to take a pause on game night for now, so **no** game night on March 19. Look for an opinion poll coming soon. We want to make sure we have the right games and the right night.

We have a new social event taking place— an Ice Cream Social.

Who doesn't love some yummy ice cream at the end of a long week!



The event is Friday, March 22nd, 5pm-7pm.

An ice cream truck will be there to give out wonderful ice cream treats. Nice and cold ice cream on a warm spring evening,

And it gets better..... how about some face painting and fun for the kids! Butterfly Dreams and Metamorphosis will be there to provide some great fun for everyone.



This event is being sponsored by Tiffany Hall, one of our resident neighbors. So not a Board sponsored event but the Board is happy to have someone pitch in and help with providing a social to strengthen our community ties. .



Animal Corner — Year of the Dragon

Tips for taking care of reptiles

This year is the year of the dragon. So here are some facts about having reptiles as pets. Reptiles can make great pets, but they require good care.

Year of the Dragon: A celestial, divine creature capable of controlling water. It symbolizes power, strength, good luck, and wisdom. The Year of the Dragon is anticipated to bring auspicious opportunities and exciting adventure for all.

Pros:

- Reptiles make great pets for people with allergies to fur or feathers.
- They can be low-maintenance pets, no walks or grooming.
- Reptiles are interesting and exotic pets that can provide hours of fun.

Cons

- Reptiles can carry Salmonella bacteria, which can cause food poisoning. Wash your hands thoroughly after handling them or their habitat.
- Reptiles require a specialized diet and habitat, which can be expensive.
- They can be bit harder to handle and care for, and may not be suitable for families with young children.



Things to consider for reptile ownership:

- Get the right reptile for your environment and the time needed for feeding, cleaning and play time.
- Temperature and humidity requirements.
- Housing, environment and food needs; and special lighting.

Original article by Kay Woot, "How to Take Car of Your Reptile; The Ultimate Guide",

March Crazy Calendar

March 11, International Fanny Pack Day: Dust off those waist pouches and celebrate the fashion statement of the '80s.

March 13, National Ear Muff Day: It's the perfect excuse to rock those cozy ear warmers, even if the weather isn't chilly.

March 16, National Panda Day: A day dedicated to these adorable, bamboo-munching bears. Channel your inner panda and practice your best bamboo-chewing impression! Go Kung Fu too!



March 16, Absolutely Incredible Kid Day: Celebrate the incredible kids in your life—whether they're your own, nieces, nephews, or students. Shower them with encouragement and love!

March 17, St. Patrick's Day: One of the best days to have a beer (dye it green) and hang out with friends. Many local pubs have food and drink specials on the 17th.



March 23, World Meteorological Day: Geek out about weather patterns, cloud formations, and atmospheric science. Bonus points if you can predict tomorrow's weather using a crystal ball! ☐

March 31, World Backup Day: Remember all those files you haven't backed up? Today is the day (or weekend) to get that chore done. Your computer will thank you.

March 31, Easter Sunday: The holiday is early this year. Time to buy those baskets and goodies for your family.

