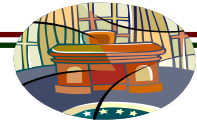




# estero cove news

August, 2012



## Treasurer Update

Mother Nature has been good to us. We have had no major repairs and our budget is on target. We had our building appraised recently. Although our buildings are 25+ years old, they are well maintained and in good condition thanks to the diligence of our staff. Even though the real estate values have dropped, our building values have remained constant.

Gene Darin, Treasurer

## Highlights from the Board President

We finished the lights around the office and pool. They look great. They were installed according to code, in conduit, etc. The reason we kept tripping a breaker on the old lights was the wiring was not installed properly and over the years the wire deteriorated. That won't happen now.

WiFi will be installed the first week of September. The antenna will be mounted on the managers office and should reach all of the buildings except possibly the lower units of building 5. If it is a problem we will try to install another antenna, but we won't know that until this is installed. If a renter wants use the WiFi, they will pay a monthly fee and this fee will cover most of the cost of the phone line and the installation charges.

After weeks of discussion with CVS regarding the fence between us, they have decided to install and pay for the fence. It will be the chain link fence with the green coating, like we wanted and will blend in with all the plants, shrubs and trees. It will save us about \$2,906 to install and any cost for permits and surveys for the town. Installation should begin soon.

We received several bids to install security cameras on our property. From 6 to 13 cameras and the cost ranged from \$6900 to \$14,000. The majority of the Board at this time feel that we do not have enough serious incidents to warrant paying this much money for cameras. We would like to continue getting bids and if we can find something less expensive we would most certainly look into this again.

Our property is 27 years old and we need to continue to update and improve the look of our public areas and we have been doing that. We also need to be pro-active on our leaks and other things and I do believe we are on top of that too. We had our reserve study completed and it showed we are in good shape and the insurance appraisal was done and they were very happy with the condition of our property.

**Have a great rest of the summer and I'll see you in the Fall.**

## Property Update

The grounds at Estero Cove look great. We had a new irrigation system installed and that has been a big factor in how the property looks. Three (3) coconut trees around the pool we replaced with new Foxtail palms. They are looking good.

We put all new asphalt down in our parking lot and GUESS WHAT?? NO MORE DIP!! That's right, the dip at the entrance of the property gone. You can drive straight in and out level with the road. IT IS WONDERFUL!!!

Last summer we painted all the walkway floors, garage floors, all the railings and installed new lanai screens in buildings 3, 4 & 5. Now all the buildings look the same with a clean, shiny finish. The Social Committee had some of the chairs and loungers at the pool re-strapped. And they are buying two(2) new benches and eleven (11) umbrellas and bases for the pool area.

All the trees have been trimmed.

We had all the dryer stacks in each building cleaned out in July.

## FYI-

**Times sure are changing fast these days. Things that we would never of thought of we now need to think about.**

**A site that you might be interested in is called "Florida Offender Alert Systems". It is a site that gives you information on sex offenders and predators in your area. The addresses are:**

**[floridaoffenderalert@globalnotification.com](http://floridaoffenderalert@globalnotification.com) or [floridaoffenderalert.com](http://floridaoffenderalert.com)**



CHECK OUT ALL THE INFORMATION WE HAVE ON OUR WEBSITE. YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH EVERY NEW PROJECT FOR ESTERO COVE ALONG WITH MEETING MINUTES, VENDORS, BOARD MEMBERS, ETC. (CALL THE OFFICE FOR THE CODE TO SEE OUR MINUTES.)

[www.esterocove.com](http://www.esterocove.com)



## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS & INFORMATION**

1. YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED 6 PEOPLE TO A UNIT.
2. REMEMBER TO TURN OFF THE WATER TO YOUR UNIT WHEN YOU LEAVE FOR MORE THAN A DAY AND TO TURN YOUR WATER ON SLOWLY UPON ARRIVAL AND TELL YOUR RENTERS THE SAME
3. HAVE YOUR A/C UNITS CHECKED ANNUALLY.
4. NO ONE IS ALLOWED ON THE ROOFS OF OUR BUILDINGS WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE OFFICE OR A BOARD MEMBER.
5. OWNERS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROVIDE YOUR RENTERS WITH STAIRWELL, MAIL BOX, STORAGE LOCKER AND ELEVATOR KEYS IN ADDITION TO THE CONDO KEY. IF THE MAILBOX AND STORAGE KEYS ARE NOT GIVEN TO YOUR RENTERS BE SURE TO LET THEM KNOW THEY DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THEM.
6. OWNERS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROVIDE YOUR RENTERS WITH A COPY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND BE SURE THEY KNOW TO REGISTER IN THE OFFICE AND GET A VEHICLE TAG UPON ARRIVAL, AND **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED!**
7. OWNERS, IF YOUR UNIT DOES NOT HAVE A LAND LINE PHONE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU INFORM YOUR RENTERS. THIS HAS BECOME A VERY BIG ISSUE WITH RENTERS.

## ***IMPROVING COMMUNICATION***

This newsletter, like the last one, will be posted online. If you have given us an e-mail address you will not be receiving a hard copy of this newsletter, you will receive an emailed newsletter. We are trying to save time and mailing expenses.

**New Florida Statutes** requires written permission from owners to allow the manager to put personal information on our roster. Please send in what information you would like on the roster, if any. If you do not provide any information the only thing that will appear on our roster is your name and unit number. You can mail, fax or email this information to the office. If you no longer have a land line in your unit please provide a current cell number that you can be reached at in case of an emergency.

## Social Committee News

During season there are many social activities planned and “manned” by the Social Committee, which are open to all owners and renters. The Social Committee is always looking for new faces to volunteer for the projects throughout season. The committee’s only prerequisites are willing hands and a cooperative spirit. You can always find out what they have planned by checking the bulletin boards for a schedule of activities.

In addition to the social activities the committee sponsors, they do an annual rummage & bake sale along with hamburger and hot dog lunches to help fund projects that improve the common areas around the complex. This fall they have purchase two (2) new benches and eleven (11) more new umbrellas for the pool and patio area.

As always we give our appreciation and thanks to the officers, Sue Hurley, President, Peggi Wilson, Vice President, Doris McLellan, Secretary, and Lori VanBeek, Treasurer.

The Social Committee and all the owners would also like to thank ALL the volunteers. They help make the events possible and take a little stress off the Committee. Thank You.

### Our Sympathies are extended to:

*Fred Gose, Unit 251, whose wife, Geisel Gose passed away.*

*George Vinson, Unit 241, whose wife, Connie Vinson passed away.*

*Jim Koenig, Unit 156, whose wife, Alice Koenig, passed away.*

*Jody Haerr, Unit 332, whose husband, Jack Haerr, passed away.*

*The family and friends of Vito Liscio, unit 123, who passed away.*

*The family and friends of long time renters:*

*Annabe Vetro*

*Big Mike*

*Marie Harris*

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 1) For owners that want to change the lock on their entry door, please remember it must be a Schlage lock, it must be keyed to the master, and a separate key must be given to the office. The locksmith that the office uses is Beach Locksmith, Larry West. His number is listed on the website under “Service Contractors” and it is (239) 463-2752.
- 2) When considering upgrades in your unit each of us can help keep water costs down by selecting washers, dishwashers, toilets and showerheads that have water saving features. You should consider replacing washers/dryers and dishwashers if they are 10 to 15 years old.
- 3) Remember when you leave Estero Cove for more than 24 hours you must move your car out from under the building and provide the office with a key.
- 4) Remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms at least once a year & thermostats if they use batteries.

## 8 YEARS THIS MONTH

August 13, 2012 marks the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Charlie roaring through Southwest Florida. The eye of the storm went through Charlotte Harbor, but the devastation hit Ft. Myers Beach hard. This was the first hurricane to hit this area in over 40 years. We will never forget it. Estero Cove was hit hard with all five (5) of our buildings having roof damage, approximately 80 units soaked from the rain with no roof protection. Yet this Association with a strong Board and great owners came together and worked hard to put all the pieces back together and made Estero Cove even stronger. We pray every season that we never go through that again. ☺



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### **Our Board Meetings**

The Board posts every meeting on property 48 hrs before the meeting. Keep up with the meeting minutes by visiting our website at <http://www.esterocove.com>. Minutes are for owners only so please contact the office for the code needed to read the minutes.

