

# WEXFORD WEST NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2018



## REMINDER:

The Board can be contacted at: [wwdaventry@gmail.com](mailto:wwdaventry@gmail.com)  
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Our community is a '**Deed Restricted Community**' with overall standards that must be maintained, thereby keeping up the property values. These restrictions, along with meeting minutes and newsletters can be found on our Website at: [www.wexfordwesthomeowners.com](http://www.wexfordwesthomeowners.com)

## OUR PARK

### May 2018 Park and Lake Clean-up:

The following homeowners participated in the May 2018 park clean up: Steve Cybulski and his daughter Coral, Roger Vaughan, Joy Montefiore, Cheryl Reed and her daughters Brooke & Laney. Over a half dozen bags of trash were collected and disposed off. NOTE: Please be aware that anything that is thrown down the storm drains ends up in the lake so please do not use a storm drain as a waste basket.

### Neighborhood Watch:

Unfortunately illegal opioid drug paraphernalia has been found in the park on multiple occasions and has been reported to the police so they are aware of this issue. If you see suspicious persons or activity in the park please contact the **Pinellas Sheriff's Department at 727-582-6200**. Keep in mind, the park closes at dusk so persons in the park at night can be considered suspicious.

### Park Irrigation

The HOA Board has been working with Pinellas County and our irrigation vendor to get the park's reclaimed water system working more efficiently. Apparently, we are at the end of the line for reclaimed water and therefore we get a lot of sludge. A new filter will be installed in the near future which hopefully will help this problem. Sprinkler heads are being inspected to make sure they are working properly.



**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE:** The Fall community garage sale will be held on **October 13 & 14**. Signs will be put up at both entrances and an add put in the Tampa Bay Times.

### Pet Owner's Alert:

**Poisonous Toad:** There has been an outbreak of Bufo toads in our neighborhood. The Giant Toad (a.k.a. Marine Toad or Cane Toad) is the largest of the toads found in Florida. When it is threatened or handled, it secretes a highly toxic milky substance from its large **parotoid glands** at the back of its head, behind the ears. This secretion can burn your eyes, may irritate your skin, and **can kill cats and dogs if they ingest the secretion**. Adult toads generally range in size from 6 to 9in but may get larger. These guys are really ugly!

Symptoms of poisoning in pets include drooling, head-shaking, crying, loss of coordination, and, in more serious cases, convulsions. The dog's (or cat's) gums often turn red. Treatment: If you suspect toad poisoning, get a hose and run water in the side of the dog's/cat's mouth, pointing the animal's head downward so water isn't swallowed. Rub the gums and mouth to remove the toxin and call your veterinarian immediately. **For your dogs safety keep it leashed when walking.**

**Possible Coyote Activity:** Unfortunately one of our neighbor's cat has been killed and it may have been by a coyote.

### How to handle door to door Solicitation:

"we just installed new windows for one of your neighbors"... Yes we've all heard the spiel and we respect their right to have a job but there is no soliciting in Wexford West. Simply respond with a smile and say, "I appreciate your efforts but there's no soliciting in Wexford West. Have a good day! **A united response from all residents will curb the activity.**

### Our Community is 'LOOKING GOOD':

This year homes in Wexford West have sold in the \$300k range due to our neighbors efforts in the upkeep of their homes and yards. THANKS to all those that are maintaining/improving their property.