



HERONWOOD NEWS

April 2025

Spring is in the air! This cooler air has encouraged walkers, bikers and lots of scooting kids, be mindful and slow down when driving (20mph on Heronwood roads). It is joyful to see all residents enjoying our beautiful grounds and it's the perfect time to replace or spruce up your own landscaping.

MDPOA/WEST VILLAGES UPDATES

MDPOA (funded by the West Villages) has contracted Yellowstone Landscaping to spruce up the main entrance. The palm trees that were there were ridden with disease and eventually fell over and had to be removed. The new landscaping includes four beds in the center median around each light pole consisting of red copper leaf, silver buttonwood plants and 8 Japanese blueberry trees.

In this Newsletter, the Board wanted to explain the structure of our large community. With separate HOA's and MDPOA as our Master Association, along with the golf courses, it gets a little convoluted on who is responsible for what, especially when it comes to landscaping.

- MDPOA oversees the entrance, the gate system, and the lakes and drainage pipes connecting the waterways as well as the loop road.
- The West Villages including Heronwood are responsible for the common grounds around the sidewalk loop and easements butting up to the property lines. Also, the Heronwood roads are Heronwoods responsibility, while the main loop road is overseen by MDPOA for the West Villages. In summary, everything from Martin Downs Blvd is funded by the West Villages and clubs, but administered by MDPOA.



HERONWOOD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held at the VCP on March 28th at 6pm. In 2024 we were able to meet our budget targets and use a small surplus to fund our road reserve. The Board worked diligently to make sure the HOA fees were kept at a minimum for the year of 2025. The new monthly HOA is \$200, which is a 2.6% increase. This fee includes cable & internet, guard gates, reserves, and maintenance of common areas.

There was a small surplus of funds for 2024 due to the elimination of the sheriff patrol which was used to clean up some of the common areas.

This year the West Villages budget, administered by MDPOA and funded by all 10 villages, 3 clubs and partially by Crane Creek have a few upcoming projects. This year's budget will allow the much needed repair of the sidewalks along the loop road, and painting of the light poles along the loop road. FPL has been notified of the poles with too much damage and/or not working properly, with hopes of FPL remediating them.

The new gate system was discussed and concerns and complaints were written down to take to the MDPOA.

The ARB Board have also been working hard to approve all home improvement requests. With windows and doors being on top of the list! Make sure to send your requests and questions to markm@chicagostainless.com

Together, we want to make sure Heronwood remains the place we all love living in.



HERONWOOD SPOTLIGHT



Alice McClay a budding artist and resident of Heronwood, and a 7th grader at Hidden Oaks Middle School, illustrated her first children's book written by her mother Carolina McClay, "The Dragon Who Feared the Unknown". It's available online for purchase at Barnes&Nobles and Amazon.com



CLUBHOUSE NEWS

VCP

If you haven't checked out the new HUB by the pickleball courts, you are missing out. With new lighting, evening play is now available, along with some putt-putt golf and a gigantic garden chess board. On Friday evenings members are meeting up for some fun dink&drink.

For more news or interest in joining, visit the Village Club & Preserve website at <https://villageclubpreserve.com/>

Martin Downs Golf Club

Martin Downs Golf Club are still having burgers and karaoke Fridays. Bottomless mimosas and brunch Sundays. Every other Monday the club hosts musical bingo. April 7th is the next one! Coming up this spring are several golf events.

Want more info? Visit their website at <https://www.martindownsgolfclub.com/>

Banyan Golf Club

For info in regards to the private club house, visit their website at <https://banyancreekgc.com>



INFO & REMINDERS

COMMERCIAL VENDOR GATE RULES: 1) Commercial Delivery Vendors- UPS, FedEx, DHL, Amazon and USPS. Allowed 7 days a week between the hours of 7:00AM to 11:00PM. 2) Food Delivery Services – Uber Eats, Door Dash, Grub Hub, Slice, Instacart, Kroger's, Walmart and any inhouse restaurant delivery services, Allowed 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. 3) Home Improvement Stores- Home Depot & Lowes, Allowed 7 days a week from 7:00AM to 7:00PM. 4) Commercial Household Companies – Furniture, Mattresses, Appliances, Rental Trucks and Moving Companies. Allowed 7 days a week from 7:00AM to 7:00P. 5) Construction Supplies / Equipment / Workers – Allowed Monday thru Saturday 7:00AM to 7:00PM 6) Landscapers - Allowed Monday thru Saturday 7:00AM to 7:00PM 7) Medical Deliveries – Equipment & Pharmaceuticals – Allowed 7 Days a week, 24 Hours a day. 8) Newspaper Deliveries – 7 Days a week, 24 Hours a day. 9)Utility Companies – FPL, Comcast and Martin County Utilities – 7 Days a week, 24 Hours a day. 10) Household Repair Companies – Plumber, Electrician, Septic Tank and Roofing. Allowed 7 Days a week, 24 Hours a day.



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NEW HERONWOOD NEIGHBORS

Keith and Tatiana Kopp

Brynn and Christine Boyer

Wayne Bahr and Betty Keoskie

2261 SW Starling Drive

2320 SW Starling Drive

2277 SW Heronwood Road

END NOTE

We encourage all residents to use the Butterfly app to give guest passes out to minimize the lines at the gate. MDPOA announced that the bar code reader will remain in place in conjunction with the registration plate reader since certain license plates are difficult to read. Contact Kyle at the MDPOA office if you need a sticker!

The Board likes to thank the volunteers that helped Gail Mey decorate the monuments for the holidays. Thanks to the Stengel family, Michele & Gary Smith, and Susan & Al Hastings the holiday lights were shining bright throughout the holiday season.

Some of our smiling decorators
Lynn, Jack & Brooke,
and Charlotte

