



News from the board:

As your Board of Directors prepare this newsletter, it is raining again! These past few months have been unprecedented with home confinement being the major activity. We know some of you never made it to Florida and others have been able to get home with difficulty. Many summer trips and plans have been cancelled. President Marilyn is safely in Michigan for the summer and will be available by phone or Zoom if needed. In an effort to continue our commitment of communication we are providing a summary of activities in this newsletter.

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Board meetings

The Board of Directors is taking a pause during the summer months. Our meetings will resume in the fall. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we may conduct the meeting via Zoom instead of the Botanical Garden. An email will be distributed to residents with an invite to join the Zoom meeting.

Website:

Our bylaws and Declarations of Covenants documents have been updated and uploaded to our website.

<https://www.rivervista34952.com>

ARB Committee:

The ARB will remain active within the community during the summer. John Hagaman is now chairing the committee.

He can be reached at : 214-755-1970 or by email at jchagaman@yahoo.com.

Please send John your ARB form for review and approval. The forms can be downloaded from on our website.

From the community: Spring

Road sealed

We hope you like our sealed roads. 1500 gallons of Tar were used. Two coats of tar were sprayed over our streets. We hope this process will increase the longevity of our roads. The crew did a great job!

Jim Goldsmith and Dave Carlson negotiated a mitigation settlement with WastePro for damages to our roads as a result of oil spills.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation!



River Vista sign

The front entrance sign letters have severely weathered over the years and needed work. After considering several commercial alternatives costing about \$500, we were able to restore the letters and paint with a gold metallic finish for under \$10.

Thank you to Pam Parrish for renovating those letters!

Drainage

The drainage throughout the community was inspected and several potential hazards were corrected. We appreciated the use of a tractor and operator donated by Don Duncan. Several owners have replaced their galvanized pipes under their driveways. Those pipes have a life expectancy of about 16 years and are starting to fail.

There are five drainage outflows that affect River Vista. At the north and south boundaries, there are two culverts that drain rainwater from Morningside Blvd to the the river. Mitchell Ave drains under homeowners lots into the river via a large pipe that also drains SE Pruitt Rd. Lastly, there are two outflow boxes along River Vista Drive that drain swales after a controlled level is reached. The swale system was common when River Vista was permitted but it no longer allowed. Think of the volume of water that all the swales can hold and store. It basically was designed to take the place of a retention pond which is now required for any new construction. The way this system works is that the primary storage is in the swale but as the level increases the water goes to the outflow box where it is held back to a predetermined level and then begins to discharge slowly into the river. These outflow boxes have a weir or dam that regulates the discharge but if the water level is high enough, full discharge takes place. If we receive 12 inches of rain in 24 hours the roads would flood for a short period of time. This is all permitted and regulated by the South Florida Management District. The system was repaired and upgraded by the HOA in cooperation with the city of PSL about 15 years ago. When there is persistent water in the swale the city has a crew that monitors for mosquito larva and takes appropriate action. **During prolonged rainy days**, you can help reduce the water level by stopping your irrigation system. if you have any questions or suggestions, please call Dave Carlson at 772 359-8327

Club Med Marina Update

Don Duncan took over the Club Med marina lease in July of 2019. Since then, the marina got a facelift! The seawall was rebuilt and the wood dock was re-decked and leveled. The captains lounge, restrooms and store/office have new metal roofs. The boat ramp was re-sloped to make it more usable. Ethanol free gasoline is available and diesel fuel will be available in the future. The pump out station is up and running. Club Med is scheduled to reopen June 12th for vacationers and members will have access to the facility on July 1st..

Morningside repaving



After the power upgrade, Morningside Blvd. was milled and repaved by Ranger Construction of Fort Pierce. They are the same company that paved our roads. So after waiting 20 + years we finally have a smooth road with straight lines!. This was able to be done as a result of the nominal increase sales tax.

Power lines

If you own a generator you may not get to use it this hurricane season. Florida Power & Light has completed a major upgrade to the infrastructure of power supplying River Vista. There are new concrete poles, transformers and lights that will help insure uninterrupted service. Many sophisticated pieces of equipment and a large crew were needed to accomplish this.

Thank you:

We would like to acknowledge the following volunteers who have helped with these various tasks and providing support as we navigate COVID-19:

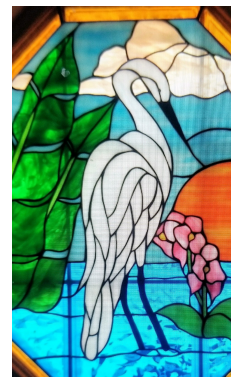
John & Sonja Hagaman, Milt Koster, Dave Carlson, Tim Herring, Jim Goldsmith, Pam Parrish, Sue Jaindl, Tom Renna, Richard Abela, Marilyn Manning and Don Duncan.

Meet your neighbors: The Dirks, Stained Glass Masters

Jim and Tess have lived in River Vista since 2001. Jim moved to PSL in 1977 from Maryland to deliver his stepdad's sailboat to the Bahamas -3 weeks here and 3 weeks in the Bahamas - He never went back. Tess is from the Philippines. They met in the 80s and married in 1989. Jim and Tess found a lot in River Vista right after they built a house off Floresta. They liked the waterfront location and fishing is Jim's hobby. They waited a few years before starting to build. Tess and Jim designed the house and enlisted a friend to do the plans. Being stain glass masters, they included over 35 art glass pieces throughout their house. The Under the Sea stairway is a one of a kind art glass piece.

Since 1982 they have been creating beautiful Art Glass and opened a studio in Stuart . They specialize in Tropical, fish ,flora and fauna and also make a style of contemporary leaded glass called "Art Dirko".

You can also learn this wonderful hobby and make your own stained glass! They offer classes, sell supplies and do repairs in their studio.



If you want more info, you can visit their website: stuartstainedglass.com or visit Jim and Tess at 315 SW Ocean Blvd , in Stuart.

THIS MONTH IN PORT ST LUCIE:

Tree Give away

In 2018, the City Council issued a challenge for the City to plant 185,000 trees – that's one tree for every resident in Port St. Lucie. As of March 2020, we reached a total of 37,260 trees planted and accounted for!



With social distancing keeping many of us home bound, now is a great opportunity to focus on all that gardening that you haven't had time for. As you spruce up your flower beds and plant more trees, make sure to log them on the PSL Tree Challenge Interactive Map.

There will be four tree types available - one per vehicle (first come, first served - while supplies last): Mango, Avocado, Orange Geiger and Japanese Blueberry.

The KPSLB Committee hopes to protect native plants for future generations and encourage public awareness about the need to maintain Port St. Lucie's natural beauty.

Date : Saturday, June 20th

Time : 8AM to 11 AM

**Where: Public Works facility
450 SW Thornhill Dr**



Hurricane season awareness

Hurricane Season has started with an unknown future of COVID related issues. Evacuations and shelters are a major concern to our city and county officials.

Checklist for hurricane:

- Batteries
- Battery-operated radio with weather band
- Flashlight
- Candles and matches
- Fire extinguisher
- Bottled water (1 gallon per person a day)
- External battery for your cellular phone
- Fully charged laptop, iPad and other device
- Full tank of gas for your vehicle
- Test your generator if you have one and gas supply
- Propane tank for barbecue. it may be your only way to cook food if power is lost.
- Important documents (insurance policy, ID 's etc..)
- Cash
- Non-perishable food item.
- Manual can opener
- Pet food if needed
- Prescription medicine (3 day supplies)
- First-aid kit
- Hygiene and personal care items
- Mosquito repellent
- Duct tape

if you decide to stay:

- Fill bathtub with water
- Get food supplies early and stock on fresh fruits and veggies that do not require cooking
- Cook pasta or grain that can be used in salad.
- Let your neighbor or friends know that you plan on staying.