# September 2019



#### News from the board:

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer. We are looking forward to welcoming back our snowbird residents. We will resume our monthly meetings starting in October and hope to see you there.

## **Board of Directors**

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### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Tuesday, Oct 15 Th 6PM- PSL Botanical Garden



Come with your family ,meet your neighbors and enjoy some complimentary ice cream! The board meeting will follow at 7PM.

#### **UPCOMING BOARD MEETING:**

-Tuesday, Oct 15th, 7PM

-Tuesday , Nov 5th, 7PM

-Tuesday, Dec 17th, 7PM

#### **Hurricane Dorian**

Thankfully Hurricane Dorian did not make a landfall in Florida. Others did not share our good fortune.

A BIG THANKS to Dave Carlson for sending daily updates!!!



Unfortunately, it is difficult for meteorologists to predict the path of a hurricane with 100% accuracy.

We got very lucky this time. Please continue taking the hurricane forecast very seriously and preparing your home. Remember, if you decide to evacuate, leave early to avoid long traffic and gas shortage on the roads.

#### Website:

We hope to have the website up and running by October.

We would like to create a page were residents can find recommendations for contractors and other services that are currently being used in the neighborhood.

If you have someone you would like to refer , please email Cecile Renna at cecile.rivervista@gmail.com.



Categories we are looking for are:

-Landscaping

-Pool cleaning services

-Electricians

-Plumbers

-AC maintenance

-Handyman

-Roofers

-Pest Control

-Propriety Managers

Please let us know also if you would like to

find other categories.

Thank you

## What are Swales for:

Swales are engineered trenches that capture rain water and help drainage towards water collection box.

The drainage system in River Vista is a combination of several types that include both our drains and the city of PSL. When the land was developed the swale system was popular but has now been discontinued due to poor performance and environmental concerns. You can think of a swale as



a small retention pond. It should fill to a certain level controlled by the weir in the discharge box. These specifications were all modified and approved by the South Florida Water Management District back when the drains were upgraded. So the fact is that your swale should have water in it and will not always drain dry. We have two discharge boxes in River Vista that control this part of the drainage. There are two more discharge areas that cross Morningside and go directly to the river. The fifth outflow is on Mitchell Ave and also empties right into the river. These are maintained by the city. But poor drainage can cause damages to your property with collapsing driveway and land erosion. It is critical that each residents maintain proper swales drainage and clear the pipe under their driveway, trim grass and maintain proper incline.

Inspect your swale during and after storms to make sure that rainwater has drained and there is no erosion.

- Remove sediment and debris from in and around the swale.
- Remove weeds and plants that do not belong.
- Check for any obstruction or blockage of flow along inflow areas or pipes, including trash, debris, or sediment.
- After heavy rainfall, check the swale to ensure the water does not pond longer than 2 or 3 days after a rain storm.

**ARB Committee:** One Member of the Architectural Review Board will be moving shortly. We are looking for a replacement. If you are interested in being active in our community, and sit on the ARB committee, please contact any member of the board.

## **Relief Collection For The Bahamas**

The community is organizing a collection of needed items:

-Baby food, diapers , baby wipes and formula

-Pop top canned food and other non-perishable food.

-Paper plate and ustensils.

-Personnel Hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, mosquito repellent, toothbrushes, etc...

-Clean clothes

-Medicinal supplies including hydrogen peroxide , alcohol, bandaids....

-Cleaning product especially bleach

-Dog and cat food

If you care to donate items, you may leave them on the front porch at Barb Coslett's house 3282 SE River Vista Drive by end of day Wednesday, September 11th.

#### A Tribute To Alvin Neil Jackson

On behalf of the community we want to present our deepest condolences to Nadine Jackson who recently lost her husband Alvin. Al and Nadine have been long time residents of River Vista and both served on the Board of Directors.



Al's career of over 50 years with the New York Mets will go down in history. He started his Baseball career in 1955 with the Pittsburgh Pirates as a left-handed pitcher. He joined the Major League in 1962 with inaugural New York Mets and continue to play until 1969. Alvin won two World Series rings- one as player for the st Louis Cardinals in 1967 and one as Pitching Supervisor for the mets in 1986.

The Jackson established the Clarence and Velma Simmons Academic Schorlaship fund in 1995 to promote education for youth and awareness of the importance of good education. The funds currently awards more than 45 high school students from the Waco, TX area with scholarship.

## River Vista sign make over

Thank you to Pam Parrish, April Newhouse, Darlene West, Dave Carlson, Richie Abela for dedicated their time to beautify our River Vista wall. They worked over the summer months cleaning up the vegetation and planting new shrubs. What a difference!



#### Club Med Parking

You probably have notice that the overflow parking entrance of Club Med was significantly improved. Palms were planted to create a natural Hedge and hide the employees parked car.



#### **NEW RESIDENTS:**

New faces in the neighborhood: We have 11 new owners in our community since January 1st. Please join the board to welcome those new families and take the time to introduce yourself.



# **LOCAL INFO:**

# Household Hazardous Waste collection Day:

Time: 8 am to 12pm Date: Saturday, October 12th, Location: The Public Works Complex Address: 450 S.W. Thornhill Drive



Keep Port St Lucie

Beautiful makes it easy for residents to get rid of their unwanted household chemicals and hazardous waste by providing a convenient place and time where the materials can be handed over toe experts, free of charge, for proper disposal.



## **Botanical Garden**

Just around the corner, the Botanical Garden is a great place to visit and enjoy all the beautiful plants and trees. Situated along The port st Lucie River, come and take a stroll or power walk. Entrance is free

## **Crosstown parkway Opening**

Time: 9 am to 2pm Date: Saturday, September 28th, Location: The Public Works Complex Address: 450 S.W. Thornhill Drive

The entire community is invited to come together to celebrate the grand opening of the Crosstown Parkway on Saturday, September 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and be among the first to experience PSL's new bridge over the North Fork of the St. Lucie River up close.

Because of support from generous sponsors, the City is planning a Community Celebration and Block Party at the site of the bridge that will give residents a chance to have fun and learn more about this exciting addition to the city - a momentous occasion more than 30 years in the making. The new bridge connecting Crosstown Parkway with U.S. Highway 1 will open to traffic at about 4 p.m. following the celebration.

The dedication ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. and will include remarks from dignitaries and elected officials who helped make this bridge a reality over the decades. A ribbon cutting, anticipated at 10:30 a.m., will take place following the dedication ceremony. The Community Block Party Celebration will immediately follow around the lake at the southeast corner of



Floresta Drive and Crosstown Parkway. Event activities include live music, kids zone activities, mopar and classic cars, and food trucks. Those who attend will get a unique opportunity to take a trolley tour over the bridge and learn from our guides about some of its history and special elements, including the sculptures that feature a tile mosaic by artist Guy Harvey.