



## GAZETTE

### Board Notes

Spring is springing. After our blizzard of leaves, how great it is to see shiny new leaves basking in the increasingly lingering sun. While summer's shade canopy blooms, the sun sets on your Board of Directors' first quarter.

Fortunately, three members of the former Board remain. Their collective knowledge has proved invaluable towards forming the new Board.

First on our agenda was the review of contracts that were due to expire in this quarter.

We renewed our security contract with Hi-Tek for two years without additional cost to us. Lou Villano continues to work with the owner of Hi-Tek to develop a Guard House Procedures Manual. You may also notice our guards are in full uniform.

The management contract with Sea Breeze Community Management was renewed for this year. The hours for the on-site manager were increased to accommodate the work needing to be done and to assist residents.

Clintar continues as our landscaping company. The landscape committee is diligently working with Clintar to improve the look and ambience of Garden Oaks.

We have installed 18 pallets of new sod. More will be coming. Additional plants will be scheduled for the second quarter. Grass will be cut higher to prevent more weed growth. Also, a shrubbery trimming procedure is being instituted to stimulate more bottom growth and reduce the exposed woody legs prevalent in so many aging plant beds.

The Board commissioned a complete review of our irrigation system and is now reviewing the report.

The migration of resident information into our new guardhouse data system continues. This system manages residents' guest and vendor data that security requires to allow non-residents entry into Garden Oaks.

Also, during the Second-Quarter, we will begin issuing temporary "dashboard" passes to all non-barcoded vehicles.

## **SAFETY/SECURITY TIPS**

*There were a series of vehicle break-ins during the first quarter. This is something only you can prevent.*

- *Keep car doors locked at all times and remove device wires from view.*
- *Garage your cars if possible and keep garage doors closed unless you are out there.*
- *For everyone's safety please obey the on-street parking rules.*
- *There is no on-street parking after 11 PM Remember fire trucks and ambulances need a clear passage.*

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Audit for FY 2014 is complete, and I am happy to report that we have a surplus in our operating budget from last year. Our reserves remain strong.

The Board approved the use of the 2014 surplus to assist in payment of capital expenditures such as sodding the lake banks, work on the irrigation system, and sidewalk repair. The 2014 surplus will help with those expenses and avoid any increase in fees.

Work continues with our attorney to improve the collection of quarterly dues that are in arrears.

## **Neighborhood News**

**Resident of the Quarter** is Joe MacCurdy who is recognized for his work with PBC and the FL Department of Transportation in keeping the canal clear and flooding within Garden Oaks less worrisome

### **New Residents This Quarter**

**Susan Bowles**

**Bradley and Sharon Burton**

**Eileen Fisher**

**Georgina Capote**

**Pamela Sue Wilson**

**Patricia Young**

**Rochelle Hopmayer**

**Peter and Paulette Appolonia**

## **Communication**

This is the first edition of the newsletter for this Board. We will be emailing it to you, if we have your email address, as well as leaving copies in the office and at the Guard House. Currently, we have about 50% of the resident's email addresses.

If you wish to give us your email address, pick up the form at the office or Guard House.

Between newsletters, check out information posted on the bulletin boards, Community Access Channel 63 or on the internet at:  
[www.gardenoakshoa.net](http://www.gardenoakshoa.net).

## **Board Members/Management**

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Landscape	Terry Brady
Property Manager	Tracey Secrist
Office Number	625-0311

**Volunteers make GOA work. If you wish to volunteer, call the office.**

### **Yard Sale Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 10-1PM**

**Rain Date May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Set up can start at 9 AM**

**Clean up by 1:30PM**