# Town Crier Summer Trees West

Summer Trees Homeowner Association, Inc. A 55 and Older HOA Community 48 Cypress Pond Road, Port Orange FL 32128-6722

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# **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to manage the operations of Summer Trees West, to effectively maintain the community, to preserve property values, the natural surrounds, and foster community spirit.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR TO SUMMERTREES WEST HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Florida's fall and winter has not happened. Temperatures are still in the 80's throughout Nov and Dec. Good news for pool users. Also, good news for folks that just want to sit at picnic tables in Magnolia Park and read a book or play board games. The pool is heated by solar only.

The natural surroundings, by the pool, have been enhanced to form Magnolia Lake Park. A good place to visit, sit (picnic tables, benches), meet, and just enjoy Florida's nature. The Lake is much improved. Throughout the covid years, many have found the pool or park to be a quiet place to visit.

<u>Annual Owners meeting and Election of directors</u>: Feb 26, 2022, VFW. Address: 5810 S Williamson Blvd, Port Orange, FL 32128. The first letter will be sent Dec 28, to 237 association homes announcing the annual <u>election</u> for board of directors <u>and the owners meeting</u>. 2022 will have four STW director openings. A form for owners to submit their name to be on the board is included. Just mail to Atlantic. A second letter will be sent in late Jan announcing <u>the Feb 26<sup>th</sup> meeting</u> and the ballot names. Note please: The 7 C&R amendments approved by the association, will be distributed soon. C&R booklet, Titled C&R, Jan 2022.

## **Grounds fall, winter, and spring season: General plan.** Priority is liability, and safety.

Starting at the front entrance walking path down to the compound; trimming and clearing palmetto bushes, limbs, small dead trees or limbs, and the no cut zones. Then starting at front entrance to Magnolia Loop: edging of sidewalks, trim tree limbs, and palmettoes. Leaves fall in Nov and March thus, mulching occurs twice. Spraying for weed control of over 500 driveways. By late May Bahia comes out of dormant state. The mowing season returns. Contact Tom Robertson with grounds requests. Note: Leave falling has been extended due to a long warm, in the 80's Winter and Fall. Traditionally leaf's fall first week of November. Mulching follows.

Hurricane Season: <u>June through November</u>. Prepare in advance with emergency supplies, waterproof important papers, memories. Clean up loose items, tree limbs, and anything that can be blown.

<u>Compound:</u> Terry Blunk, Ronnie, and Kathy Householder will be conducting an audit in December. Registered compound users will receive an invoice, a new registration form, and updated rules. You are

asked to fill out the form, include your annual \$50 and mail to Atlantic Community Management and Accounting, Herbert Street by early Jan 2022.

Much of the deferred maintenance has been addressed. More in 2022. Summertrees West is <u>"self-managed" by owners that volunteer in many ways to support their community. Many thanks to all the volunteers in 2022.</u> Some committees need help once a year, or special projects as needed, a few are year-round. The **STW team could use volunteers**. Contact secretary Bill Roberts with ideas or names.

The association has two Gmail accounts:

stwhoapo@gmail.com -

stwcomplaint@gmail.com - Terry Blunk Rules and Enforcement

Behind the scenes, without an office, these dedicated folks keep Summertrees West running. The 54 acres, compound, pool, 2 miles of walking path, about 500 parking spaces, bills paid, liability, a protected wetland, 5 streets, a lake, and community Ladies Club.

#### STW HOA Board of Directors and Officers

President: Norman Jefferson (518) 813-8310. Vice President: Bill Roberts (386) 405-2843 Secretary: Bill Roberts (386) 405-2843 Treasurer: Howard Worthington (386) 756-6782

Grounds: Tom Robertson (386) 233-8735 Director: Bryan Disbrow (386) 690-2558 Director: Terry Blunk (813) 313-0314 Director: Kelly Nixon (386) 304-6828

#### STW HOA Committee Chairs

Architectural Review: Bobbie Weller Property Manager: Terry Blunk (813) 313-0314

Budget: Don Ross and team Welcome: Bobby Weller and team

Spectrum Community Solutions: Sue DeLiso Town Crier: Bill Roberts (386) 405-2843

Compound: Ronnie & Kathy Householder Census & Database: Bill Roberts

Elections: Mary Austin and team

Lake Magnolia: Andy & Carolyn Stefaniw

Social: Ladies Club

President: Mary Austin (240) 475-5148 Secretary: Janice Tainsh (386) 871-6640

#### TIP of the Month - House numbers.

Just think about all the changes made over the years! Now 2021! Cell phones, email, disappearing landlines, AND Delivery Services. In recent years food deliveries, FedEx, UPS, USPS, and nursing home healthcare. The question! Do we, all 237 doors, have adequate house numbers! Leading to our individual front doors? Think about after dark! Limited lighting.

A signage program to guide deliveries and visitors to quad homes was implemented last year. The home in the rear is not easily located. Port Orange Fire Marshall suggested a 911 type sign, with arrow direction down a sidewalk. The question individually... Is my house number adequate? 3" to 4" with opposite color of wall? I looked at my house. Numbers too small! Color same as wall color! I bought new larger numbers with opposite color that is reflective.