

The Village Choice

Addressing Issues Regarding Your Home In Wynmoor

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In December...

The following is a list of Board of Directors meetings for the month of December. All unit owners are encouraged to attend their respective association meetings. Please note, these meetings are subject to change.

Key:

BOD denotes Board of Directors meeting
EW denotes East Wing Card Room 4
GBRA denotes Grand Ballroom A
GBRB denotes Grand Ballroom B
GBRC denotes Grand Ballroom C
LH denotes Lecture Hall
MPR denotes Multi Purpose Room
WWI denotes West Wing I

December:

2nd: Martinique I Annual, MPR, 9:00 a.m.
2nd: Nassau, GBRC, 11:30 a.m.
4th: Bermuda BOD, MPR, 9:30 a.m.
7th: Martinique IIC BOD, Apt. E4, 11:00 a.m.
9th: martinique Federation, EW, 10:00 a.m.
10th: Bahama BOD, LH, 1:00 p.m.
10th: Victoria C BOD, Apt. A1, 1:30 p.m.
11th: Granada BOD, MPR, 10:00 a.m.
11th: Martinique I BOD, EW, 1:00 p.m.
13th: Victoria Federation, EW, 9:30 a.m.
16th: Bimini BOD, MPR, 10:00 a.m.
17th: Victoria F BOD, EW, 10:00 a.m.
17th: Portofino II BOD, GBRB, 10:30 a.m.
17th: Aruba BOD, EW, 1:00 p.m.
19th: Portofino IB BOD, MPR, 2:00 p.m.
27th: Abaco BOD, EW, 10:00 a.m.
30th: Lucaya I BOD, EW, 10:30 a.m.

December Council Meetings:

3rd: Management Committee, MPR, 9 a.m.
5th: Board of Directors, WWI, 1:30 p.m.
10th: Management Committee, MPR, 9 a.m.
16th: Executive Committee, MPR, 1:30 p.m.
17th: Management Committee, MPR, 9 a.m.
20th CAPS, EW, 9:30 a.m.
24th: Management Committee, MPR, 9 a.m.
31st: Management Committee, MPR, 9 a.m.



Contrary To Belief, Spanish Moss Is Not Killing Trees

By David Rivers, Director of Grounds Maintenance

Every once in a while, the Wynmoor Grounds Maintenance Department will receive a call about Spanish Moss. There is a misconception that Spanish Moss is actively killing trees and that's just not the case.

Spanish Moss is actually a bromeliad and a member of the pineapple family. It is an epiphyte...not a parasite. Big difference! An epiphyte gets its nutrients from the air and from debris that it collects on permeable scales.

Conversely, a parasitic plant garners nutrients from the host. Not the case at all with Spanish Moss. The only purpose the tree serves in this relationship is as a means of support.

While Spanish Moss enjoys moist environments, it does not have a root system. All parts of the plant absorb water allowing it to sustain long periods of drought by going dormant.

Occasionally you may see a dying tree with an abundance of Spanish Moss in it and that probably adds to the confusion. For example, a tree that has been hit by lightning will defoliate and likely die. As more light reaches the moss in the canopy, it will proliferate.

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New Directors Must Attend Mandatory Meeting

By **Bruce Bandler, Administrator**

Welcome all new directors and board members! Your willingness to volunteer is a testament to your sense of community and your desire to serve; admirable qualities necessary to become a successful director and member of your respective boards.

The commitment you have made is a serious yet rewarding one. Written below are excerpts taken directly from the Board of Directors Pledge. It is my hope you will read this information and hold onto it as a point of reference. Its contents clearly illustrate what I am confident each of you already possess; a reliable and honorable character.

1. Attendance at all board meetings will be a priority.
2. Be prepared to intelligently discuss all agenda items at scheduled meetings.
3. Respect the opinions of your peers and exhibit no bias.
4. Always act in the best interest of the association and the community.
5. Avoid conflicts of interest between your board position and your personal life. Should a conflict arise, you will recuse yourself from the issue at hand.
6. Support all actions taken by the board positively, regardless of whether you are in a minority position on the matter.

To better acquaint you with the A,B,C's of your new position, we have arranged a "New Director Orientation" to be held on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020** in the Ballroom at 10:00 a.m.

Per Florida Statute 718.112, this seminar will satisfy the mandatory requirement for new directors. The basic language states that all new directors must certify in writing within 90 days following their election or appointment that he/she has read the association's governing documents and that he/she will work to uphold these documents to the best of his/her ability and faithfully discharge his/her fiduciary duty to the association and its members.

As a continuing education event, we are inviting **ALL** directors to attend the seminar.

NEW PRESIDENTS... We'd like to congratulate **FOUR** individuals on being named new association presidents during October and November annual meetings.

Now serving as association presidents are Robert Horowitz

(Abaco), Mike Ramati (Andros), Timothy Coombs (Bermuda) and Robert Zannini (Lucaya II)

NEW DIRECTORS... Additionally, there are numerous new directors who have already assumed their duties for their respective associations. They are:

- Antigua IB: Robert Simpkins.
- Antigua IC: Robert Storms.
- Antigua ID: Casey Johnson.
- Antigua IE: Lotus Boss.
- Lucaya II: Jane Ossias (2103)
- Martinique IIA: Angelo DeRobbio.
- Martinique IIE: Steven Ward.
- Nassau: Jeanette DeRosa.
- Nassau West I: Jack Rosenblatt.
- Nassau West II: Bud Fein and Judy Lawrence.
- Portofino IE: William Cortes and William Manwell.
- Victoria E: Margaret Jenkins.
- Victoria H: Jodi Paperman.
- Victoria K: Francesco Borsellino and Lorna Johansen.

New assistant directors include:

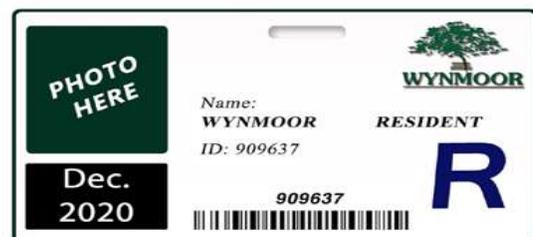
- Aruba: Sheryl Darby (3302).
- Bermuda: Alba Spinelli (1901), Susan Boan (1905).

Next Month:

All new directors from December annual meetings and a thank you to all outgoing directors.

For Unit Owners/Residents Only

Don't Forget to Update your Wynmoor ID Card



To update your ID, stop into the Resident Registration Office in the Administration Building.

An updated ID allows residents to enjoy Wynmoor amenities, such as The Fitness Center, Theatre, Recreation Trips and more.



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Fines Are A Valuable Tool To Achieve Compliance

By *Fred J. Michael, Director of Association Affairs*

One of the significant benefits of living in a Florida condominium is the ability of the association to adopt and enforce community standards in order to maintain property values and avoid the problems associated with those who fail to abide by the rules, thus creating a nuisance for the entire community.

When a violation is observed or confirmed, a letter from the Association Affairs office is the first step taken. This frequently resolves the matter without further incident. Unfortunately, in some instances, the association must take further action to resolve the violation in order to maintain community standards.

The ability to levy a fine against an owner or resident for a violation of the governing documents is the association's best tool for rules enforcement.

Available options include assessing fines, suspending member privileges and commencing legal action against the homeowner to enforce your association's governing documents.

The procedures for fining is mandated by Florida Statute 718.303(3) and fines are generally limited up to \$100 per day and not to exceed \$1,000 for a continuing violation.

In Wynmoor, fines are levied for a variety of violations, but the most common are for those who have front door locks that do not comply to the community's master key system and unapproved occupants.

Once a Unit Owner or resident fails to comply within the designated time after receiving a violation letter from the Association Affairs office, an association will proceed with the fines process by placing the matter on the agenda at a duly appointed board meeting. These notices are posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The Board of Directors will then vote whether to levy the fine, or not.

When a fine is assessed, the Unit Owner or resident must be advised that they have the opportunity to contest the fine to an appeals committee. The alleged violator must be given 14 days to request a hearing from the date the fine is assessed. This option will be addressed in a certified letter sent from the Association Affairs office. Wynmoor Community Council has been lobbying with state legislators to revise this portion of the state law requiring immediate fining ability when the violation is behavioral such as unapproved occupants and guests as opposed to property violations such as master key compliance.

If the Unit Owner or resident does not request a hearing within the 14-day period, the fine becomes final and the association may "impose" the fine against the violator. Impose means that the fine becomes a receivable on the Unit Owner's account and the association can properly take lawful steps to collect the fine. Please note that fines are not lienable but can be collected through Small Claims Court.

Popular Meet, Eat and Greet Events Begin This Month

The popular Meet, Eat and Greet pool parties will begin in December. Sponsored by the Wynmoor Community Council, these weekend BBQ events will be held at each village swimming pool from noon to 2 p.m., giving the residents an excellent opportunity to meet their neighbors in a casual setting.

Board members should use this opportunity to set up a table to share everything your village has to offer. Directors can meet with Director of Association Affairs Fred Michael for ideas. The schedule is as follows:

2019-2020 WYNMOOR MEG TOUR

Saturday, December 7: Antigua II
 Saturday, December 14: Antigua I
 Saturday, December 21: Nassau
 Saturday, January 4: Victoria
 Saturday, January 11: Granada
 Saturday, January 18: Aruba
 Saturday, January 25: Bermuda
 Saturday, February 1: Abaco
 Saturday, February 8: Martinique

Saturday, February 22: Bahama
 Sunday, February 23: Cayman
 Saturday, February 29: Bimini
 Saturday, March 7: Portofino II
 Sunday, March 8: Portofino I
 Saturday, March 21: Eleuthera
 Sunday, March 22: Andros
 Saturday, March 28: Lucaya I
 Saturday, April 4: Lucaya II

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Spanish Moss Is Not Killing The Trees

SPANISH MOSS From Page 1

The moss is not killing the tree but simply taking advantage of the optimum growing conditions in an already declining structure. A healthy tree will always outgrow Spanish Moss.

So the moral of the story is: Enjoy the beautiful nature that Florida has to offer! The hanging moss from the beautiful swaying oaks and cypress help define and maintain the image of the old south.

For more information, visit:

<http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/natural-resources/sustainability-spanish-moss/>

Keep Emergency Number Available

Many Wynmoor residents can be found walking on the property throughout the day, riding bicycles and enjoying time around the swimming pools.

In addition to having your Wynmoor ID cards available at all times, residents should also have their cell phones on hand.

You should program the Wynmoor Security emergency phone number 954.978.2663 into your cell phone to make it easy and convenient to report problems. For non-emergency issues call 954.978.2667.

