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### **From the HOA President:**

The Aug. 17 board meeting was the first since May, and our finances still show the HOA operating about \$15,000 UNDER budget through July.

The board is doing its part, but some homeowners are not doing theirs. Some 29 homeowners have not paid their third-quarter dues.

The delinquent owners are being charged late fees, which only increase the amounts they owe. The longer these accounts are left unpaid, the larger the amounts owed become. It would be wise for these 29 homeowners to bring their accounts current before the amounts get out of hand and become more difficult to pay.

I'm sure all of you noticed that the entrance gate was not working. That's because we had been waiting for a part to come in for the call box. A board inside the box was split in two by a lightning strike. With the call box dead, codes could not be entered to open the gate, although the windshield stickers still worked. The lightning also took out the license plate camera that is mounted on the tall post between the call box and Griffin Drive. All the wires going to that camera were welded together, so new wires had to be pulled to the new camera.

The new board for the call box came in and was reprogramed for our system on Monday, the 24th. All the codes work again as before. A call placed from the call box to an owner's phone and the code 99\* entered on that phone opens the gates as before.

Thanks to a call from a gym user, I was notified the gym air conditioner was not working. Our A/C contractor came out and found the outside condensing unit was not working. He replaced a bad quick start capacitor, but that failed to correct the problem, and the aging system must be replaced. The board is accepting two separate bids: one for the system that controls the gym and men's room and another for replacement of both the clubhouse's air conditioning units.

The board is starting work on the budget for 2022. Many items are going to be reviewed during this process. One of the newer items to be looked at is the condition of our street gutters. We are going to look at getting a street sweeper to clean our streets/gutters on a regular basis.

The gutters in front of residents' driveways that collect water are going to be looked at to see if there is a way to drain the water away instead of waiting for it to evaporate. We are looking for contractors who may be able help this situation without reconstructing the entire roadway. This may be a tall order, but we are looking into this item.

The pool cabana cover was ripped during Irma, but the quotes we have received do not quote the same repairs. All we wanted was the covering replaced, not the whole framework, so we are getting the contractors to re-quote and compare "apples to apples" and not "apples to oranges."

# **Upcoming Social Committee Events:**

**Sept. 13:** Book Club, 2 p.m., "Stars Between the Sun and Moon" by Lucia Yang and Susan McClelland. Please RSVP by calling Agnes at 561-9661.

**Sept. 25:** Bingo at 7 p.m. Please RSVP by calling Agnes at 561-9661 or Cheryl at (412) 616-0992. You receive three cards for \$5. Extra cards cost \$2 each. Snacks and water are provided. RSVP by calling Agnes at 561-9661.

#### **In Memoriam:**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

- Pat Keavney on the death of her sister, Janis Kaiser, on July 10 in Montana.
- Claude Marku on the death of his son, Jonathan, on Aug. 2.

#### **Sunshine Committee:**

The Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards to those who are welcoming a new child to the family, recovering from an illness or surgery or mourning the loss of a loved one.

If you know someone who could use a greeting card, call Sue Beard at (239) 284-3936 or email her at <a href="mailto:shadden@comcast.net">shadden@comcast.net</a>. Sue will need the name AND address of the recipient.





THESE PEOPLE WERE AMONG THOSE WHO ENJOYED THE FREE FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON AUG. 14 IN THE CLUBHOUSE. THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENT WAS CHAIRED BY SHIRLEY WILMERING, SHOWN IN THE BACKGROUND ON THE PHOTO ON THE RIGHT, AND HER HUSBAND, KEN.