

Forum Name: October 2017 CDD Online Workshop

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Participants: Wendy Darby, John S. Burch, John Hall, Amal Forbes, Jorge Castillo, Sudhir (Sid) Shah, Robert Woodards, sheila Haque, David Burman

Topic Title : MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS (Author : Wendy Darby, Replies : 9)	
Author	Message
<b>Wendy Darby</b> Mon Oct 02, 2017 9:06 am	<p>This topic is open for suggested new Topic subjects by non-Supervisors. Only supervisors can create/start a new topic. This topic is designed so residents can post a question (or comment) to the CDD Board members. A NEW topic will be created if it's determined the question should be separate from the Miscellaneous topic.</p> <p>In order to get started, press POST REPLY (on the bottom left corner) to this Topic and type either the question or comment to the CDD Board.</p> <p>Please call the Beach Club (813) 986-1031 for any questions or assistance.</p>
<b>John S. Burch</b> Fri Oct 06, 2017 2:40 pm	<p>Moderator: If you aren't getting many replies to this, it's because the "Post your reply" process is broken. The button wouldn't appear until I logged out, then I could see the button without being logged into my account, clicked post reply, then log back in to make this work. 🙄</p> <p>Anyway my topic is on the horribly bright, and industrial colored street lights the CDD has installed in Capri Isle. Simply put, these lights belong on a warehouse in an industrial are, not a residential one, and certainly not one as nice as Cory Lake Isles. In addition to the disruptive and aesthetically unpleasing color, they are way too bright to use at street level. Even with the blinds closed, my front room next to the street is bright enough to read a book in, and sleeping is next to impossible for my guests. Why were these godawful lights put in to begin with, and why weren't residents asked prior to their installation? Why weren't a couple installed next to Cory Lake Drive so homeowners can make an informed decision what they will look like first? To state they look bad is obviously not lost on the CDD board: why else would installation have stopped months ago at Capri Isle?</p> <p>Please, please, replace these lights with the previous ones to maintain the continuity of the properties here. Whomever had the idea of putting these lights on side streets is not considering the impact it has on other residents, or the community as a whole. If the reason is for some misplaced security, I can tell you these lights completely destroy whatever night vision people might have: brighter lights cast darker shadows, and it makes driving much more difficult. Why do you think all state and city roads use the previous colored lights?</p>
<b>John Hall</b> Sat Oct 07, 2017 9:38 pm	<p>Mr. Burch,</p> <p>I will have the system checked but I always have to log into to post a reply. Never had an issue unless it times out.</p> <p>Anyway, your comment about the lights in Capri,</p> <p>The lights are TECO lights and according to TECO these are going to be the standard for them moving forward. They are phasing out the dim high pressure sodium and metal halide units and replacing them with 4000-4500K LED units.</p> <p>The CDD had the option to sign a new contract and have them replaced all at once for no charge and a substantial savings annually or they would be replaced one by one as units could't be repaired. This would have caused the community to have bright and dim spots and wouldn't have saved us anything.</p>

	<p>TECO stopped installation for two reasons.</p> <p>1) We requested that they install the trim rings on the new units that were on the ones being replaced. They decided to order new rings instead of continuing with switching over the old ones and that took 4-5 weeks.</p> <p>2) There was a hurricane that caused areas significant damage so all utilities were pulled for making repairs and restorations and not continuing our change over.</p> <p>The change over should start back in a week or 2</p> <p>TECO offers a shield that can be placed on the residence side of the inside of the lamp to help block the light shining towards the house. Not all properties need or want this so I am making a list to give to TECO of those that do.</p> <p>Feel free to contact the CDD office to be added to that list.</p>
<p><b>John S. Burch</b> Sun Oct 08, 2017 9:53 am</p>	<p>The "Post Reply" button doesn't become visible until I log out. When I press the button, it makes me log back in, and then works: it's weird, but workable I guess.</p> <p>I understand the issue with TECO, but it doesn't explain why the community wasn't even given a choice to vote whether we feel the added expense of replacing the lights as they went out (not that costly to replace a burned out bulb) was worth it. With the funding paid the CDD, I doubt that would've been a problem. Was a highly visible and important issue like this even in the community newsletter? Also, as Capri Isle is the newest Isle in the community, our lights would've been the last to burn out: why start here? Drive down one night and look down Anguilla Isle, it's lit up like a runway, not a residential area. The end result ruins the aesthetics, looks cheap, and is simply way too bright. The old lights (if less then 2 years counts as old) was wonderful, and made the community look classy. Whatever the financial gain from this venture, it isn't worth it to this homeowner.</p>
<p><b>John S. Burch</b> Sun Oct 08, 2017 10:19 am</p>	<p>I should add, what are our options to return the lights in Capri Isle to the previous style, and not go forth this venture at all? New lights could then be added where more light is desired, instead of adding lamp shades to lights that are too bright and the wrong color to begin with.</p>
<p><b>Amal Forbes</b> Tue Oct 10, 2017 5:30 pm</p>	<p>I would like the Board to look into the possibility of having the City of Tampa perform a "Traffic Impact Study" within Cory Lakes.</p> <p>Some of our current stop/street signs and roadway infrastructure are not LEGAL by city codes.</p> <p>This create barriers when trying to recommend/improve current infrastructure and to have Tampa Police enforce city traffic rules.</p> <p>It may be a costly venture but, without this study the community will continue to fight vehicular speeding and other traffic infractions with one hand tied behind its back.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
<p><b>Amal Forbes</b> Tue Oct 10, 2017 7:56 pm</p>	<p>I would like to make a recommendation to the CDD Board to put in place a written Pre &amp; Post Recovery Disaster Plan, to include the installment of three (3) Portable Standby Emergency Gas Generators.</p> <p>Irma made it clear that our community has no written plans to secure vital equipment and for restoring the community back to a state of normality.</p> <p>As far I can see, we do not currently have a written Disaster Plan for staffing the gates and for the operations of the gates prior to and after a natural or man-made disasters.</p> <p>This again became even clearer after Irma when, we were hoping our landscape contractor would respond to provide debris cleanup; Security Guards were straggling in back to work and there was no plans to gain control of the opening and closing of the gates by Envera....Envera lost total control of our gate operations.</p>

The bigger question brought up at our October Security Committee was - Why haven't we install Portable Standby Emergency Gas Generators to support the gates and clubhouse during any disaster?

Some may say this idea is nonsense and a waste of money.

Yet, during my investigation I have not found one Security or Facility Manager in the devastation of the South Florida area to confirm their believe.

I called several Marco Island gated communities and my sources are saying "If we had install generators to our gates, we could have secure our communities much faster. Also, following my inquires, some are looking to start planning to install the stand alone emergency generators.

Two source references are:

1. Hide Away Beach Club  
Chris Reyelt, General Manager  
1-239-642-2801

2. Cape Marco Fiddler's Creek  
Marie Puckett, Director of Safety and Health Environment  
1-239-732-9300

Cory Lakes gates were kept open for 5 days or more following the storm. We weren't even badly affected by the storm (can you imagine if we took a direct hit, how long the gates would be opened for). Envera had no power and/or systems to place our gates back in normal mode and it took even several more additional days for the kinks to be sorted out, after the initial gate closure. Allowing the gates to open and close by themselves and causing guest/contractors access without any verification.

There is no reason why our gates should not be manned and secured within 48 hours following any disaster.

Also, I will like to recommend to connect the Beach Club to it own Portable Standby Emergency Gas Generators. This would allow the Administrative Staff to begin and bring back normal functions along, with using this facility as a first aid, post disaster staging and holding area for displaced/injured residents and guest.

Having an Emergency Pre and Post Recovery Plan is critical and a necessary tool for the security of our community and should not be wavered on "hopes and a luck".

I hope you will give the Security Team and the community managers the opportunity to fully investigate and implement the true possibilities of connecting our gates and clubhouse to some sort of Standby Emergency Generators.

Thanks.

**Jorge Castillo**  
Wed Oct 11, 2017 9:45 pm

Aj - I agree we need to discuss the idea of a Pre & Post Disaster Emergency plan in place. Have other board members come across any communities and what their DR plans are for natural Disasters/emergencies?

**Sudhir (Sid) Shah**  
Tue Oct 17, 2017 3:10 pm

I would like to invite Mr. Burch to our October 18 meeting. The CDD Board and facility staff would be happy to listen to him and address all the concerns he has about the 'new' street lights. We will come up with a solution.

I would like to add that there were extensive discussion on this topic and unfortunately the Board had no alternative choice, if I recall, correctly.

**Sudhir (Sid) Shah**  
Tue Oct 17, 2017 3:11 pm

Sorry, CDD meeting is on October 19 at 6:00 PM

Topic Title : Pool Party Times in 'winter' (Author : Wendy Darby, Replies : 5)	
Author	Message
<b>Wendy Darby</b> Tue Oct 03, 2017 3:33 pm	In June 2017, it was approved to give two options for pool parties, either 11am -2pm or 3pm - 7pm. Due to the days getting shorter in the fall/winter months as well as cooler mornings, it's really only possible to accommodate one 4-hour pool party. Based on daylight and weather, I would like to request to amend the pool party times for October, November & December. The proposed time changes are: October 1pm - 5pm; November - 12pm - 4pm; December - 12pm - 4pm and these would be listed as the only available options for these months on the Pool Reservation Agreement.  Your thoughts and suggestions are always appreciated!
<b>Robert Woodards</b> Mon Oct 09, 2017 6:18 pm	I would recommend 12-4 for October thru December.
<b>Jorge Castillo</b> Wed Oct 11, 2017 9:56 pm	I'm in agreement with Bob's suggestions 12-4 in order to keep it simple.
<b>Wendy Darby</b> Thu Oct 12, 2017 1:33 pm	In reviewing the sunset times for 2017/2018 and based on the current signage used to post open/close times at the pool, I would like to adjust my original amendment request! Please see below:  June, July & August - two party times availability - 11-2pm OR 3pm- 7pm  September-May - one party availability from 12pm-4pm  I apologize for any confusion my original posting may have caused!
<b>sheila Haque</b> Fri Oct 13, 2017 8:22 am	Sounds good!
<b>Sudhir (Sid) Shah</b> Tue Oct 17, 2017 2:53 pm	I am fine if there are no complaints from the residents

Topic Title : Daytime Rover continuation.. (Author : John Hall, Replies : 7)	
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<b>John Hall</b> Thu Oct 05, 2017 2:37 pm	This subject is for discussion of continuation of the daytime rover hours.  Is this something we want to continue for the rest of the year or place as a permanent shift??  This is the 6pm to 10pm shift.
<b>Robert Woodards</b> Mon Oct 09, 2017 6:14 pm	I think if the Community wants the Rover during day time we should support it.
<b>Wendy Darby</b> Tue Oct 10, 2017 11:29 am	I would like to request to continue to have Rover patrol coverage from 6pm – 10pm.  For starters it's been nice to have a 'presence' at the amenities-whether to escort folks from the pool areas when an attendant is not on staff at closing time or to patrol the courts (basketball, volley ball, tennis & roller hockey) and beach club during evening peak times when John and I are gone for the day. With upcoming holidays, days off from school as well as out of town visitors, this service will be invaluable to be that firm presence of watching over the amenities so to speak.  Additionally, it's nice to be able to have the Rover check on something suspicious when a resident has a concern especially during that 6pm – 10pm time frame. Often if someone calls for a suspicious vehicle, person, etc. during the day, John will check it out. But for the times he is gone for the day, the Rover can quickly check it out and make an assessment and proceed accordingly.  Just a point of view from an office admin...
<b>Amal Forbes</b> Tue Oct 10, 2017 4:33 pm	I totally agree with Wendy.  The evening Rover is a definite access to the community's security during the high residential and vehicular traffic time periods.  It's presence is an extension of Tampa police and the Neighborhood Watch Team.

	<p>Having all hands-on-deck to not only deter crime but, to help residents feel secure.</p> <p>I have always advocate for both our evening and night Rover to become social butterflies; to greet all and to know us by name. This allows residents to feel comfortable in observing and reporting suspicious activities to them when necessary.</p> <p>If I may add, to be effective we need to ensure our rules are clear for the Rover team to follow and enforce. Along, with ongoing training.</p> <p>Please extend this position indefinitely.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
<b>Jorge Castillo</b> Wed Oct 11, 2017 9:53 pm	I would be in favor for keeping the Rover, how do the other board members feel about this?
<b>sheila Haque</b> Fri Oct 13, 2017 8:25 am	I think we should continue it as well. Residents feel more secure with an active and visible security presence.
<b>Sudhir (Sid) Shah</b> Tue Oct 17, 2017 2:50 pm	Dear All,  Patrolling rover does play an important role of deterrence, I am fine with it. Unfortunately they have limited powers to enforce anything beside slapping a nasty stickers on vehicles. To my knowledge they do not challenge anyone or have I seen them greeting anyone.
<b>David Burman</b> Tue Oct 17, 2017 3:06 pm	The rover is good for the late afternoon. However, couldn't we look into a morning rover around school bus time. Maybe a split shift.

Topic Title : Palm Tree Trimming (Author : Robert Woodards, Replies : 5)	
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<b>Robert Woodards</b> Mon Oct 09, 2017 6:03 pm	Policy on Palm Tree Trimming needs to be clarified. Some Residents thanks LMP is responsible for keeping Palm tree branches trimmed six feet above the side walk. I believe policy requires LMP to trim only the trunk of Palm trees.
<b>Amal Forbes</b> Tue Oct 10, 2017 10:14 pm	<p>I am thankful to the Board for approving such a policy but, I also agree with Bob about revising it.</p> <p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Residents are able to use sidewalks when not blocked by vehicles overparked in driveways.</li> <li>2. Streets lights are able to illuminate surroundings without being blocked by branches.</li> <li>3. A sense of uniformity.</li> </ol> <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Branches are not cut often enough...present timeframe between cut, may need to be no more than every 3 months.</li> <li>2. LMP leaving mess all over streets, sidewalks and lawn after pruning....need to clean up small debris.</li> <li>3. LMP not cleaning tools between homes is may major fear.</li> </ol> <p>Thanks.</p>
<b>Jorge Castillo</b> Wed Oct 11, 2017 9:16 pm	my understanding of the policy was they cut 6 feet of height clearance and will maintain frowns between cuts and I know for sure this has not been done.
<b>John Hall</b> Thu Oct 12, 2017 9:52 am	<p>The program was for two trimmings a year. Extra cuts at extra charges.</p> <p>Since we had such an outcry that LMP over cut the trees and they were going to die</p>

	<p>we let them grow back some.</p> <p>Some of the trees in here do not even meet a 6' clear trunk height so adult growth will always hang lower than six foot.</p> <p>The second trimming was supposed to begin the first week of Sept but was pushed back by the storm.</p>
<p><b>Sudhir (Sid) Shah</b> Tue Oct 17, 2017 2:56 pm</p>	<p>John,</p> <p>When does LMP plan to finish off trimming rest of the palms? It appears that the progress is very slow.</p>
<p><b>John Hall</b> Tue Oct 17, 2017 4:20 pm</p>	<p>Sid,</p> <p>Trimming of the trees is ongoing.. They haven't stopped.</p>

Topic Title : LMP (Author : Jorge Castillo, Replies : 1)	
Author	Message
<p><b>Jorge Castillo</b> Wed Oct 11, 2017 9:33 pm</p>	<p>I understand the last 6-8 weeks have been very challenging for everyone with recent hurricanes and life events in General however we have not stopped sending our vendors their monthly checks for services promised to us, having said this just from recent very high level driving around the community I've noticed a few items which need addressing and feedback from rest of board members;</p> <p>1- Cul-de sacs don't seem to have a regularly scheduled trimming  2- During hurricane we had lots of trees down and a few palms, I still see a few trees and palms that need to be straighten or supported so we don't lose them  3- Noticed LMP began cutting resident palm trees and they are looking great, however from what I noticed the periodic frown trimming has never taken place and are overgrown in many areas. We need to ensure LMP is aware of this moving forward</p>
<p><b>John Hall</b> Thu Oct 12, 2017 10:03 am</p>	<p>1- I discussed the cul-de-sacs with LMP yesterday. I want them to start marking a map so they aren't missing or forgetting areas on their rotations.</p> <p>2- The palm at the entrance, we tried to have straightened but the rootball is still tight so it wouldn't budge. The arborist said it should be fine.</p> <p>3. I addressed the palms on the other posting.</p>