



4LAKES VERO BEACH

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



From the President's Desk

Dave Cox

February & March have turned into very eventful months. In this newsletter we're reaching out to the community for volunteers for the Board, Gate Monitor, Enforcement Committee, and general help. One of the exit gate motors has been replaced. We've launched the Green Dot program (formerly the *No-Spray list*), looking at restructuring the reserve funds investments for high yield interest and polling the community for their opinions on some upcoming projects.

The Entrance Coco Plum survey is closed with an overwhelming majority of 35 respondents selecting to maintain the current height.

And, [please let us know](#) if you enjoy the newsletter format and any other useful information you would like to see in future editions.

Let's make our community shine!





Sandhill Cranes

Keith Roberts

In March, 4Lakes and the **Sandhill Cranes** were blessed with two adorable chicks: **Niles** and **Frasier**. Unfortunately the laws of nature prevailed and the chicks were taken; from whom we're not really sure. Please show your respects to the parents as they continue to wander the neighborhood. It is common for them to lay another egg. 🍷

Investing in our Future

John Hanify

During the February meeting the Board approved opening a business non-profit corporate brokerage in the POA's name at TD Ameritrade. The board also approved moving up to 75% of the reserve funds to the brokerage account to be invested in high-yield CDs or US Treasuries which will increase the annual interest rate earned from 0.65% to approximately 5%. Electronic withdrawals can only be made to a POA owned account. Paper checks can only

be issued payable to the POA and mailed to the POA's management company, Wetherald. The account has been opened and is in the process of being funded.

All Hands on Deck

Don Kraper

Your Community needs your support! We have Volunteer openings at 4Lakes and we are all hoping that you can step up to help with our Neighborhood.

Dave Cox has stepped into the President's role and Don Kraper absorbed *both* the Secretary and Vice President's positions. There is an immediate need for another Board member. Please submit your bio to Board@4LakesVeroBeach.com

Gate Monitor

Don Kraper



We are looking for volunteers to be the point of contact for the 4Lakes entrance gate. You would be the one contacted by homeowners when gate issues arise, try and resolve them and call First Fire when all else fails. Please send an email to Board@4LakesVeroBeach.com if you're interested.

Enforcement Committee needed

Don Kraper

Our Governing Documents mandate that we form a Committee to verify and inspect any complaint that is submitted to the Board. The Board and ARC members as well as their family members are not permitted to be on this committee.

It is the task of the "Enforcement" Committee to review and investigate any complaints presented to the Board by any of our residents and that the committee will either acknowledge a violation exists or dismiss the complaint if, in the committee's opinion, there is no violation. The findings would then be presented to the Board for their further action.

Think of it as a "Violation Review" committee, charged to review potential violations which may possibly be helpful to a homeowner if no violation is found. And if a violation IS found, it will be helpful to our community in maintaining the standards we are all accustomed to and that were approved in our documents by our residents.

This is one of the easiest positions to volunteer for, so please consider helping out your community.

Your Best Resource

Don Kraper



Wondering who to call if your trash is missed? What day should I water? Or where do I find an ARC request? It's all right there at 4LakesVeroBeach.com. Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with this great tool. From our short history here in Vero to trash collection dates, this is your source. More content is being added often, so do check back from time to time and see what's new.



Irrigation Checkup

Keith Roberts

Now with Daylight Savings Time firmly in place (yawn), it's time to check your Irrigation system. Based on the **St Johns River Water Management District**

restrictions we are now allowed to water twice per week, before 10am or after 4pm

- Odd Address: Wed & Sat
- Even Address: Thu & Sun

Many homeowners set their irrigation to run before sunrise (*it's the best time to water*). But, how do you know it's functioning properly? You should periodically test your system to ensure the heads are popping up, not clogged and spraying where they should; not in the street, not at your house. The sprinkler heads also contain filters which should be checked and cleaned.

Some homes could have an additional filter element by the pump itself. These should be drained, unscrewed and rinsed out with the hose. **Don't forget to close the bottom valve when you're done!!** 🧐



The Green Dot Program

Keith Roberts

The Green Dot program is in play! A replacement to the awkward **No-Spray list**, the Green Dot program empowers the homeowner to decide when & if they want the Landscaper to *omit their property* when spraying for weeds.

On February 4th, the homeowners currently on the No-Spray list were provided with the Green Dot Flyer in their

mailbox, or left by their front door. Please read and follow the instructions to place the Green Dot along-side your mailbox street number. Place a dot on each side of the number closest to the road so that the Landscapers can easily identify which homes Do Not want weed killer sprayed in their yards.

If you need additional Dots or have questions, please email Board@4LakesVeroBeach.com



Sunday Quiet Time

Our 4Lakes governing documents restrict contractors from working at your property on Sunday .. which doesn't mean that a homeowner can't do their own work.

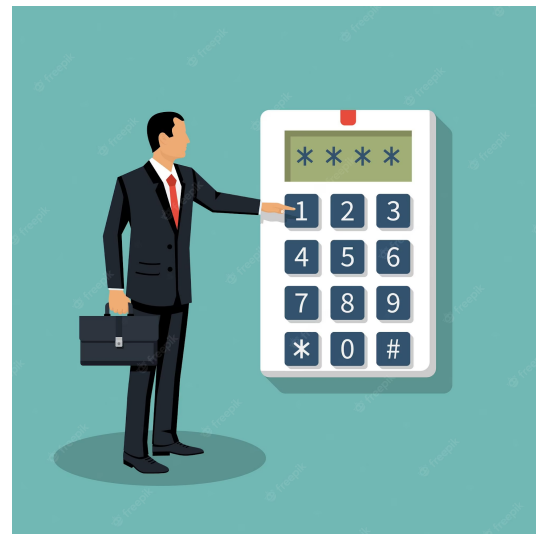
However, please be considerate of your neighbors and reserve Sunday for quiet activities.



Access to 4Lakes

Don Kraper

As you may recall, we recently had an issue with our front Gates being left open for some time before they could be repaired.



A number of owners were concerned about the security in the neighborhood. The first step in keeping our community safe is to not give out your Gate Code. We ask that you do not give out your Gate code to anyone except close relatives. Contractors, Landscapers and anyone that does not live in the community should select your name at the Gate Box or use your quick code (* **lot-number** #) to come in. We have noticed a number of residents that feel this doesn't apply to them and give their Gate code out to anyone that asks. If you are, or you know of someone who is giving out Gate codes, please stop and ask others to stop too. This is the first step in keeping the riff-raff out. If you would like to request to change your Gate code, please contact us at Board@4LakesVeroBeach.com.

In a hurry?

Don Kraper

We have a number of residents who enjoy a walk as well as walk their dogs in the neighborhood. We have no sidewalks. Please slow down and look after your neighbors. Our neighborhood is not that big so doing 25 - 30 mph+ in the neighborhood is not going to get you to your destination that much faster, so please slow down.



Heard around the Circle

When I moved into my GHO home here 3 years ago my appliance package included a GE PROFILE refrigerator. Until it was in need of repair last week, I was not aware that all GE Profile refrigerators come with a 5 year warranty on certain parts like compressors, etc.

Details on the warranty are in the manual which can be found online when you type in your Model #. Unfortunately, GE Customer Service did not tell my son this when he phoned them to troubleshoot so I bought a new PROFILE! Upon reading my new manual I found that all GE Profile refrigerators come with a 5 year limited warranty but it was too late. I'm posting this in case someone else didn't read their manual either!

(As for GE Customer Service, when my son called them back to complain, they apologized and extended my new warranty for one more year).

In spite of my very expensive, unnecessary mistake I am enjoying my new refrigerator!

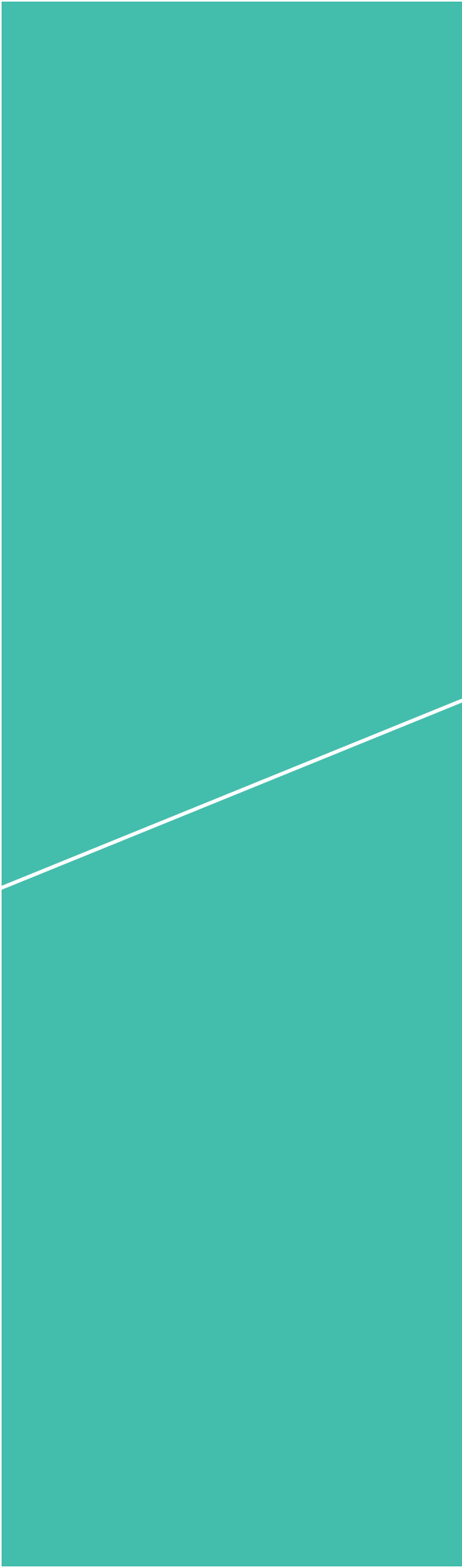
Joanne Stockhowe



Just the FAQs

- [Trash](#) cans go out no sooner than Sunday at 5pm .. back in Monday by 7pm
- County [irrigation schedules](#) must be observed. BTW it is summer now.
- [Landscapers](#) mow on Tuesday. Starting in March they are here every week.
 - And, they will collect your yard waste [on days they mow](#).
- Dogs must be leashed at all times while in the community and picked up after.
- [Florida laws restrict feeding the wildlife](#), which can become a nuisance and attract rodents.
- You are required to submit an ARC Request when changing the color of your house





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