

## Westminster Crier

### News from the Community

#### **The Annual Members Meeting is March 30th.**

The Meeting Notice will be mailed out the end of this week.

The New Fitness Center will be on the Ballot.

Remember the funding for this will come from the resale capital fund, and the construction cost of this project will not affect your HOA Fees.

We will have an informational Presentation for Members, **Thursday March 18th at the Community Center from 4 to 6PM.** This will be an opportunity for owners to review the plans, see architects rendering, view the proposed location and ask questions. We are offering this to owners so they can be informed prior to filling out their ballots.

#### **Pedestrians**

Please use sidewalks whenever possible when taking your morning or evening walks. We have had several near misses with vehicles and pedestrians in early morning fog or at night. Please be safe. Additionally drivers please be alert, **obey speed limits and stop at all stop signs.** BE SAFE!!!!

Here are ten tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for walkers and joggers

1. Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
2. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
3. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
4. Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
5. Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
6. If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
7. Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
8. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials

or use a flashlight at night.

9. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
10. Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.

### **Community Center Painting**

The painting of the Community Center and Office has been moved to Monday, March 22, 2021. Florida Painters expect to use a sprayer to do the soffit and fascia boards, and brush and rollers for the remainder of the buildings. They will also be power washing the roofs and exteriors of both buildings. There will be some areas that will be closed off temporarily during the project.

### **Updated Office Hours**

To help accommodate our residents who have varying work schedules, we will be changing the office hours to:

Monday-Tuesday- Wednesday 9AM-5PM

Thursday-Friday 8AM-4PM

The change takes effect April 1, 2021.

### **Reminder**

All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult in the Community Center and pool area as per Community Center Rules and Guidelines

### **A Note from Compliance**

The Compliance Committee is concerned with the placement of trash, recycling materials and yard waste in the driveways when not allowed. Our documents state in 5.6 of the GENERAL COVENANTS AND USE RESTRICTIONS: "Garbage and trash containers and vegetation cuttings may be placed on the curb only on the day of, or the evening before trash, vegetation or garbage pick-up service is scheduled." The Compliance Committee has determined that 5:00PM is the start of evening and therefore, items outside for pickup before 5:00PM will be subject of a compliance action.

Presently, pick up is on Mondays for Westminster. Sunday at 5:00PM is the earliest time trash, recyclables or yard waste can be placed out for collection and the cans must be placed back in the garage by Monday Night. Section 5.6 further states: "All garbage and trash must be kept in an enclosed garage." Leaving cans outside can attract wild animals and therefore, receptacles must be stored in the garage, not outside.

The Compliance Committee thanks you for your cooperation.

### **Some Helpful Information from Lee County**

Yard Waste should be placed in containers or brown bags or wrapped in bundles for easy lifting. Plastic bags should not be utilized for yard waste

The following items are recyclable and can be placed in the recycling bin

- paper
- cans
- cardboard
- plastic containers with numbers 1-7 on them
- glass containers

These items are NOT able to be recycled and should be placed in trash or disposed of in another way

- plastic bags- take them back to the grocery store
- styrofoam
- clothing
- food scraps
- diapers

### **Note from Lee County Sheriff's Office**

#### INTERNET VEHICLE SALE FRAUD

While purchasing a new or pre-owned vehicle online has become a common and popular practice, so has online vehicle sale fraud!

The truck looks immaculate...just what you have been looking for! Low mileage, original owner, no accidents...a dream come true! The price, based upon mileage and condition, seems incredible.

Great deals on cars and trucks do exist. Many online vehicle purchasers swear by the process and have found incredible bargains on the internet.

But everything that glitters is not gold.

Criminals regularly post false advertisements and photographs of vehicles that are not for sale and usually belong to someone else. You will receive additional photos, upon request, along with a heart-wrenching story of why they need to sell their beloved vehicle at a bargain price.

"It was Aunt Tilly's favorite...rest her soul!"

"I received it as part of a divorce settlement and have no use for it."

"My brother is being deployed overseas and the car will just be sitting here."

Often, criminals use reputable companies to initially lure you in...such as eBay, Facebook Marketplace or other online selling sites...leading the buyer to believe that the deal is legitimate.

This is when the transaction begins to go sideways...

You may be sent a third-party toll-free number, asked to pay with gift cards or asked to wire money. You may be asked to send a small amount, to serve as a deposit, to ensure that it isn't sold to someone else.

Exercise extreme caution!

Ask for the vehicle identification number (VIN) and current license plate information. Insist on inspecting the vehicle IN PERSON prior to purchase. Inspect title and lien information prior to making any payment or deposit.

Over a three-year period, the FBI has received nearly 30,000 complaints of fraudulent vehicle sales exceeding \$57,000,000.

Don't be the next victim!