

WESTMINSTER CRIER

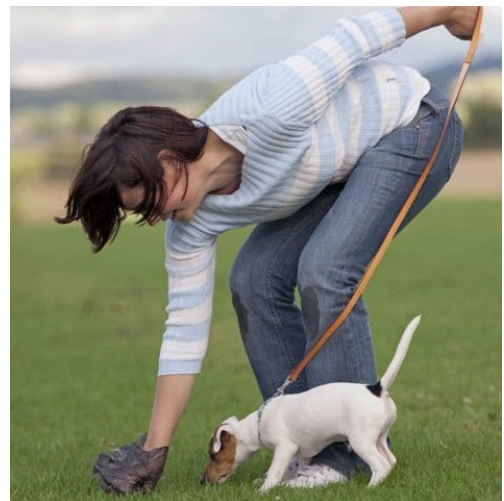
Wells are being drilled for the geothermal system.



Reminder: According to the Westminster Documents fireworks are **not allowed** to be set off in the Community. Under Florida law, only **sparklers**, approved by the Florida Division of State Fire Marshal, are legal for consumer usage. It is illegal to use exploding and/or flying fireworks in Florida, which include: shells and mortars, multiple tube devices, **Roman candles**, rockets and **firecrackers**.



Reminder:- Dogs must be on a leash at all times in the Community even on resident property. Please pick up after your pet. Dispose of the waste properly at your residence. Thanks so much



Message from Lee County Sheriff's Office

If you came face to face with a violent attacker, would you know what to do to protect yourself?

You may not realize that escaping and surviving an assault is 90% mental preparedness and only 10% physical preparedness. This means you must always be thinking ahead about the smart choices you would make in an unwanted encounter, such as being aware of your surroundings, avoiding confrontations, trusting your instincts, and taking the time to learn ways to reduce the risk of exposure to a violent crime.

This mentality applies to women of all ages, which is why the Lee County Sheriff's Office invites you to register today for one of our 2-hour educational awareness, crime prevention programs known as S.A.F.E. (Self-defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange). The key components of the S.A.F.E. class will provide attendees with personal safety information, basic physical techniques, a variety of options and common-sense strategies.

Each month, beginning September 1st, members of the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit will hold a S.A.F.E. class with either a presentation specifically designed for mothers and daughters, or women of all ages . All classes will be at the

Sheriff's Office headquarters located at 14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers. Below is the class schedule:

Saturday, September 1, 2018

10:00am-noon Open Registration

Tuesday, October 19, 2018

6:00pm-8:00pm Mother | Daughter

Saturday, November 17, 2018

10:00am-noon Open Registration

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

6:00pm-8:00pm Mother | Daughter

Classes are restricted to the first 20 participants who register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-women-tickets-48462656109>. You can also find the link by visiting our website at www.sheriffleefl.org. Additional dates will be released for 2019.

For more information, contact the Community Relations Unit at 258-3280

Message from ARC

ARC would like to remind everyone that any changes to the outside of your property must be approved by ARC before proceeding. A written request has to be submitted with a description of what is to be done. The requests are available on the Westminster website under the ARC section or in the office.

Requests have to be submitted by 3:00 PM the Friday before our ARC meeting. The meeting is held the second Wednesday of each month. All requests will be considered at the meetings.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Barbara Waldman at waldmanb@mac.com

Reminder: Landscapers are to take trimmings/brush with them. If they don't, you cannot put it by the curb until Sunday night after 6pm.



Board Meeting

September 18

7 pm

Community Center



Message From ARC:

As many of you know, ARC has been working on revising some of our guidelines. We had posted them in the last issue of the Crier and had verbally presented them at several board meetings but it has come to our attention that we didn't give homeowners enough time to review all the documents and to be able to comment on them at the monthly member meeting if they wish to do so. Therefore, "ARC will keep posting these in the Crier for the next few months.

We have also posted them in the Community Center under the ARC sign and on the Westminster website. In addition, we sent a copy to each Neighborhood Association President for them to share with their homeowners. Even though the board approved all the revisions, we are going to ask for another vote after the community has had a chance to review all the changes and make comments. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact ARC., Our emails are on the website.

Thank You.

Barbara Waldman, Chair

Note- you will find the pertinent guidelines with the revisions in **bold, red and underlined**. or in the case of the Driveway Stain/Seal Form in **blue**.

Lawn Furnishings

f. ARC approval is required before installing any lawn furnishings. The ARC will evaluate all proposed or installed exterior decorative objects solely in terms of design, execution, and general appropriateness in order to prevent such objects from having a significant negative impact on adjoining homes, the neighborhood setting, and the Westminster Community at large. The ARC will not judge the individual artistic merits of any object, but rather will make its evaluation solely on the object's impact.

All approved lawn furnishings must be placed in an existing planting bed contiguous to the house or garage. No lawn furnishings may be placed on the grass in the front yard, with the exception of holiday decorations and approved For Sale or For Rent signs.

Planting beds should include not less than two feet and not more than four feet adjacent to the foundation of each side, front and rear of the home. This should apply to homes with rear lanais. Front Landscape beds may exceed this distance from the Foundation, but must be completed in good taste and with the approval of the ARC.

ARC revisions continued- lawn furnishings

Decorative items may not exceed 18" by 36" and should be aesthetically pleasing and must be placed in existing planting beds contiguous to the house.

Decorative flags may be no larger than 24" by 40" and should also be aesthetically pleasing.

American flags are exempt and are included in existing covenants and ARC guidelines

Game day flags may be erected in existing planting beds contiguous to the house or on flagpoles attached to the house. They may be displayed on game day and must be removed within 48 hours afterwards. (This is in our guidelines already, p 15, (h).)

Political signs are not permitted under any circumstances.

No bird feeders of any kind are allowed on the property.

g) All hedges, shrubs, and trees must be properly trimmed and maintained as determined by the ARC

h) Trees and branches must be trimmed with a clearance of **seven (7) feet over sidewalks and fourteen (14) feet over streets.**

i) All non-native, invasive plants must be removed. See Addendum B.

j) Shrubs which obstruct vision sight lines at driveways, street intersections and on corner lots are dangerous for vehicular traffic and are prohibited.

ARC Revisions Continued- Lawn Furnishings

k) Any tree or plant may be used in landscaping except those on the list of unapproved Landscape? Plant materials in Addendum "B".

m) Removal of any tree with a trunk diameter greater than 3 inches must have the approval of the ARC, unless it is diseased, dead or replaced by an identical specimen. The ARC may require the Owner to replace the removed tree or trees.

n) Vegetable Gardens: The ARC views this as a landscaping issue and should be considered on an individual basis.

ARC Guideline Revisions Continued

Air Conditioners

- a) Wall or window air conditioning or heating units are not permitted.
- b) Compressors and fans for central air conditioning or heat pump systems which are located outside the exterior of the building shall be adequately walled or landscaped with natural landscaping that maintains its green year round to prevent being viewed from any street.

Westminster Community Association Approved For Rent / For Sale Sign Guidelines

Signs. No sign may be erected or displayed in or on any Lot, Living Unit, or structure, except a "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign no larger than ten (10) inches in height and no more than eighteen (18) inches in width is permitted.

For Rent signs may be erected only for rentals of 12 months or more. Once the lease is signed, the sign must come down within 7 days. It may be erected again 30 days before the lease expires.

The sign shall conform to the drawing depicted on the attached sheet. The party seeking to erect or place a sign on their property shall be required to purchase the sign and sign post from a vendor designated by the Association. The vendor so designated by the Association shall be the only party authorized to place or install the sign on the owner's property. Owner's rights to install a sign shall be further subject to the following restrictions and those which may be later promulgated by the Architectural Review Committee:

A. The sign shall contain only the telephone number and the name of either the homeowner or the real estate company listing the property, if any;

B. Telephone number letters shall not exceed four (4) inches in height and the lettering indicating the homeowner or real estate company shall not exceed two (2)

Sign Guidelines Continued

inches in height;

C. Coloring of the lettering shall be white with a Dark Green Background;

D. For single-family homes and villas, one (1) sign may be located in the front of the property, no closer than Fifteen (15) feet from the street pavement and another sign may be located along the rear of the house, no farther than (3) feet from the house;

E. For condominiums, two (2) signs are permitted. One (1) sign may be located in the rear window of the unit;

F. Note: Notwithstanding the foregoing, the individual neighborhood associations may prevent, prohibit, or impose additional restrictions on the placement of signs in their respective neighborhoods;

G. The Architectural Review Committee requires that all signs installed or placed within the Community be constructed or installed by a vendor designated and approved by the Association, to insure conformity with these restrictions.

This is intended for ARC use, not as an amendment to the Doc's.

Garages, Driveways and Walkways

a) Conversions of garages to living space or other uses are prohibited, even though same are not readily apparent from the exteriors of applicable Units.

b) Materials used for driveways and walkways must be concrete, brick or paver blocks. Any changes from the original installation **MUST be approved by the ARC.**

(This includes the painting of any driveway or walkway.) Delete previous sentence.

Add: **Stamped concrete driveways may not be painted a solid color.**

An appropriate sealer must be used to restore the original color.

Pavers may not be painted a solid color, but must be cleaned and sealed according to paver manufacturer's directions.

c) Walkways and driveways

DELETE: (should be compatible with each other and the home, as determined by ARC.)

ADD: **Walkways from the driveway to the front door must be the same color as the driveway.**

The Driveway/ Stain/ Paint request form seen following has some changes that are indicated in blue on the form.



PLEASE NOTE: YOU MAY NOT PROCEED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE ARC COMMITTEE.

DRIVEWAY STAIN/PAINT REQUEST FORM

Submit to: ARC Chairperson/ Property Manager
2001 Oxford Ridge Circle
Lehigh Acres, FL 33973

Date: _____ Phone: 239. 491. 2767

Homeowner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

*Where would you like your approved/denied copy sent? _____

Please select one: (E-MAIL, MAIL, FAX, OR PERSONAL PICK UP)

The driveway color must conform to a color in the ARC approved driveway stain color palette. Driveways must be prepared according to the directions below, driveway must be properly maintained with no chipping, bubbling or peeling.

Stamped concrete driveways may not be painted a solid color. An appropriate sealer must be used to restore the original colors.

Pavers may not be painted a solid color, but must be cleaned and sealed according to paver manufacturer's directions.

Please read the following and be advised that Staining/ Sealing your driveway is a very involved process and must be completed properly to bond to the concrete surface.

❖ SURFACE PREPARATION IS CRITICAL.

- All oil, grease spots, and stains must be removed with a commercial or industrial cleaner/ greaser.
- Bare concrete requires a commercial/ industrial etching solution as part of the preparation process.

If your concrete surface is not prepared properly the concrete stain/ sealer that you apply will not adhere properly and will bubble and peel. If this happens the normal Compliance procedure will be followed.

Please sign and date acknowledging that you have read these conditions:

Homeowner signature

Date

Approved Stains:

H&C Concrete Inspired (Can be found at any Sherwin Williams store)
Color top Stain & Sealer are:

HC156 - Hint of Gray

HC135- White- Washed Terracotta

HC 140- Gray Horizons

HC125- Neutral Balance Tan

HC141- Cemented Deal

**Ultra-paver clear sealer /
Clear stain sealer**

Walkways from the driveway to the front door, must be the same color as the driveway. These properties will be regularly checked. Painted/ stained /sealed concrete surfaces must be maintained. Painted/ stained / sealed concrete driveway or walkway surfaces will be re-visited and reviewed by the ARC among other Westminster Committees.

Neighborhood Association (if applicable):

Date: _____ Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Tabled _____

Signature: _____

Architectural Review Committee

Date: _____ Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Tabled _____

ARC Response/Comments:

Signature of ARC Chairperson

or Signature of acting Chairperson

Please send pictures of all of the events to share in the following crier.

The Crier is your newsletter. IF you have a new neighbor, please have them e mail the crier so they can be added to our listing. **IF you have moved and no longer wish to receive the Crier, please e mail the Crier to be taken off the list.**

Please forward items or pictures to westminstercrier@gmail.com **at least 2 weeks ahead of time for publication.** This address is just for submitting items to the crier. Concerns about information appearing in the crier should be addressed at the office.

The next regular crier will be published the week of September 17

IF you know someone who is not getting the Crier, please invite them to sign up. We don't want them to miss important information in the community!!

