

# WESTMINSTER CRIER

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We, the Westminster Board of Directors, need you. Elections for the Board are coming up in March and we have several openings we need to fill. You do not need previous board experience. We are looking for candidates who want to improve the community they live in and to be a part of the governing body within Westminster. This is a great way to meet people and to be an important and contributing member of your community. Rather than complain about how things are or how you'd like them to be, become a valuable part of the body who actually does these things. That's how positive change occurs.

Seriously, we do need your help.

If you'd like to be considered for a board position, don't hesitate to contact me, or any board member for more information. You can also contact our Community Property Manager, Paul Braid. Any of us will be more than happy to help you in this regard.

Al Joseph, President  
Westminster Community Association  
Board of Directors

Westminster Community Center  
DJ Lenny Rock is Back

**Winter Pot Luck Dinner Dance**

**Jan 14 • 6 PM**

**Bring Your  
Favorite Dish  
to Share**

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**BYOB**

Since the DJ donates his service, a \$5 per person gratuity is appreciated

**A BIG THANK YOU**....to everyone who contributed to Christmas for the Guards!! We out did last years contributions and provided gift cards, and a lot of food for the two holiday weekends



## **Golf Course Purchase Community Interest Meeting**

-Jan. 10

-7 pm

-Community Center

# BINGO

Monday evenings at 7 pm in billiard room



## Westminster Board of Directors Meeting

- January 17
- 7 pm



## **CPR Class**

### **Family and Friends Course**

The Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District is pleased to begin offering the American Heart Association's *The Family and Friends* CPR course free of charge to the public. Come join us on **January 27, 2017** at 10:00am. The intent is to begin offering this class to the public on the last Friday of each month, based upon interest (minimum of 4 per class). The class will begin promptly and last from 1-2 hours, depending upon the size of the group. Participants will be supervised in using the mannequins in practicing CPR.

**Class will be held at the  
Sunshine Fire Station on Sunshine Blvd.**

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**You MUST reserve your seat and have your manual prior to the class.**

To reserve your seat and receive your book, sign up in person with Janis Williams. To ensure a class can be held, you must register in advance. Ms. Williams is located at Station 105, 636 Thomas Sherwin Ave S. and can be reached at (239)303-5300 for any questions.



## St Patrick's Day Golf Tourney

### SCRAMBLE 1PM SHOTGUN START

Sign up for one, two, three, or four golfers

Golf, cart, small range balls and a complimentary green beer \$53.00

Corned beef and cabbage dinner \$17.95  
(Includes tax, and gratuity)

If you are paying for yourself but want to play with a specific partner(s) indicate that on the form. If no indication is made, your tournament committee will make up the teams.

If you are unable to play golf but would like to join us for dinner use the form and indicate that you are joining us for dinner only.

More information coming in the next Crier!

Forms are available on the Crier section of Westminster Website

## Lee County Sheriff's Office Alert

### Rental Scam Can Ruin Your Plans January 2017

Are you planning a vacation or looking for a new place to live by searching available properties online using websites such as Craigslist or Trulia? If so, the Lee County Sheriff's Office warns you to be vigilant in researching the legitimacy of an advertised listing before sending money, as the ad may actually be posted by a scammer posing as the property owner.

How is it possible for scammers to post fraudulent listings on these websites? One method includes copying existing "for sale" properties, then re-posting them at bargain basement rental pricing in order to get the attention of consumers looking to find a good deal.

The best way to avoid rental scams is to know the tactics scammers use to trick you:

1. Scammers usually ask for a deposit or first month's rent to be sent via Western Union, Moneygram, or prepaid money card before you even see the property.
2. Scammers often use an excuse of why they cannot meet you to show you the property, such as they are out of the country on a mission trip, job opportunity, or military service.

## Sheriff's Note Continued

3. Renting vacation property can be tricky. Do your research to make sure the listed property is actually available. It won't be much of a vacation if you arrive and have no place to stay.

4. Check the address with the county property appraiser to make sure the property truly exists and that all information matches.

5. Do an online search of the property address, name of owner or real estate agency. Often times others will post a complaint or warning about the scam address.

6. If the listing is significantly less than nearby similar properties, then beware. If it seems too good to be true, the chances are it's a scam.

7. Emails from scammers are often littered with grammatical mistakes and typos. If the email provides too much personal information, tends to go on and on, includes a sad story or offers excuses as to why they can't speak to you on the phone, chances are it's a scam. 8. Do not randomly fill out an application with personal information until you have done all of the above and confirmed the property is truly for rent by the property owner.

9. Never make a deposit with cash or debit card, instead use only a credit card for these transactions.