

WESTMINSTER CRIER



New pool furniture being unpacked and set up. Go up to the pool and check them out.



The old chairs were picked up quickly



Notice

There will be a special board meeting in the Community Center on Wednesday January 30 at 4 pm

This is an open meeting



Agenda for this meeting

Call the meeting to order

Establish quorum

Discussion of ARC changes

Vote to present changes on the March 2019 ballot

Adjournment

Note from Betsy Rosser, President, Westminster BOD

The Westminster Association has been served with a lawsuit regarding the flooding that took place during Hurricane Irma. Some residents have known about this, while others are just finding out. To receive a copy of the pre-lawsuit, you may contact the Property Manager Paul Braid. For \$3.50 Paul will give you a 7 page document that was filed July 26, 2018. To obtain (download for free) the 24 page lawsuit document that was filed on December 14, 2018 you may go to:

<https://www.leeclerk.org/records/official-records-search>

These are two separate documents.
You may also refer to past Board minutes regarding any discussions concerning the lawsuit.

Reminder: The speed limit in the community is **19mph.**
Please stop at all **stop signs** - kids are walking to the school bus stop out front; people are riding bikes and walking dogs



Check out your palm trees!

There have been several Queen Palms in the community showing evidence of Fusarium Wilt Disease recently. Please keep an eye on your Queen Palms and if you notice brown fronds that are hanging down and looking straggly and wilted, please contact your landscaper immediately to have him/her tell you if the tree is diseased. If it is, the tree has to be removed immediately. Be sure to have the tree stump ground also.

This disease is very contagious and spreads quickly. You do not need to wait for permission from ARC to have these diseased trees cut down. Please just let ARC know you have removed a diseased tree so we can keep track of where the trees are.

If you have any questions, you may contact Paul in the office or Barbara Waldman, ARC Chair

Here is a picture of a diseased dead queen palm



Mark your 2019 Calendar- Community Center Events

Saturday February 23 ----Coffee Social 9:00 am. Meet the Board Candidates

Saturday March 2 ----- Casino Night 5:00 pm

Saturday April 13 ----- Ice Cream Social 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Other Events

St Patrick's Day Golf Scramble- March 17- sign up form is online under the Crier

Westminster Ladies Invitational- Feb. 23- form is found online on the Westminster website under the Crier

Relay for Life Golf Tournament- March 30

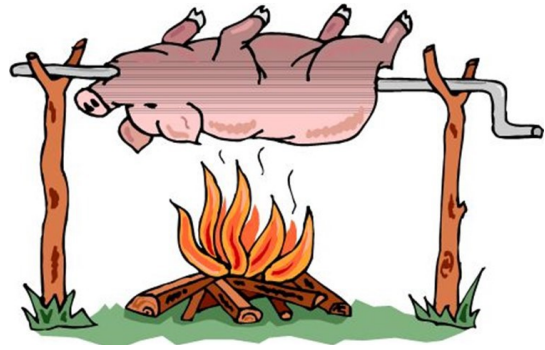
Westminster Community

Center Pig Roast

Saturday February 16th

Socializing at 5:00 PM

Dinner at 5:30 PM



This event will sell out quickly. **There are still openings. Only 1 more week to sign up**

Those who wish to attend must make a reservation in the Manager's office. The price including tax and gratuity is \$20.00. This is a BYOB event. Please make checks out to Westminster Community Association. We need to turn in a count by January 31st.

City Smoke Barbecue Menu

Large Pig, Slow cooked to perfection

Citrus and fresh herb brined

Chicken Breast

Fresh Coleslaw/Baked Beans/Artisan Roll with Butter/City Smoke Secret Sauce

The Community Center Committee members will be providing the desserts.

Saint Patrick's Day 2019 March 17.

I am sending out a personal appeal that if you plan on playing in the St Patrick's day scramble Please --- Please sign up in advance. Last year by mid-February I only had about 35 signed up. I made announcements at the club and had some response. But by Monday March 12, I only had about 80 golfers signed up and was disappointed because it looked like we were not going to have a full field. I keep the golf course apprised of how the sign-ups are going as they have to order food and hold tee times for us. But based on the poor response last year, they began to release some of our tee times. If you are uncertain I would still prefer to receive your reservation and check in advance. I do not cash the checks until after the event so its way easier for me to cancel and return your check than it is to be a crazy man processing a huge number of last minute sign ups.

Well! Last year, for the rest of the week the Bennett phone was ringing off the hook and the reservations kept rolling in. The day before the outing I had 141 signed up and actually had to turn away a foursome. Last minute meetings with Ray Thorpe and the restaurant showed me that they too were impacted by the late reservations and they were working hard to make sure our event was as good as it could be. The night

St Patrick's Day Continued

before Ray finally got out of the pro shop at 10:15 with the score cards and starting information printed out.

There is another down side to the late signups. It took us a long time to play. We honored the last minute request but with public play intermingled with us it was slow play. Our resident starter Dave Allen did a great job of juggling everyone but there is just so much you can do.

I will have some signup sheets available in the pro-shop but it's easier to just go to the Westminster community home page and click on the Crier. The printer friendly version of the reservation form is there.

If you have any questions just give me a call 239-368-0293

Chuck Bennett

2242 Bainmar Drive



A Note from the Community Center Committee

Please close the Umbrellas at the pool before leaving. We have replaced 2 umbrellas this season that were left open and damaged by the wind at a cost of over \$200.



Save the Date

It is not too early to get your team for the Westminster Ladies Invitational.

OUR TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY
February 23, 2019.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ANOTHER GREAT
LADIES EVENT!

Additional details to follow!



The theme for 2019 is "SPRING TRAINING"

Planning committee: Cathy Allen, Christine Davis, Tari Ede & Mary Heisler

Registration Form can be found on the Westminster website under the Crier.

Thistles!



Thursday, February 21, 2019
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Westminster Golf Clubhouse

\$30 per person
Pre-Registration Required

Email Janey Kennedy at rascal1940@gmail.com

Instructor: Martha Stevenson
Assistants: Kathy Schmidt & Steve Stevenson



Drinks in the Driveway

FEBRUARY 9TH 4PM - 6PM

STEVE AND PEG MCKINNON'S HOUSE

2268 HAMPSTEAD CT

**Please bring your own drinks, a chair and if you would like, a snack to
share**

QUESTIONS?? Call Tari Ede at 239-770-1225

Fraud Alert from Lee County Sheriff's Office

Southwest Florida residents are targeted every day by fraudsters posing as IRS agents, desperate grandchildren, online sweethearts, sweepstakes representatives, and menacing debt collectors. Unfortunately, financial crimes against seniors and millennials are on the rise nationwide as con artists successfully lure consumers into fraudulent schemes via the internet, telephone, U.S. mail, and door-to-door solicitation.

The Sheriff's Office "fraud line" became the first local law enforcement agency in the nation to designate one specific telephone line as a central reporting place for consumers nearly 13 years ago. Each call to the fraud line is documented and then shared with Crime Prevention Specialists and Economic Crimes Detectives to help keep the community informed of current scams and frauds in hopes that others don't fall victim. The fraud line also provides educational materials and guidance to victims of identity theft, credit card fraud, and other circulating scams.

Since the inception of the fraud line, calls from seasonal and full-time residents have rapidly grown from just a few hundred calls to more than **5,200 in 2018**. "The number of calls to the fraud line confirms that citizens are eager to report fraudulent schemes to trained law enforcement officials in order to protect their identity and assets for both themselves and others," said Sheriff Carmine Marceno.

Fraud Alert Continued

"These dangerous imposters are very skilled at persuading their victims to fall for their lies by using very believable excuses and explanations. You should never be afraid to hang up the phone, close the door or hit the delete button."

Below are the top five (5) scams reported to the Sheriff's Office Fraud line last year (2018):

1. IRS Phone Scam
2. Telephone Scams (Phishing calls, Grandparent scam, Lottery & Sweepstakes)
3. Computer Hacking
4. Email scams
5. Utility Bill Scam

Tips to help you stay ahead of thieves:

1. Don't believe your caller ID. Scammers use technology to manipulate numbers.
2. Don't deposit a check or wire transfer money back to someone you don't know.
3. Never pay taxes or shipping fees in order to claim a sweepstakes/lottery prize.
4. Don't allow anyone to remotely access your computer. Microsoft will not call you!

Tell a trusted friend, neighbor or call law enforcement if you have been the victim of a scam or fraud. To reach the fraud line call 258-3292, or file a complaint online at www.ic3.gov or www.ftc.gov.

The Crier- please read

The Crier is your newsletter. Submit items for publication at least 1 week ahead of time. The next regular Crier publication date is stated below.

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 out of the community you may still see the Crier online via the web site- westminstercommunity.com**

This address (westminstercrier@gmail.com) 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 **February 2**

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!!