



## **In Case You Were Wondering . . .**

*A Message from Your DCPOA Board President, Charlie Sell*

### **Palms and Trees**

In Florida and the St. Petersburg/Tampa area, there are a number of diseases that are attacking palm trees. We have treated our most susceptible palms with fertilizer, systemic, and insecticide.

We have lost one Queen palm to a fungus called fusarium wilt. There is no cure, and the tree will be removed from the front of the Casino parking lot. The tree next to it has been treated and will be watched closely.

We have a palm on the east side of the Gatehouse that was struck by lightning several years ago and two-thirds of the trunk has rotted through. It will also have to be removed as this is a hazard.

There is an oak tree by the sidewalk between the single-family homes that also needs to be removed. It should not have ever been planted in this small area. Currently the roots are growing under the wall, causing some separation at the joint and will soon be under the sidewalk.

### **Flowers**

New heat tolerant flowers (if there is such a thing) are being planted throughout the community. We were just waiting for mother nature to complete her motherly duties. We desperately needed the rain for our grass and flowers.

### **Bayway**

The Bayway seems to be a never-ending project. We have been told by City officials that it won't be completed until next year. Among things that need to be completed is another layer of asphalt and the replacement of our turn sticks. Many thanks to our Board member, Van Williams, for getting the barrels installed at our turn lane, hole at entrance patched, and a reduction in the bump at our entrance. When more information becomes available, we will pass it along.

### **Maintenance and Staff**

Mo and Alan have been doing an awesome job! Besides all their regular daily duties, like the tennis courts and pools, they have completed an additional 175 extra work orders and projects in the last 90 days. We are very fortunate to have such a great CA management team!



### **Pond Repairs**

Repairs on the damaged pond in Osprey Pointe have been completed. I think everyone will agree that AMI did a spectacular job and we have received many favorable compliments. High Wind Shutters finally came up with the total repair bill (\$45,000.00) after considerable probing from our attorney, Richard Zacur. You are welcome to do business with High Wind Shutters as you choose.

Work is still being done on the small pond on the east side of Dolphin Cay Lane. We were told during our SWFWMD inspection to clear the banks and remove invasive trees.

### **New Holiday**

Juneteenth honors the date, June 19, 1865, when the last Confederate community of enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, received word that they had been freed from bondage. This became a federal holiday in 2021 and is now an observed holiday for all CA employees. As such, the Dolphin Cay office will be closed on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Home Health Aids**

Over the years we have acquired and stored some home health aids for residents. Our inventory is currently low and needs replenishing. If you have walkers, folding wheelchairs, crutches, canes, or other items, please contact the office.

### **Lastly**

Since they will never hear it enough, I would like to thank all the *volunteer* Board members that contribute their time and expertise to our beautiful community. Without you, Dolphin Cay just wouldn't be the same!