



HAMMOCKS UPDATE

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SPRUCING UP CLUBHOUSE AND POOL AREAS

New tiki umbrellas, wicker furniture and an elliptical machine for the fitness center will soon be in place! The tiki umbrellas are already here and being installed. The umbrellas, patio and pool furniture, and fitness center equipment have been at the Hammocks since the beginning (2006), and they have served us well. The **really** good news – previous Boards have planned and anticipated the need to replace such items and we have the funds! Our budget and reserve accounts are in place so that we can update our community property as needed.



PLEASE, BE CAREFUL! ENJOY WILDLIFE BUT ... Alligators Can Be Dangerous

Very recently, an intrigued resident tried to get close to an alligator to snap a picture. The alligator wasn't interested in a photo op! Startled, Mr. Alligator whipped around in a defensive position. Just a little Florida FYI - alligators are capable of bursts of alarming speed and their jaw muscles are very powerful. They can jump 6' into the air from a state of rest! Free advice for preserving all of your limbs...if you want to take a picture, *use your zoom!* Alligators may be lurking just below the water level. The hungry reptiles think any object in the water is a potential meal. **Never** put your arms or feet in the water in any pond in Florida!

BECOME A COMMITTEE MEMBER

The three Hammocks standing committees need members. WE NEED YOU!! Please contact Hammocks Office Manager (propertymanager@hammockscapehaze.net, 941-498-2989) if you would consider becoming a member of one of the following committees:

-) **The Architectural Review Committee (ARC):** The ARC approves all Hammocks exterior modifications, improvements, or alterations owners wish to undertake. The Committee's decisions on these matters are final and not subject to review by the Master Association Board.
-) **The Hammocks Landscape Committee:** The Landscape Committee works to create an outdoor environment that enhances the health and beauty of our entire neighborhood. The committee is responsible

for monitoring the condition of the Hammocks' landscape, including the ponds and pool areas. Committee members will develop both short-term and long-term improvement plans. The panel reports its recommendations to the Master Association Board.

-) **The Hammocks Rules Enforcement Hearing Committee (HREHC):** The members of this committee are appointed by the three Hammocks Boards (Master, Villas, and Preserve) to hear appeals concerning rules violations and fines imposed by the Boards. If the committee (composed of impartial owner-members) doesn't approve the proposed fine or suspension of use of facilities, it may not be imposed.

Enjoy Our Birds

White Pelicans in Lemon Creek



Spoonbill Roseates in Lemon Creek



Osprey Chicks to Hatch Soon



More Wildlife - The Rodent Kind

For those of you who have been enjoying the winter in the Hammocks, you likely have heard that there seems to be an increase in rodent (roof rat) activity this year in the state of Florida. In an effort to dispel any misconceptions and/or concerns, following are some informative facts (obtained from Jeff Tamayo of ArtisTree) and suggestions for what you can do to help keep the rodents away from our building.

-) There are many communities in our area that are experiencing an increase of rodent activity. The dry weather has caused their regular food sources to be in very short supply so they are foraging to find new food sources.

-) The Hammocks is surrounded by a natural habitat for rodents – the Preserve, the vegetation on Williamsburg Way and the neighbor next to the Preserve that has a yard full of wood piles, chips and shavings.
-) Rodents build nests in palm trees – mostly inside the trunk. For the most part, the visible area of the nest on the outside of the palm tree is a cover for the nests inside. While it may seem counterintuitive to leave the nest in the tree, Jeff suggests that removing that part of the tree can chase the rats from the trees to find another place to nest – that could mean our buildings.
-) This particular species of rodent can jump up to 8 feet – so keeping our trees trimmed will help keep them from our roof tops.

Actions that will help control the rodent population:

-) Keep trees trimmed away from roof tops as much as possible. We do have to be careful not to over-trim; that could permanently damage the tree and make it more susceptible to being destroyed by hurricane-force winds.
-) Provide ongoing trapping and extermination efforts. The Master Board has hired a local pest control company to eradicate current problem areas.
-) Fill in any holes that provide access to attics.

The best defense against these rodents is a formidable offense!

For those of you that live (or have lived) in the northern part of the US (or Canada), you know that mice can be a problem in the winter time when they seek shelter from the elements. Regardless of how clean a home is, the mice still try to find a passage. The Florida prevalence of rodents is similar. Even though the connotation of finding a rat as opposed to a mouse can be foreboding, don't panic – it is a problem that is common to our area!

Hammocks Happenings

Regular Board Meetings

Master Board – 3rd Thursdays, 4 p. m.

Villas Board – As needed

Preserve Board – 3rd Monday, 9 a.m.

Residents Create Fun Activities

Friday Evening Meet & Greet Socials: Clubhouse, every other Friday, 5:30 - ?; Future dates: April 6, April 20, May 5 (Derby Party)

Fitness Center: Open Daily!

Game Night: Game Night is **cancelled** due to lack of interest.

Mahjong: Clubhouse, Fridays, 1 p.m.

Pickle Ball: Mon, Wed, & Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Water Aerobics: Residents gather at the pool - Mon, Wed, & Fri, 9 a.m.

Tennis: 8:30 – 11:00 Tues & Thurs



Yoga: Clubhouse Patio, 9a.m. Tues & Thurs



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