

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



The Villager

your neighborly newsletter



BY JIM BELLE

The President's Corner

Hello Everyone,

Let me start by saying a huge Thank You to all the people who came out after the hurricane to help clear the roadways of debris, branches, etc. on the day after it went through our community. Thank you also to everyone for their patience as we had several days without electricity. As you may be aware, we have cleared away much of the debris on the campus and it's starting to look quite normal again. As of this writing, there is still work to be completed, such as stump grinding, sidewalk and ground repairs, roof repairs, and final cleanup of branches, etc. Whew!

As a result of the hurricane, it seems clear to me that the biggest problem we have during such an event is the size and proximity of our large oak trees. As beautiful and majestic as they are, I propose to begin a process of removing the ones that pose the most risk to our buildings over the next year or two. I think we should replace them with smaller, more manageable species such as Magnolia trees, for example. Every one of those that are on our campus survived with almost zero damage.

In the process of planting new trees, I am asking anyone who would like to donate a tree to help with this project, to let the office know. If you are able and willing to do this, we will plant it in front of your building, provided there is adequate space for it. Help us beautify Village Brooke.

Switching gears now, our pool maintenance company, aka Dave, has recommended keeping the pool temperature at 83-85 degrees. When it approaches 87-88 degrees or more, we use far more chemicals and the pool is more susceptible to black mold that is very difficult to remove and requires closing the pool, often for a week or more. The pool should be refreshing; not a hot tub or a bath.

In October we hired a new office assistant, Ivey Patton on board. Welcome Ivey to the team.

Jim Belle,

President

Village Brooke Condominium Association

Our Board

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Manager's Corner

BY STACEY KATZ

As we move into November, we are reminded of the season of gratitude and reflection. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, a time to celebrate the blessings in our lives and the community we share. This year, we also acknowledge the recent challenges posed by Hurricanes Milton and Helene. Thankfully, our community has weathered these storms, and I want to extend my appreciation to everyone for your resilience and support during that difficult time.

Community Updates

- **Parking Guidelines:** With the influx of seasonal residents, please remember to adhere to our parking rules. Ensure that your vehicle is parked head only in your assigned space. Guests staying overnight will require a temporary parking permit, please come to the office to obtain one.
- **Annual Meeting:** Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting & Election on January 14, 2025. Please be on the lookout for the first and second meeting notices, which will be mailed out in the coming weeks. We will have open seats on the board of directors, so think about if you want to run!

Wishing you a warm and wonderful November!

Sarasota In the Know

There is so much happening in Sarasota that it's hard to keep up! Here are some fun events in November. Many are free!

- Sat mornings Farmer's Market from 8-12 downtown
- Sarasota Chalk Festival, Nov 8-10, Burns Court
- Sarasota Boat Expo at Roberts Arena Nov 8-10
- UTC Christmas Parade Nov 9
- 2024 Siesta Key Crystal Classic Sand Sculpting Nov 15-18
- Mondays are always FREE at the Ringling Museum of Art
- FREE Yoga at The Bay on Thursdays 6pm & Saturdays 9am
- FREE movies at The Bay on Thursdays at 7:00pm
- FREE concerts at The Bay on Sundays at 4:30
- 1st Fridays downtown: Music, food & fun on Main from 8-11
- Pinecraft Fall Craft Fair Nov 21-23

There are far too many events to list, but you can [click here](https://www.escape-to-sarasota.com) (escape-to-sarasota.com) to see them all!

POOL/CLUBHOUSE HOURS 8:30AM-9:00PM
GRILL HOURS 9AM-9PM

Please remember no food, snacks or glass is permitted in the pool area and when using grills to limit time to an hour and turn off gas when done!

Toy Drive

We are proud to participate in the 12th Annual Toy Drive benefitting several great local non-profits. If you'd like to make Christmas a little brighter for a local child, please drop your unwrapped donation in the box in the office before December 6th!

Need ideas?
Legos, dolls, art supplies,
balls, games,
pajamas, hot wheels



SUNDAY WORSHIP 10-11AM

Everyone is welcome to come to the clubhouse for a Christian worship service that will be streamed on the TV from Emmanuel church in Indiana
Come and be Blessed!