



THE VIEW



FROM VANDERBILT LAKES

'WHERE THE SUMMER NEVER ENDS'

June, 2017

Report from Paul Croteau, President VCSA

As we roll out our mid-year HOA fee request, I wanted to take this opportunity to reach more of you on what we are accomplishing within Vanderbilt Lakes and VCSA in particular. If the below bullet points are news to you, that is because we do not have your email address in our master database. To add your email address, contact our webmaster at pvms@comcast.net.

Your Board of Directors (BOD) is working on the following:

- **Lake Drainage** – Those of you who have been to VL this winter season have witness the lowest water level in our Lake we can remember. There is also work by Collier County across from our Main Gate that will affect the flow of water out of our lake system once lake operating level is established during the coming rainy season. We have been communicating with Collier County's Project Manager on this work to ensure our lake discharge into Audubon is not impeded.
- **Drainage easement along north and east VL property lines.** City of Bonita Springs has formally notified VCSA that the 10' wide drainage easement requires clearing to allow drainage. We have hired, with Commons Board help, a contractor for this scope of work. Like the above topic, we are in communication with the water control district and City of Bonita Springs on the correct discharge point for the high volume of water this drainage easement receives during the rainy season.
- **Speeding** – During the winter season there is an increase in the number of vehicles exceeding the 20 mph limit within VL. Vanderbilt Lakes II is particular concerned with this potential danger as one member of VL II was side swiped while walking her dog. Likely no one was hurt but the driver of the car did not stop and drove away. This should not happen on our roadways! There has been discussion on methods to control has challenge but in reality it is up to every one of us and our guests to obey the 20 mph limit.
- **Management Company for VCSA** – As it becomes more difficult to find individuals to be active, contributing members of the Board of Directors and the number of action items to be researched and discussed increase, your Board of Directors is researching possible Management Companies for VCSA. We will continue to report our progress during Board Meetings to keep you informed.
- **Architectural Review Board** – With all the renovations going on in VL, this Board has been very busy. Guidelines are currently in draft review to insure that the beauty of VL residences and the grounds we enjoy are maintained for all of us. Housing sales are on the rise which increases the workload of the one individual who has stepped forward to be a member of this Board. We need to find two more members to full this Board. Please consider how you might become an ARB board member.

- **Lake Bank Restoration** – There has been considerable research by the lake committee on this scope of work. We have established a Lake Shore Restoration Pilot Project. A homeowner has received BOD approval to undertake restoration along their lake edge at the home owner's expense. The work will test the design and implementation by a Project Manager and construction firm along this section of the lake. We will be monitoring this work and report as it moves forward. We have also planned to have informational meetings in the fall on the scope of work to be accomplished and method that can be used to finance the total project.
- **VCSA and VLII Community Address Book** – As the February email I sent out to all members in our database stated, there was a request from VLII to issue one Address Book for all of Vanderbilt Lakes. Many of you responded to this request. It appears this will not be accomplished this year.
- **Mailbox Lamp Post** – The BOD has approved to replace damaged feed power lines to mailbox lamp post lights that are not feeding power as required in the VL documents. Costs for this work will be billed to the individual owners.

I hope these highlights of what is happening with your BOD are helpful. It is our belief that communication is important to allow understanding of the actions going forward. Enjoy your summer; hope to see you at our meetings in the fall.

Notes from the Commons Board

SECURITY GATE REMINDERS:

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The MAJORITY of front gate incidents occur from the GUEST/VENDOR Left Lane. Please note that according to the Sheriff's Office the Unit OWNER is ultimately responsible for their GUESTS, RENTERS, or VENDORS. Therefore it is important that you review the DO's and DON'Ts of entrance through the gate system with your GUESTS, RENTERS or VENDORS, or make a copy of this edition of THE VIEW and give to them, highlighting the Gate entrance rules.

If you have a vendor coming to your home for repairs, service or delivery, (If you have a local number that's in the system) give the vendor your 3 digit CALL CODE. They would enter it and your phone would ring. Talk to them and then hit "6" to open the gate. If you do not have a local number, then PLEASE be sure that you give the vendor your ENTRY CODE, and be sure that he/she knows that you enter POUND (#) first, and then enter the 4-digit entry code

[Example: #1234]. Also, vendors cannot enter any earlier than 7:30am Monday thru Saturday with NO entrance or work done on Sundays. ALSO, VENDORS and other COMMERCIAL Vehicles may NOT ENTER or EXIT out the Back Gate. Some have been violating this rule regularly. The Lanes are too small at the back gate, and the landscape trucks etc. could barely exit without damaging the gates (and some have damaged the gates). Vendors and commercial vehicles **MUST EXIT OUT THE FRONT GATES** onto Vanderbilt Drive where there is plenty of Exit Space (2 lanes). Also, please let any delivery trucks know that they cannot enter at the Meadowlark Back Gates, even if their GPS takes them there. There is no call box and they **CANNOT** ride in on an owner's tailgate as damage will occur. FRONT GATE ACCESS ONLY.

THE front gate's "BOTH GATES" CODE will be CHANGED in the DOORKING SYSTEM on the FIRST Day of each Month. Please don't assume that LAST month's CODE will still open both gates. (It Won't!!) If you will be having a LARGE delivery truck arriving, please call Joe Herbold or Brigitte Vangunten to get the latest "BOTH GATES" entry code, so the truck can enter driving down the center.

Also, smartpass users, if you see a large delivery truck (UPS, FEDEX, ADVANCED WASTE DISPOSAL, 18 WHEELERS Bonita Utilities) entering codes, and ready to drive in PLEASE WAIT and do Not pass that vehicle as it is opening BOTH GATES. And it NEEDS both gates. IF YOU PASS THIS VEHICLE using your Smartpass, you will end up CLOSING the resident gate and pole after your car goes through. Please be patient, and let the large trucks enter before you proceed. Those large trucks need BOTH GATES to remain open, and they then drive up the MIDDLE. *(We have occasionally had a resident PASS THESE large vehicles, forcing the RESIDENT GATE TO CLOSE resulting in damage. Please wait until those LARGE TRUCKS enter. DO NOT PASS THEM.)*

If you have a new "239" local phone number, call or email Joe or Brigitte, and we will enter that data into the Doorking Gate System..

If you do NOT want your name listed in the guest Call Box Directory, call or email Joe or Brigitte, and that info will be "hidden" (you will still have your entry code, but your name would be "hidden".) And if for some reason, you need to have your entry code changed, call Joe or Brigitte.

Please do not Tailgate, even in the Smartpass lane. Come to a complete stop and let cars enter one at a time. You need to stop to insure that the Transponder has actually read your smartpass, and is NOT closing the gate after the car in front of you enters.

Please be sure your guests also understand that they must WAIT at the Call Box until the car ahead of them enters the gate and the POLE starts closing BEFORE entering their entry code. After ONE car enters the Guest gates and drives over a SENSOR that is buried inside the asphalt the POLE will drop down. IF there is a tailgater following that car, the pole will come down on top of the 2nd car.

PLEASE DO NOT TAILGATE and WAIT the extra 10 seconds or so for the POLE to begin to close BEFORE you enter your entry code. The Guest/Renter Delivery MUST WAIT until the pole starts to close DO NOT enter your callbox code until the Pole Arm Starts To Close!!! (This means the system has been RESET and is ready to accept a new number. IF ENTERED before the RESET, the system would not even know you have entered a number until the system is RESET.

WAIT UNTIL the gate starts to close, and then you can enter the entry number.) Ten Security cameras record all entry and exit at the front gate and at the back gate, and any damage is billed by the COMMONS Board. PLEASE TELL YOUR GUESTS and VENDORS!!

THE CENTER YELLOW LINE!!! STAY IN YOUR LANE!!

For BOTH Guest Lane (Left) and Resident Lane (Right) please do NOT CROSS THE CENTER YELLOW LINE beyond the metal gates. (Very Important) In each lane is a SENSOR buried in the pavement. When a vehicle travels OVER that sensor, it signals the Gate Operator to CLOSE. If you cross the yellow line, you, your vendor or your guests will be closing the WRONG GATES. Please change lanes, if needed AFTER the center yellow line ends. We have witnessed many a close call when Guests, Renters, Vendors, or Residents CROSS over that line. Cross over when you are near the CLOCK PLAZA and NEVER cut across the center yellow line. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR LANE UNTIL YOU ARE NEAR THE CLOCK PLAZA.

SMARTPASS:

If you are trading in your auto for a new one, please try to remove the Smartpass and fill out the transfer form (found on the website www.vanderbilttakes.net) and give the form to Joe Herbold, Brigitte Vangunten *(There is no transfer fee if using the same smartpass. We only need to edit the data in the computer)* If you lose the Smartpass, you will need to reapply with the owner fee being \$30. Annual Renters (with Owners written permission), Owners' children, non-owners, will pay \$45 (only with the owner's permission). (Other forms are on the VLCA/ COMMONS Website www.vanderbilttakes.net) The SMARTPASS cannot be issued for seasonal rentals, and the SMARTPASS will be installed to the windshield by Brigitte. After reviewing the registration. (No smartpass will be issued for rental cars)

PLEASE DO NOT USE the Plastic Pouch that was given out years ago. That was a MISTAKE. The SMARTPASS must make contact to the GLASS windshield which acts as an antenna. Too often we see cars going back-and-forth, trying to get the TRANSPONDER to read the Smartpass. That Plastic Pouch is the PROBLEM. Take it OUT and stick the Smartpass to the GLASS and the problem is solved!!

For ENTRY CODE (New or to change); CALL BOX DIRECTORY (Local Phone, New or Changed); ADD or DELETE Name in the CALL BOX DIRECTORY; ADD or CHANGE Email Address: (Contact Joe Herbold or Brigitte Vangunten)

CONTACTS: For a SMARTPASS:

(Applications are on the VLCA/ COMMONS Website)

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(If you have a renter in your home or condo, please give them a copy of this newsletter – Thank You)