



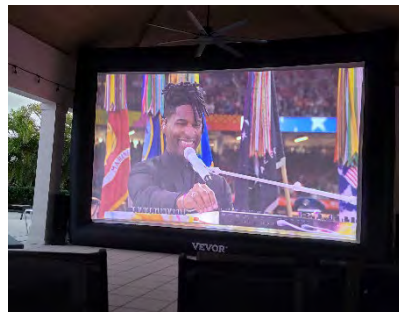
MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

Watercrest Super Bowl LIX Watch Party

The evening of February 9th saw a record number of attendees at our annual Superbowl Watch Party, due in large part to the huge 21' x 11' viewing screen acquired by the Watercrest Activities Committee. The screen will be used for future movie nights as well. It took many willing and able hands to put this popular event together, and enthusiastic thanks go out to the following Watercrest residents who made it happen: Manny & Val Sablowski, Mike & Rose Benedetto, Andy Scheman & Sharon McMullen, Rich & Joyce Cannone, Steve Flaar, Mike Sale, and Ron Guido.



Manny's motivating poster



The.Star_Spangled.Banner



Game.time*



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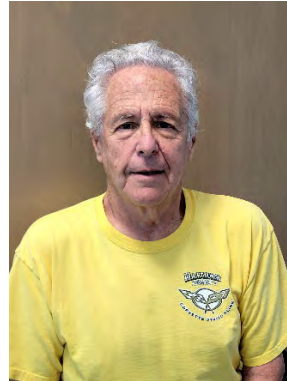
New Volunteer Appointments

The Watercrest Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mark Brettin** to the existing Board vacancy, which will bring the total number of members back up to 7. Though Mark will now be vacating his position on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC), he has been assigned to be the Board Liaison with the ARC. In Mark's place on the ARC, we welcome **Ron Benoit** to the

committee. Both gentlemen bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their new positions. Congratulations to both!



New.Board.member?Mark.Brettin



New.ARC.member?Ron.Benoit

Exterior Home Painting

With the oldest Single-Family homes now 7 years old, many homeowners have already had their home exteriors painted. If you have not yet done so, you may want to start planning this project over the next few months. Home painting is recommended every 5-7 years and is part of Single-Family homeowner responsibility to maintain the exterior of your home per our governing documents. Failure to keep up on painting and caulking can result in water penetration of the exterior stucco, resulting in the need to remove, patch and resurface your stucco. As you start your project planning, please note that ***repainting your home requires ARC approval, even if you are using the same paint colors.*** For additional information see the "Painting the Exterior of the Home" section of the Community Wide Standards on mywatercrest.com

The Villa home exterior painting was set up to be funded by routine contribution by Villa owners to a voluntary deferred expenditure account. As a result, the Association will coordinate the painting of the Villas. The older half of the villas (those on Nearpoint and those west of Cruise and west of the Venice entrance) will be painted first. Bids are being gathered now with painting expected to commence in August.

Roof cleaning: Most homeowner roofs have now been cleaned. If you have not had your roof cleaned, you will receive a notice from Sunstate Property Management asking you to do so immediately. Thank you for completing this exterior maintenance requirement.

Tree trimming: Queen and Cabbage Palm trimming and final hurricane clean-up will occur in March. Nearpoint and Haze hardwood trimming will be done later in 2025. The following year will be Hilltop and Cruise, and the year after that will be Wingood and Bluff. Moving forward hardwoods will be on a 3-year rotation.

Shrubs: Between the hurricanes, the cold weather, and the irrigation issues, the shrubs are a little tattered in places. They should recover, but a little extra watering on your part right now would be helpful and appreciated.

The houses that were on a list for new shrubs will get them the week of February 24th. If you believe you need new shrubs, please submit a work order to ArtisTree to start the process.

New sod reminder: New sod installation was completed the week of February 10th. Homeowners who recently received new sod must **continue daily watering for 30 days**. There have only been two new sod applications put down by the Landscape Committee. The first was in January of 2024 and the second in February 2025. Any other new sod that you may see put down has been paid for by individual homeowners. We still have approximately 30 more homes on the list for new sod. Anyone requiring new sod or bushes must put in a work order by going to mywatercrest.com or to artistree.com, and place a Landscape work order. At the present time, there is no date yet for the next sod application.

Again, **please water your sod - new or established - in this time of drought and irrigation pump issues.**

Mulch project delay: Based on conversations with our mulch installer, it has been recommended to delay the mulch installation until **November**. This will reduce mulch washout from heavy summer rains and late summer tropical storms and hurricanes. At its February meeting, the Board agreed to delay the installation until that time. Homeowners who desire to freshen up their front yards may install a light coating of **cocoa brown mulch** at their own expense, without ARC approval.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities:

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting: March 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Jacaranda Library and on Zoom

Architectural Review Committee: March 6 & 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Guardhouse and on Zoom

St. Patrick's Day Celebration: March 17 from 4-6 p.m. BYOB and a snack to share. Join us for a fun time!

3rd Annual Watercrest Holiday Giving

Congratulations to Watercrest residents who participated in the 3rd Annual Watercrest Holiday Giving, in support of residents at Capri Health & Rehabilitation Center (1450 East Venice Avenue, Venice).

In what is already becoming a Watercrest tradition, Barb Grella leads a team of dedicated neighbors who gather each year to make blankets and prepare gift bags for people in need or those who might otherwise be forgotten at the happiest time of the year.

In 2024, 52 blankets were handcrafted, in addition to scarves, gift bags and snacks.

Plans are now underway for Watercrest Holiday Giving 2025 next December. Anyone wishing to join in on the fun is encouraged to contact Barb Grella (w.grella@snet.net) or one of her enthusiastic elves (listed below). Thank you to all for your hard work and generosity.

The 2024 Watercrest Holiday Giving Team: Barb Grella, Barbara Theisen, Linda Walker, Diane Kreighbaum, Carol Salvia, Deb Rainey, Carmen Englehardt, Christien Friedman, Janet Vitek, Carla Harding, Ron & Cindy Stevers, Sarah Harding, Patricia Ferguson, Joan Volpe, Deb Farzam & Family, Rachel Cacace and Tami Foster.



Photos submitted by Holiday Giving Coordinator, Barb Grella