



APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

St. Patrick's Day Yak and Snack

'Twas a great turn-out of residents wearin' the green on March 17! Corned beef and cabbage, chips and green dip, key lime pie, green icing on the cake, and much more – all were on the menu. Many thanks to the Activities Committee (Joyce Cannone and Rose Benedetto), along with their helpers (Pam Matsanka, Sharon McMullen, Janet Slavin and Hope Schaefer) for setting up decorations and tableware.



Joyce's colorful poster called all the Irish to the party



A couple of happy leprechauns!



Green was the icing on the cake!



That green beer in those mugs?



The Wearin' of the Green was on display



Who knew that the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow was...popcorn?

Poster designed by Joyce Cannone. Photos provided by Janet Slavin and Diane Sale.

Activities coming up in April

- 1) **Musical Community Event:** Come and be entertained on **Friday, April 11 between 4-6 p.m.**, by a wonderful singer, Colleen, who will be performing at our Amenity Center for your listening pleasure. Bring your own beverage in an unbreakable container; no food required.

2) Watercrest Easter Egg Hunt



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Sunday, April 13th, 11:00 AM, Amenity Center

*For kids and grands 10 years old and younger.

During the event, we ask that parents supervise their children so that every child has a great experience.

To ensure that we have enough eggs for each child we ask that you [RSVP with your number of participating children NO LATER than Thursday, April 11th.](#)

[Text or voicemail: 856 287-9682](#)

Please contact Deb Lonsdale at the number above if you can volunteer at 10:30 on the 11th, to help set up tables and hide eggs.

North and East Fence Update

The greatest challenge in repairing Milton's hurricane damage to the north and east fences has been locating and securing a capable contractor. The good news now is that a vendor has been secured, and work should begin in the next 5-9 weeks (the final week of May or sooner).

Repairs to the amenity center soffit and tiles

Hurricane Milton's damage to the amenity center has been repaired. While it was initially difficult to secure a reliable contractor, the work was finally completed during the third week of March. Several roof tiles, in addition to several sections of blown-out soffit, have been replaced.

Trimming of Side Wall Shrubs to Community Wide Standards (CWS)

As has been communicated at Board meetings and in recent newsletters, the Board was advised by ArtisTree to adopt a new standard height of 4 feet for shrubs between homes to improve the health of the turf and improve drainage in between homes. Shrubs higher than 4 feet and encroaching into the drainage utility easement (an area of about 2.5 feet on either side of the property line) reduces sunlight which is necessary to maintain healthy turf and allow the drainage area to dry out. Without the necessary sunlight, many areas between homes become more dirt and mud than turf.

ArtisTree's plan is to do this trimming during the slow growth months of January through March. They started the trimming of side wall shrubs in February and have continued through March. As we get into the growth season in April and May, the new standard side wall trim work will pause until the slower growth season next winter.

When ArtisTree is trimming, they follow what is horticulturally correct for the plant species and the specific plant location. While some plants will appear “naked” after this trimming, growth will come back as we reach the peak summer growth and rainy season. The regrowth is much like what we experience when we have high winds from tropical storms and hurricanes. It takes some time for the new growth to start up. Maintaining these bushes at lower heights will also help the plants to better tolerate future storms. The Board appreciates your understanding as we go through this trimming process.

Roof cleaning

Many of the roofs in Watercrest have received their first cleaning, while arrangements are being made to continue with this important, and required, homeowner project within our community. If your roof hasn’t been cleaned, we ask that you now complete this required maintenance task. Sunstate Management will continue to document and follow up with homeowners whose roofs require attention.

Painting homes

Experts recommend that the exterior of our homes be repainted every five to seven years. Many homes in Watercrest will be eight years old in 2025, prompting residents to seek out the right contractor for this big job. Single family homeowners are reminded that an application must be made to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before painting can begin. This will ensure that painters are properly insured and do their work in a way that does not negatively impact adjacent properties. ARC members may be contacted for further advice on home painting or on any other renovation to the exterior.

Bids are now being received so that villas, west of Cruise Drive and Whale Bay, can be painted later this summer. The remaining villas will be scheduled for painting in another year or two.