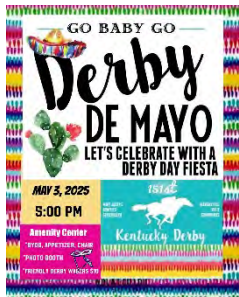




## JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

### DERBY DE MAYO

On May 3, a very good turnout of residents celebrated both the running of the Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo. A big thank you to Activities Co-Chairs Rose Benedetto and Joyce Cannone, for setting up this fun event!



*Colorful poster created by Activities Co-Chair, Joyce Cannone*



*Elegant fascinator – a nod to the over-the-top hats at the real Derby*



*The big screen and blackout curtains enhanced Derby-viewing capabilities*



*Off-track betting, anyone?*



*Some great décor and snacks*



*Fellowship, food and drink were enjoyed by all*

### **Villa Painting Project**

As you are aware from recent Watercrest Board meeting minutes and newsletters, the oldest villas (those west of Cruise Drive and west of Whale Bay Drive) will be painted starting sometime in August 2025 and continuing for an estimated 8-10 week period. At the May Board meeting, the Board selected a vendor. The contract with A Step Above Painting is being finalized. The Villa painting project will include the power washing of the exterior walls, repairing small cracks in the stucco, removing and replacing of sealant as necessary around windows, painting of front doors and frames, and painting of garage doors and frames. The paint will be applied in a 2-step process by first applying a primer and then applying a

finish coat of Sherwin Williams Latitude paint. The colors of all units will remain the same as the original colors. Watch out for more information on this project soon.

### **Architectural Review Committee**

The majority of ARC requests coming in these days are from owners wishing to paint their homes or install hurricane protection. ARC approval is required for both these exterior changes, before projects can begin. If you have questions or would like some guidance as to appropriate color choices, please do not hesitate to contact ARC Chair, Pam Matsanka ([watercrest.arc.pchair@gmail.com](mailto:watercrest.arc.pchair@gmail.com)) or Assistant ARC Chair, Diane Sale ([watercrest.arc.assistant.chair@gmail.com](mailto:watercrest.arc.assistant.chair@gmail.com)).

### **Driveway Maintenance**

Per our governing documents, each owner must maintain their driveway in good appearance. Now is the time to clean and seal your driveway and front walkway pavers if it hasn't been done, or if it's been a few years since it was last done. Consider doing some research into the pros and cons of water-based vs. oil-based sealers. Be sure to choose a sealer that won't turn your pavers white or make your pavers slippery when wet. Driveways needing immediate attention may receive a notice from Sunstate.

### **Recent Drought Conditions**

Although May did see some big rainfalls, we have been experiencing significant shortfalls compared to year-to-date averages. Prior to these May rains, Venice was some 10 inches below normal rainfall which is considered a severe draught. As a result, we will see our turf and plants being stressed. Irrigation systems in Florida are not designed to make up these shortfalls. In fact, most irrigation systems are designed to supplement natural rainfall in Florida. The lawns and plants should green up once the summer rains arrive. In the meantime, plants and shrubs could benefit from extra watering by homeowners during this time, if possible.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Board of Directors Meeting:** *Thursday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m.*, at the Jacaranda Library and on Zoom

**ARC Meetings:** *Friday, June 6 and Thursday, June 19*, both at 10:30 a.m., in the Guardhouse and on Zoom