



## **NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

### **MEETING RE: PROPOSED BLACKBURN COURT PROJECT**

A revised version of the Blackburn development proposal (on the south side of Venice Avenue East, opposite our Whale Bay gates) is to be considered at next month's meeting of the Sarasota Planning Commission. The revision presents a slightly smaller project with 4 stories at 55 feet high, the number of units is reduced to 180, and the commercial space is reduced to 10,000 square feet.

For those interested in attending this next meeting, please note that it is back in Venice:

**Wednesday, November 5, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.**

Robert L. Anderson Administration Center  
4000 S. Tamiami Trail  
Venice, Florida

**MULCH:** With the summer rains behind us, Watercrest homeowners can now enjoy a new layer of fresh mulch for their shrub, tree, and mulch beds. Common areas of the community have also been mulched. Large pallets of bagged mulch arrived during the week of October 20, 2025, and the project was completed about a week after that. Watercrest is looking pretty fine!

### **NEW PROCESS FOR REPLACEMENT OF SHRUBS**

In an effort to streamline the process for the replacement of shrubs, requests for new shrubs are to go directly to the Landscape Committee at:

[landscapewatercrest@gmail.com](mailto:landscapewatercrest@gmail.com)

At that point, the committee will set a time to come to your house to discuss the shrubs. We will also confirm your availability to water the new shrubs for a month once they are planted as the sprinklers alone do not supply enough water for new shrubs to survive. Your shrub order will be combined with others in order to purchase and schedule installation in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

### **UPDATE ON EXIT GATE REPAIR**

The repairs to the exit gate leading to Crestview Drive, anticipated for the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>, have now been delayed until the end of October.

### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)**

Owners contemplating any changes to the exterior of their homes or property are required to submit an ARC request to [watercrest.arc.assistant.chair@gmail.com](mailto:watercrest.arc.assistant.chair@gmail.com). You can find an ARC request form on [mywatercrest.com](http://mywatercrest.com), under the Community Association tab/Forms/Architectural Review Request.

## **PAINTING PUMPKINS AND PLUNGE EVENT**

On Sunday, October 19, the Activities Committee hosted kids and grands at the Annual Watercrest Pumpkin Painting and Plunge event. Kids painted pumpkins, enjoyed Hallowe'en treats, and plunged into the pool as pumpkins dried. Thanks to Deb Lonsdale for arranging this fun event!



## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Watercrest Board of Directors Meeting:** Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m., at the Jacaranda Public Library and on Zoom

**Architectural Review Committee:** Thursday, November 6 & Thursday, November 20– both at 10:30 a.m. in the Guardhouse and on Zoom