



## **MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER**

### **LANDSCAPING UPDATES**

#### **New sod**

Homeowners already approved for new sod began to receive it during the week of Feb. 23. Our sprinkler system does not provide enough water for the new sod to survive; therefore, the ***sod must be hand watered by recipients for 10-15 minutes daily (longer if it starts looking brown) for at least 30 days.*** Due to the large areas that numerous properties had replaced, it is suggested that homeowners purchase lawn sprinklers and set them up and run them in one area for 10-15 minutes, then move them to the next area and continue to do this, until each area of sod has been watered for that length of time. This is ***essential to ensure the new sod gets established***, especially in the severe drought conditions that have been prevalent this winter.

Owners who believe their existing ***sod needs treatment or replacement***, should place a work order on the [www.artistree.com](http://www.artistree.com) website. Their lawns will then be assessed to determine what is required. If new sod is recommended, affected homeowners will be added to the list for the next round, expected to be in the fall.

#### **Shrub requests**

Should you wish to make a ***shrub replacement request***, please send an email to [landscapewatercrest@gmail.com](mailto:landscapewatercrest@gmail.com). As with sod requests, your shrub issue will be addressed and a suitable solution recommended. Those homeowners already approved for new shrubs began receiving them the last week of February.

#### **Shrub recovery after a frost or a cut back**

Many shrubs may be severely affected after a frost or a cut back. Leaves may look burned, droop, or fall off, but the roots often survive. Please do not prune these on your own as it can cause more damage to the shrub. They often will look worse with time before they begin to look better. Please be patient.

### **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.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES**

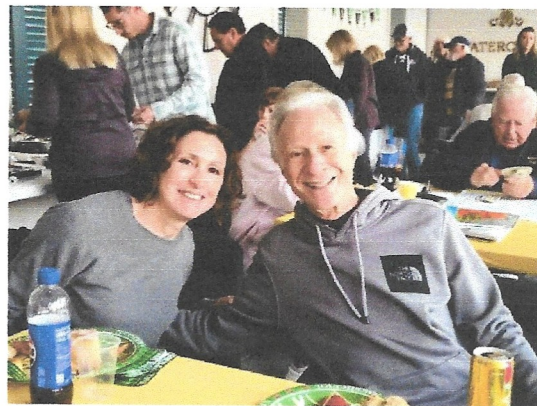
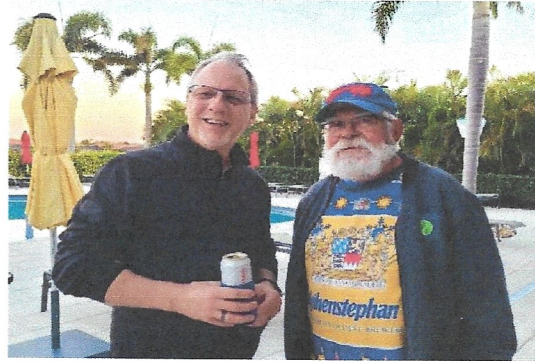
**Architectural Review Committee:** Wednesday, March 4 & Thursday, March 19 – both at 10:30 a.m. in the Guardhouse and on Zoom.

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

**Friday with Friends:** Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 pm. at the Amenity Center. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

**SUPER BOWL LX WATCH PARTY – FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

Attendees at the Watercrest Super Bowl watch party enjoyed a variety of fun activities – the game, of course, on our giant 11' x 21' screen, but also a feast of great food and Butch Matsanka's famous Super Bowl Square Pool. In the pool, the \$100 winners of the first, second and third quarters were Don Drake, Manny Sablowski and Butch Matsanka. Winner of the fourth quarter was Tammy Collins, who pocketed \$200. Thanks to all who helped to organize this fun event, and those who assisted in setting up and tearing down.



**WATERCREST BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND REFRESHER HOA COURSE**

On Wednesday, January 28, Board of Directors members (*left to right*), Mark Brettin, Pat Dyer, Bill Isenstein and Mike Sale, attended a continuing education course in Sarasota. New Board member, Pam Matsanka, completed her initial training on January 21. Remaining members, John De Young and Mark Bedard, will attend their annual course shortly.

