



JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

KENTUCKY DERBY NIGHT 2026



Check out those smiles on the faces of these winners at the Watercrest Kentucky Derby Night on May 2!

Penny Brettin was the big winner, betting on Golden Tempo and winning \$335. Our \$25 winners, who bet on Renegade, were Butch Matsanka, Mark Brettin, Andy Scheman, Nan Rich, Rose Benedetto, and Rick and Donna Ohl.

2026 HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Florida's hurricane season is officially June 1st to November 30th. With this in mind, the **Watercrest Community Hurricane Binder** has been edited and brought up to date for 2026. It can be found at mywatercrest.com under the *Community Association* and *Documents* tabs.

The **Florida Hurricane Guide** and the **Sarasota County Emergency Preparedness Guide** are also included for reference. A limited supply of current Sarasota County Emergency Preparedness Guides is available, in hard copy, in the little library in the gym at the Watercrest Amenity Center.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Review Committee: Thursday, June 11 and 25 - both at 10:30 a.m. - in the Guardhouse and on Zoom.

Watercrest Monthly Board of Directors Meeting: No meetings are scheduled for June, July or August. Monthly BOD meetings will resume in September.

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

With the 60-day establishment period for our newly installed sod ended, Watercrest is working with ArtisTree to reduce the watering of turf in the community to one time per week per area (homes, villas, common areas), per County guidelines. Repairs have recently been completed to the irrigation system to ensure known issues have been corrected and the system is in good working order. Controller programming changes have also been completed to reduce the number of homes running at one time. It

is anticipated this change will improve pressure thereby providing improved coverage. Changes have also been made to the watering times to comply with the 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. watering time restrictions. Final programming is being scheduled to maximize water for each area for once-a-week watering. This watering may occur over multiple days per week.

Drip lines (micro irrigation) for plants and shrubs will continue to run multiple days per week as is allowed.

Regarding hand watering of shrubs and plants or washing cars at your home, you are allowed to do so but are restricted to the following days based on your address per county guidelines:

If your address (house number) ends in...

...0 or 1, water only on Monday

...2 or 3, water only on Tuesday

...4 or 5, water only on Wednesday

...6 or 7, water only on Thursday

...8 or 9*, water only on Friday

* and locations without a discernible address

We appreciate your cooperation in complying with the County restrictions. While we are under watering restrictions for turf, we expect to see browning or potential damage to the turf. That said, it is very important to report any irrigation issues you may observe (e.g. broken heads, broken lines, flooded areas, etc.). Irrigation issues should immediately be communicated to ArtisTree via a work order at Artistree.com.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT



*The ARC is pleased to announce the appointment of **Jack Pritchard** to the Committee, effective at the May 7 meeting. A Watercrest resident since 2025, Jack is a retired U.S. Army Field Artillery officer with over 40 years of leadership experience in making disciplined, standards-based decisions in high-stakes environments. He brings a strong ability to review detailed documentation, apply governing standards, communicate clearly, and work collaboratively with others, along with the professionalism and discretion required for this role. Welcome, Jack!*