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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- 1. Volunteers:** Thank you to all our volunteers who support the Board of Directors. We have filled the volunteer position that was open in the Finance Office.
- 2. Audrey Hermelin:** Audrey Hermelin has decided that it was time for her to retire. She has devoted 10 years to this Association as both a volunteer and an elected board member. She has moved to Tampa to be near her family. The Board will miss her very much and we wish her the best.
- 3. Budget Meetings:** This year the Board held budget meetings on 14 separate days and on one evening meeting to work on the 2020 budget for the Single-Family Homes and Plexes. It will be presented and voted on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:30pm.
- 4. Exterminating:** We have changed our exterminating vendor. Two weeks ago, the Board invited three separate vendors to present to the membership at a duly noticed Board Meeting on October 28. We had to take an emergency vote on November 1 because Dead Bug Edwards rescinded their offer to extend our contract to December 1. The Board choose Beach Environmental as our new vendor to provide exterminating services to our community. They will be responsible for exterior spraying of all buildings on a monthly basis for ants and spiders and to maintain our rodent bait boxes. They will also evaluate and treat for termites. Beach environmental has offered a special price for residents who would like monthly interior exterminating services. This price is \$12 a month. Homeowners should call Beach Environmental at (954) 268-3248 if they want to take advantage of this price. Do not call Edna.
- 5. Library:** The Library is now open. Repairs on the Roof, windows and walls are completed. We have identified some other areas that may need attention in the future. If you would like to help in the Library, please contact Pauline Gosselin. The library will now be managed by Rosemarie Demmons.

- 6. Mailboxes:** All Mailboxes are placed on common ground. Mailboxes at LW should be white unless you have received written board approval for a decorative mailbox such as the ones made in our Wood Hobby Shop. If your mailbox or your mailbox post needs to be replaced, please call Edna in the maintenance office. Plantings are not permitted around or near mailboxes. Post Office Personnel have complained about access to the mailboxes. Please remove all plants, rocks and decorations from your mailbox. The Maintenance department will begin to remove all items around mailboxes starting December 15. The charge will be \$50 for homeowners who do not remove the items themselves.
- 7. Trees:** All trees are placed on common ground. We will begin to structurally trim all the trees on common ground. We have had an arborist evaluate our trees and he was concerned about the damage to trees from chains, hanging plants and ornaments that have been placed on trees by homeowners. Hanging Plants, birdhouses and other ornaments are not permitted on any trees on the common ground. Please remove all plants, rocks and decorations from around and/or on trees. Orchids and Elkhorn Ferns that have grown attached to trees must have written board approval and must be maintained by the homeowner or removed. The Maintenance department will begin to remove all items in and around trees starting January 15. The charge will be \$50 for homeowners who do not remove the items themselves.
- 8. Landscaping:** We have changed our landscaping vendor. Last month the Board invited three separate vendors to present to the membership at a duly noticed meeting on October 4. After discussion, the Board voted to select EDJ as our landscaping vendor. They will also be taking care of our upcoming tree trimming and restructuring project. We are planning to upgrade the landscaping at both clubhouses and pools.
- 9. Exterior Maintenance Project:** We want to thank all the homeowners who have been understanding and cooperating with cleaning up the landscaping around their homes. We continue to identify those homeowners who need a reminder that nothing should be planted on the common area. We have been receiving a very positive response from homeowners who have told us that the property is looking better. If you see something you think should not be there, please send a photo with an address to any board member and we will send a friendly reminder to the owner.