

WESTMINSTER CRIER

Official Ballot Re Count Results

Tim Baranek	171
Al Joseph	168
Janey Kennedy	197
Stephen McKinnon	142
Jack McManus	168
Betsy Rosser	189
Jeanne St Jean	134

Tim Baranek, Janey Kennedy, and Betsy Rosser are elected to the board. In a tie for the fourth position, the governing docs were used to break the tie. After the official coin toss, Jack McManus was elected to the board.

Congratulations to all candidates!

Pictures from the ice cream social







Great attendance at the yummy ice cream social!

Help Wanted

Enthusiastic personable and upbeat people to join our Welcome Committee to welcome new people to our community. We have a packet full of useful Community Information ready to go. Now we need you to help with our "Meet and Greet" phase. Not the greeter type? We also need people to help us to continually update our Welcome roll out process and information based on new ideas and the feedback we get from our new residents.

Our vision is to not only inform new residents of all the activities and social events that are offered here, but to encourage them to get involved in our community by attending Board meetings, voting, and going to committee meetings. Maybe even eventually joining a committee. Active, involved and concerned residents are essential to making our community strong.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Tim Baranek at tjbaranek@yahoo.com.

**Women/Men/Full time/
Seasonal/ All are
invited!**



Reminder

Lock your car and your lanai!
Report any suspicious activity
You see directly to the
Sheriff's Office



Reminders from Compliance Committee

There is NO parking on our streets between 12 am and 6 am.

Please keep our streets cleared overnight to allow for room for emergency vehicles.

IF parking in the community center parking area is needed to avoid parking in common areas, please contact Paul Braid, manager, to obtain Board approval.

Message from ARC

To Residents of Westminster,

As many of you are aware, the ARC has been hard at work revising some of our guidelines. On the next few pages, you will find the pertinent guidelines with the revisions in **bold, red and underlined**. or in the case of the Driveway Stain/Seal Form in **blue**. The Driveway form is new and is to be used when staining or sealing your driveways and walkways.

We are posting these forms so people have a chance to review them and voice any concerns at the next Board of Directors meeting May 15th at 7:00 PM.

Lawn Furnishings

f. ARC approval is required before installing any lawn furnishings. The ARC will evaluate all proposed or installed exterior decorative objects solely in terms of design, execution, and general appropriateness in order to prevent such objects from having a significant negative impact on adjoining homes, the neighborhood setting, and the Westminster Community at large. The ARC will not judge the individual artistic merits of any object, but rather will make its evaluation solely on the object's impact.

All approved lawn furnishings must be placed in an existing planting bed contiguous to the house or garage. No lawn furnishings may be placed on the grass in the front yard, with the exception of holiday decorations and approved For Sale or For Rent signs.

Planting beds should include not less than two feet and not more than four feet adjacent to the foundation of each side, front and rear of the home. This should apply to homes with rear lanais. Landscape beds may exceed this distance from the

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Foundation, but must be completed in good taste and with the approval of the ARC.

Decorative items may not exceed 18" by 36" and should be aesthetically pleasing and must be placed in existing planting beds contiguous to the house.

Decorative flags may be no larger than 24" by 40" and should also be aesthetically pleasing.

American flags are exempt and are included in existing covenants and ARC guidelines

Game day flags may be erected in existing planting beds contiguous to the house or on flagpoles attached to the house. They may be displayed on game day and must be removed within 48 hours afterwards. (This is in our guidelines already, p 15, (h).)

Political signs are not permitted under any circumstances.

No bird feeders of any kind are allowed on the property.

Westminster Community Association Approved For Rent / For Sale Sign Guidelines

Signs. No sign may be erected or displayed in or on any Lot, Living Unit, or structure, except a "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign no larger than ten (10) inches in height and no more than eighteen (18) inches in width is permitted. For Rent signs may be erected only for rentals of 12 months or more. Once the lease is signed, the sign must come down within 7 days. It may be erected again 30 days before the lease expires. The sign shall conform to the drawing depicted on the attached sheet. The party seeking to erect or place a sign on their property shall be required to purchase the sign and sign post from a vendor designated by the Association. The vendor so designated by the Association shall be the only party authorized to place or install the sign on the owner's property. Owner's rights to install a sign shall be further subject to the following restrictions and those which may be later promulgated by the Architectural Review Committee:

- A. The sign shall contain only the telephone number and the name of either the homeowner or the real estate company listing the property, if any;
- B. Telephone number letters shall not exceed four (4) inches in height and the lettering indicating the homeowner or real estate company shall not exceed two (2)

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inches in height;

C. Coloring of the lettering shall be white with a Dark Green Background;

D. For single-family homes and villas, one (1) sign may be located in the front of the property, no closer than Fifteen (15) feet from the street pavement and another sign may be located along the rear of the house, no farther than (3) feet from the house;

E. For condominiums, two (2) signs are permitted. One (1) sign may be located in the rear window of the unit;

F. Note: Notwithstanding the foregoing, the individual neighborhood associations may prevent, prohibit, or impose additional restrictions on the placement of signs in their respective neighborhoods;

G. The Architectural Review Committee requires that all signs installed or placed within the Community be constructed or installed by a vendor designated and approved by the Association, to insure conformity with these restrictions.

This is intended for ARC use, not as an amendment to the Doc's.

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Air Conditioners

a) Wall or window air conditioning or heating units are not permitted.

b) Compressors and fans for central air conditioning or heat pump systems which are located outside the exterior of the building shall be adequately walled or landscaped with natural landscaping that maintains its green year round to prevent being viewed from any street.

Garages, Driveways and Walkways

a) Conversions of garages to living space or other uses are prohibited, even though some are not readily apparent from the exteriors of applicable Units.

b) Materials used for driveways and walkways must be concrete, brick or paver blocks. Any changes from the original installation **MUST be approved by the ARC.**

(This includes the painting of any driveway or walkway.) Delete previous sentence.

Add: **Stamped concrete driveways may not be painted a solid color.**

An appropriate sealer must be used to restore the original color.

Pavers may not be painted a solid color, but must be cleaned and sealed according to paver manufacturer's directions.

c) Walkways and driveways

DELETE: (should be compatible with each other and the home, as determined by ARC.)

ADD: **Walkways from the driveway to the front door must be the same color as the driveway.**

The Driveway/ Stain/ Paint request form seen following has some changes that are indicated in blue on the form.



PLEASE NOTE: YOU MAY NOT PROCEED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE ARC COMMITTEE.

DRIVEWAY STAIN/PAINT REQUEST FORM

Submit to: ARC Chairperson/ Property Manager
2001 Oxford Ridge Circle
Lehigh Acres, FL 33973

Date: _____ Phone: 239. 491. 2767

Homeowner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

*Where would you like your approved/denied copy sent? _____

Please select one: (E-MAIL, MAIL, FAX, OR PERSONAL PICK UP)

The driveway color must conform to a color in the ARC approved driveway stain color palette. Driveways must be prepared according to the directions below, driveway must be properly maintained with no chipping, bubbling or peeling.

Stamped concrete driveways may not be painted a solid color. An appropriate sealer must be used to restore the original colors.

Pavers may not be painted a solid color, but must be cleaned and sealed according to paver manufacturer's directions.

Please read the following and be advised that Staining/ Sealing your driveway is a very involved process and must be completed properly to bond to the concrete surface.

❖ SURFACE PREPARATION IS CRITICAL.

- All oil, grease spots, and stains must be removed with a commercial or industrial cleaner/ greaser.
- Bare concrete requires a commercial/ industrial etching solution as part of the preparation process.

If your concrete surface is not prepared properly the concrete stain/ sealer that you apply will not adhere properly and will bubble and peel. If this happens the normal Compliance procedure will be followed.

Please sign and date acknowledging that you have read these conditions:

Homeowner signature

Date

Approved Stains:

H&C Concrete Inspired (Can be found at any Sherwin Williams store)
Color top Stain & Sealer are:

HC156 - Hint of Gray

HC135- White- Washed Terracotta

HC 140- Gray Horizons

HC125- Neutral Balance Tan

HC141- Cemented Deal

**Ultra-paver clear sealer /
Clear stain sealer**

Walkways from the driveway to the front door, must be the same color as the driveway. These properties will be regularly checked. Painted/ stained /sealed concrete surfaces must be maintained. Painted/ stained / sealed concrete driveway or walkway surfaces will be re-visited and reviewed by the ARC among other Westminster Committees.

Neighborhood Association (if applicable):

Date: _____ Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Tabled _____

Signature: _____

Architectural Review Committee

Date: _____ Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Tabled _____

ARC Response/Comments:

Signature of ARC Chairperson

or Signature of acting Chairperson

From the Office of Lee County Sheriff

An online google search for a customer service number cost one local resident hundreds of dollars after clicking on a phishing ad designed to look identical to a legitimate social media website. The scam, known as "Google ad phishing" aims to trick people into clicking on malicious links by hiding them in Google search results. It can happen when users randomly search online for websites and contact information for goods or services like financial institutions, utility companies, and department stores.

In this particular incident, the victim was having trouble with her business Facebook account and wanted to speak with a company representative. After entering her request in the Google search engine, she quickly clicked on the first "ad" at the top of the search page and was unknowingly led to a fraudulent site with a scam phone number for customer service. The victim called the number and someone pretending to be a Facebook representative advised he could help her if she would allow him access to her computer. Once the scammer successfully gained remote access, he asked for her cell phone number, texted her a code, and instructed her to enter the code into the computer. After completing the request, the cyber-criminal thanked the victim for her help and informed her he

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had just stolen her personal information and \$435.00 from her bank account. The victim quickly checked her bank account and confirmed that \$435.00 was withdrawn and sent to a Bitcoin account.

While many legitimate businesses purchase online advertising in the form of Google AdWords to drive customers to their website, fraudsters also create advertisements of their own in order to replicate a reputable website. Unfortunately, once a user clicks on the fake site, the cyber thief begins their deception.

To help you identify these fake ads, the Sheriff's Office offers the following tips:

*Check the website URL and make sure it is correct. Phishing sites appear correct but often contain a misspelling of the company name. They may also use a character or symbol to resemble a letter, such as the number "1" for the letter "L".

*Beware of pop-ups. If you go to a website that immediately displays a pop-up window asking you to enter your log in details it is likely you have entered a phishing site.

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*Scan the content of the website for typos and grammatical mistakes.

*If you are suspicious, enter a fake password. If it appears you have signed in, you are likely on a phishing site.

* Report a phishing website or advertisement link to <https://safebrowsing.google.com>.

For more information about this scam, contact the Sheriff's Office Fraud Line at 258-3292.

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies luncheon is held the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested in attending, please contact Babs Anderson at tellfrance@aol.com



Mother's Day is coming- May 13, 2018

Please clean up after your furry friends! This includes all common ground areas!



Please send pictures of all of the events to share in the following crier.

The Crier is your newsletter. IF you have a new neighbor, please have them e mail the crier so they can be added to our listing. IF you have moved and no longer wish to receive the Crier, please e mail the Crier to be taken off the list.

Please forward items or pictures to westminstercrier@gmail.com at least 2 weeks ahead of time for publication. This address is just for submitting items to the crier. Concerns about information appearing in the crier should be addressed at the office.

The next regular crier will be published the week of May 10.