

WESTMINSTER CRIER

Water Emergency Reminder

Effective Sunday April 23 Westminster will be going to a once weekly watering schedule. The Watering days will be Wednesday for Residence's with odd numbering and Sunday for residences with even numbering.

A special note - Home owners do not have to do anything to their watering schedule. This new schedule will be accomplished by scheduling the pumps off on all but the allowed Wednesday and Sunday watering days.

In addition to reducing the watering schedule we are turning off the fountains to reduce the evaporation rate in those ponds.

These actions have been triggered by the need to turn off three of our four wells because the aquifer supplying them is running out of water and these wells were pumping air. If allowed to continue this condition would eventually burn out the well pumps.

Our system of four wells is designed to replace the water we use for watering our lawns and not the water lost to evaporation. The ponds are low because of evaporation and without well water our ponds will going down at an even faster rate.

This watering schedule will remain in place until such time as our wells are able to return to normal operation.

During this period we ask for your understanding and cooperation, we are all homeowners in this together. If you are aware of neighbors who are excessively watering during this period please contact the Association office.

The Westminster Community HOA.



The Women's Bible Study group has changed their start time to 11:00 on Wednesdays for the summer.



Mike Doner, of Fairloop Run, had a hole in one on hole #12 at Westminster on May 10th. Way to go Mike!!



Sad News

Former long-time Carnaby Court resident Dave Seaman, age 69, died Monday, May 8th due to progression of his cancer.

Dave grew up on a farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He played football for the University of Maryland. When he and Elaine decided to move south, the goal was to get far enough south to avoid winter - he said that meant south of the Peace River. Former residents, and friends of theirs from Maryland, Herb and Margie Kiester suggested Westminster. Only Elaine's desire for a larger garden led them to move to River Hall. Dave continued to work until about 1 1/2 years ago and shortly thereafter, learned that his cancer had returned. He was able to continue to play golf until the pain forced him to stop.

There will be a get together on Sunday, May 28 at 3 pm at River Hall's Town Hall Amenity Center, 3500 River Hall Parkway, Alva FL.

Vivian Phillips will be providing Elaine with an approximate number of guests so please let her know ASAP if you plan to attend -- send email to vivianphillips@comcast.net.

Mystery of Noisy Birds Solved!

If you live on the east side of Bainmar, the West Side of Berkley or the South end of Fairloop Run, you have been kept awake by a bird or birds screeching all night, and they are almost as much during the day as well. This has been going on for a couple of weeks and there have been various speculations about what kind of bird was causing us to keep our homes closed up at night just to get some sleep.

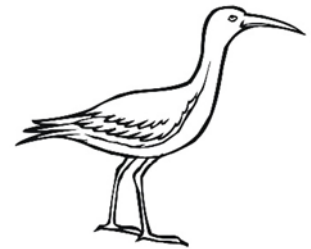
The most common suggestion was that since we had an eagle's nest nearby, the screaming was that of a hungry young eaglet who had just left the nest and was trying to get some food from mom and dad. We experienced this last summer in Massachusetts, and young eagles just do not let up. But even they had much longer periods of rest. The bird sounded distressed, which had many of us concerned. When I finally saw the bird causing all the racket through my binoculars I could see that this was not an eagle.

So my sister, Pat, took to the internet. Initial searches kept bringing her to wading birds and egrets, but when she added noisy --- there they were! our Limpkins, which are also called carrao, courlan, and crying bird. Their screech is indeed eerie and jungle like and has actually been used for jungle sound effects in [Tarzan](#) films.

In spite of the noise, Limpkins are good neighbors, as their diet consists mainly of apple snails which are an invasive critter infesting the Westminster lakes.

If you do an internet search you will discover that these birds often do their yelling to attract a mate, let's hope they get hooked up soon.

Chuck Bennett



Reminder- Please keep your dog leashed in the community.



Brown Staining under Black Olive Trees

The brown stain is being caused by the Bucida Caterpillar, according to Stephen Brown, Horticulture Agent, UF/IFAS Lee County extension. IF they appear on the trees, it is at this time of the year. They may or may not return yearly. According to Stephen you may have to have the area power cleaned with bleach in order to get rid of the stain. See the article at the site below.

[http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu/CommHort/CommHortPubs/Bucida_\(Black_Olive\)_caterpillar_2011_B%5b1%5d.pdf](http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu/CommHort/CommHortPubs/Bucida_(Black_Olive)_caterpillar_2011_B%5b1%5d.pdf)

The Crier will be published twice a month until the fall. Items received by the 1st will appear in the first issue, while items received by the 15th will appear in the second issue. **Announcements should be given to the Crier 2 weeks ahead of time.**

ALSO IF you have moved and no longer want to receive the Crier, please e mail the Crier so your name can be removed

AND IF you have a new neighbor, please ask them to e mail the Crier to be placed on the mailing list at westminstercrier@gmail.com

Thanks for following these guidelines



From Lee County Sheriff's Office

May is the month when we celebrate our mother's and the special women in our lives. What better way to honor these women than by safeguarding lives and property. The Lee County Sheriff's Office offers many programs that provide information on how women can protect themselves, their children, grandchildren, homes, and personal information. Here are just a few of the programs available from the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

1. SAFE Women and SAFE girls - A two-hour self-defense awareness class for women or girls that includes one-hour of safety information and one-hour of practical activities. For ages 13 - 100. \$5 a person.
2. Personal Safety - Tips on being safe at home, at work, in the neighborhood, at the store.
3. Personal Safety for Mothers with Young Children - Tips on how to keep yourself and your children safe at home and away.
4. Personal Safety for Persons with Limited Abilities - Personal safety tips for anyone living with limited abilities.
5. Personal Safety for Healthcare Workers - Tips for healthcare agency workers that work in a healthcare

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setting such as a hospital or doctor's office as well as those working at home or providing home care to others.

6. Burglary Prevention - How to keep yourself from being a target of burglars.

7. Internet Safety - Keep yourself safer online.

8. Workplace Violence/Active Shooter - This program gives information on keeping safe in the workplace from employees, customers or an active shooter whether business, healthcare facility, or non-profit organization.

9. ID Theft Prevention - Tips to keep your identity from being stolen. This topic has many applications for children/grandchildren, deceased, medical or business.

10. Scams, Fraud, and Card Skimmers Oh My! - Tips to guard against scams and frauds including online romance scams, grandparents scam, IRS tax refund fraud, as well as recognizing card skimmers.

Call Community Relations at 239-258-3280 to schedule a presentation for your group. What better gift to honor yourself or the women in your life and community than learning more about personal safety. For more information about this safety and security tip, or to schedule a personal or internet safety presentation,

