



Marsh Lakes Newsletter

March 3, 2025

Dear Marsh Lakes Owners,

We had our first real Board of Directors meeting for the new year so here is a quick recap of what we discussed.

We briefly covered a large list of general maintenance items such as power washing signs, pool decks and furniture, etc. All this was approved so the work will begin sometime in the next few weeks. We're going to wait until pollen season dies down so we can get off most of the yellow dust! We also approved the spring planting of flowers at the front entrance.

There are two trees in the Common Area by the main lake that are causing some concern by residents in the Villages. Two separate arborist reports showed that while there is some degradation of the trees, their demise is not imminent. Both reports suggested cutting them down for precautionary reasons, but since both reports came from companies that get paid to cut down trees, we decided to get a third report from an independent arborist to remove any bias. Once we have that report we will determine what comes next.

We agreed to get an estimate to repair cracks in the tennis court. As a reminder, we face this issue about every 3-5 years, because the foundation of that area is sand which shifts underneath the surface. It is more economical to do these periodic repairs than consider a major overhaul, but we do budget for this so it is a known expense. Also, we agreed to hold off on adding pickleball lines to the other side of the court as the current set-up seems to meet the demand.

The topic of traffic speed moderation is one that interests nearly everyone, particularly those with children who play on the streets. Last year we tried to get the County to install some detectors that would let us gather data on speeding, but that never came through. Based on experience that one of our BOD members had at Amelia Walk, we are reaching out to the Sheriff's Office again to see if they will periodically park in the neighborhood and hand out speeding tickets. This worked well at Amelia Walk, which saw a marked reduction in traffic velocity. No response yet from the Sheriff but be forewarned...they may see you before you see them!

Our pool service company repaired damage to the PVC pool plumbing, which looked suspiciously like it was caused by someone jumping up and down on this piping. This is vandalism, and is punishable by fines to the County and reimbursement to the HOA for the repair costs. We considered a proposal to put fencing around this area, but decided first to see if we can extend our video surveillance coverage out to protect it as a more economical solution. We will monitor this issue for further consideration.

IQ Fiber expects to launch service for the Estates sometime in March. This will give everyone another option to the internet service providers already in the neighborhood. We are still working to get them into the Villages and Marsh View as soon as possible. When the contracts get signed you'll see them laying their conduit. As we noted during the Estates installation, if you have any problems with their installation crew please reach out to me directly and I'll get them to take care of it

For those people who tried to register for the website in the last year, we realized that the registrations were not going through. That has been fixed! If you have tried to register but never got an approval, please just go back to the website and follow the instructions to reset your password. That should do the trick. If you're still having trouble, please reach out to me direct as well with this issue and I'll get it resolved.

We covered the status of the retention pond in Marsh View and where the relationship sits with Artisan. We are following the plan from last year, which is to monitor any additional settling or degradation of the pond walls before closing out the remaining claims with Artisan. We agreed to bring back in the independent engineer who did the assessment last year, so he can update his findings. Then we'll decide what the next step is.

One last thing, which wasn't covered in the meeting but came up recently. It appears that someone, most likely in the Villages, is hitting golf balls out into the marsh to the east. This is a really bad idea for a few reasons. First, it can be very harmful to wildlife which could confuse golf balls with eggs or other natural elements and cause them severe harm or death. Second, it's littering, which is against the law. And third, not everyone can drive as straight and true as Rory McElroy, so some of these balls are ending up on Estates properties and could cause serious damage. For all of these reasons, we ask that you keep your golf practice to the driving range.

If you have any other questions or want to bring something to our attention, please reach out to any of the Board Members. Their information is available at our HOA website: <https://marshlakesamelia.com/contact-us/board-of-directors/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Schlueter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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