

THE WESTMINSTER FOUR

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER—THE VILLAGES OF WESTMINSTER

Hello, neighbors! I don't know about you, but I am certainly ready for spring. We've been trying to get the neighborhood ready, too. Dan's Tree Services was here to prune trees along Wellesley Blvd. and our secondary streets. The crape myrtles particularly look great, I think. We also had RA Coleman here to complete mandated clearing of the stormwater damn on both sides of Wellesley at the pond. We included thinning some of the woody vegetation on the sides of the pond, opening it up so residents can better enjoy the view. Leo's Landscaping is working hard to get our landscaping up to the standards we expect and enjoy, we have a little repair at the clubhouse from old termite damage, and we have a few sprinkler system repairs. Leo's also helped us complete our JCC Beautification grant project, completing the work and donating \$250 dollars

towards the planting of perennials at our Village signs. The grant was \$500 and had to be spent on sustainable landscaping.

Happy Spring!



SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY—APRIL 18

James City County sponsors county clean-up day(s) each year. They provide bags to neighborhoods and community groups who are willing to pick-up litter and open the convenience center on Jolly Pond for free disposal. This year, The Villages of Westminster will meet at the

clubhouse on April, 18, 2015 at 12:30 and work until 2:30. With many hands, we'll be able to cover more ground! I really hope you're able to help. We'll split the neighborhood up in zones, and try to accommodate volunteers with young helpers. I also need a

volunteer to stay in the clubhouse and direct people as they arrive. If you would like to help, but can't necessarily do the walking and pick-up, this is a great job for you! Please call or text Corinne Picataggi: 757-871-3311 if you're interested in helping.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE & DUMPSTER

April 25 is our annual spring yard sale, and May 2 we'll have a dumpster available from 8 am to noon. The swim team is also having a yard sale in the clubhouse. If you'd like to donate items for the team to sell, they'll accept donations on Thursday and Friday. See flyer to right for items accepted.

Donations Sought for Neighborhood Yard Sale

Please consider donating goods to be sold at the Villages of Westminster Yard Sale on April 25th. All proceeds go to the neighborhood swim team!

Items may be dropped off at the Clubhouse at the following times:

Thursday, April 23rd from 5-7 p.m.
Friday, April 24th from 9 – 11 a.m. OR 4 - 6 p.m.

- We will accept:
- Housewares and Glassware
 - Books, Toys, Bikes
 - Kitchenware
 - Useable Small Furniture and Rugs
 - Small Appliances and Electronics in Working Order
 - Tools
 - Jewelry
 - **No Clothes, please!**

For more information: slindley2@cox.net

Come shop at the Clubhouse on Saturday, April 25th from 8 a.m. - noon!



SOCIAL: Check Facebook and the website for upcoming social activities: pool opening, July 4 parade, and more!

Visit our website, where you can join an email list: <http://villagesofwestminster.org>

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

I'd like to thank Jennifer Hayden and Rich Newsome, who finished serving board terms in December. As you know, our board and all committee activity in our neighborhood is volunteer based. Time is our most precious gift; thank you to Rich and Jenn for giving so much to your community. We appreciate it!

WE WANT TO SPOTLIGHT YOU - SEND US YOUR STORY!

Do you have a story you'd like to share with your neighbors? We'd like to spotlight the achievements, adventures, service, and announcements of community members. Please send an email to: social@villagesofwestminster.org to share your story.



facebook

Facebook is a quick and easy way for us to share community information. You don't need an account to access the neighborhood page. Just search Villages of Westminster facebook using your favorite search engine, and see what's happening!

VDOT & VOW STREETS

We received many calls, emails, and social media comments about our streets this winter. The streets and sidewalks throughout the Villages are maintained by VDOT. This means they are responsible for plowing, sanding, patching, and repairing. Their rules prohibit us from doing any maintenance or clearing, independently. Berkeley submits work requests to VDOT on our behalf, when we want to report issues or concerns. Crews were here on Friday patching pot holes in response to one of our work orders.



SWIM TEAM UPDATE

Registration is open now. You can find the registration form on our website. We will offer a free trial week again this year, for new swimmers who would like to see what the team is like before committing. **Attention Grandparents:** Do you have a grandchild that would like to try the swim team, but may not live here? The HOA board has agreed that grandchildren are eligible! The swim team is **self-supported**; no money from the HOA dues is used by the swim team. If you would like to make a **donation** to the team, please contact Stephanie Aja: email stephandjohn@msn.com or call (landline) 757-645-4223. Thank you!



No email? Call /txt 757-871-3311 (Corinne, HOA President) with questions or comments.



MAILBOXES, SATELLITE DISHES, & OTHER AESTHETICS

We've been told by several local realtors that The Villages of Westminster is one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the county. Houses here don't typically stay on the market long, in part because our neighborhood is beautiful (and the HOA dues are a great bargain!) When you are getting **satellite service** installed, please make sure you talk with the installer about the **location of your dish**. There have been several installed recently on the fronts of homes, and likely because it was the easiest spot, not because of service. Due to age, we are also seeing a lot of **broken mailbox flags and missing house numbers**. Now that the weather is nicer, let's try to get some of those small projects taken care of. **Power-washing** is another project that most of us will need to take care of this spring. Please try to help us maintain the integrity of our beautiful neighborhood. Also don't forget to send building renovation requests, including decks, fences, and trash can screens to the **Architectural Review Committee**. The form can be found in the documents section of our website. We've also posted the approved **paint colors** for shutters and doors. Happy Spring Project list—may time and weather be on your side!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year, the swim team will host meets at our pool for the first time. A home meet requires many volunteers and we're asking for help from community members. We need everything: parking attendants, concession workers, stop-watch timers, and just extra hands - we can use you! If you are interested in volunteering, please call or email Suzy Lindley (slindley2@cox.net) 757-229-9593