

Dear Homeowners, my name is Paul Lucas and I am your current HOA President. This newsletter is being sent out to introduce everyone to our five new board members. I want to thank them for coming forward to support our beautiful neighborhood and community. I also want to recognize a few outstanding volunteers who over the years have helped us in many ways. Finally, I have attached a little puzzle or brain teaser at the end of the newsletter. I was involved in Quality and Statistical training during my work career and found these exercises a fun distractions, and engaging. The correct answers (phrases/products) will be uncovered at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 7PM. So please join us. More meeting details to come.

### New Board Members

Brian Rodden

Brian was born in Philadelphia, PA. Brian is one of five children. He graduated from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He moved to California in 1996, and met his wife Susi. Brian worked for the Lozier Corporation as the Manager of New Business Development for 30 years. Brian was hired by the Beeline Group in 2022 as the Vice President of Business Development. Brian and his family wife (Susi), and sons Dylan (21) and Gavin (19) relocated to Florida from California in July of 2022. The Rodden's enjoy traveling and are avid Philadelphia sports fans.

Marlene Reif

Marlene is originally from New York, but has lived in Florida since 1976. She worked in the public and affordable housing sector in St. Petersburg as an Administrator and resource development officer. When we moved to North County, I was "semi-retired" and handled the administrative end of my husband, Nolan's, Air Conditioning Company. Now fully retired, we have lived in Country Woods since 2000. Nolan has two children. His daughter Katlin lives in New Zealand and son Matt lives in South Carolina. He has five grandchildren.

Kathy Eberly Ovitt

In 2016 my husband Terry and I moved into this lovely community from Northern NJ. At the time our hope was to hold onto the house until we were retired. We were extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful community. In the beginning

we were snow birds but it didn't take long for my husband and I to make the leap and start calling Country Wood our forever home. My professional background has me working for a private commercial investment company, I have held several Board seats most recently for a timeshare Association my company developed in Marco Island, Fl . Terry originally hails from MN and is an avid fisherman and hunter. Our three sons and four grandchildren continue to live in NJ.

Mark Amaro

Diana Read

### Outstanding Volunteers

Recently, Bob Wivagg, our secretary, noticed that the Pinellas County Sherriff's Office was soliciting nominations for their Community Service Award. Although they did not win, we nominated two very deserving candidates: Pat Powell and Joe Fusco. Below is a summary of their applications:

Pat Powell has been helping with our landscaping efforts for many years. She took it upon herself to clean up our common areas at the Curlew entrance and Curlew pond area on multiple occasions. Plus, she and her son, while on vacation, weeded, removed several dead or dying shrubs that were over planted and, in addition removed some Florida invasive bushes. Not a small job and very challenging. Several truckloads of debris resulted. She also took it upon herself, after gaining board approval in 2022, to purchase, decorate and beautify the Curlew Road Entrance for the Holiday season with wreaths and holiday decorations.

Joe Fusco has been the quintessential volunteer to our HOA. He has helped our organization several times with landscaping improvements. He was part of the group that planted nearly 60 aquatic plants in our large pond. He helped install two new control boxes for the front lights for our signs and helped caulk/weather seal the lights themselves. When we cut down over 30 Brazilian Pepper trees, he helped and also allowed us to use his electric cutters. He also has helped clear the path around the Curlew Pond several times this year. Finally, we used his chainsaw to cut down a tree that had fallen across the Curlew path.

Both Pat and Joe's actions have helped to beautify our pond and common areas. By removing debris and invasive trees/bushes, it has helped to promote a healthy environment for everyone to enjoy. Finally, volunteers like Pat and Joe have helped us save some money so we can keep our costs as low as possible.

In addition, I would like to recognize our other board members and two volunteers who head our most active committees.

Bob Wivagg (Secretary). Bob has been a director for 6 years and stepped up to the secretary's job when no one else would. He has help on a variety of projects including Safety and landscaping.

Ale Sanchez (Treasurer) he has been a director for 3 years. He has been involved with financial side and the transition from in-person to web based meetings and communications.

Kathy Mitchell (director) she has been on the board for 2 years and previously was a director for 6 years including treasurer. She has been part of our Welcoming Committee and initiated a new HOA resource – DIY Free Little Library in our common area by the Message board.

Mike Mitchell (Chairman Landscaping) – Mike has been an invaluable resource. He is a Master Gardener and been so involved with our community for many, many years. He is the person who helps to direct all our landscaping activities. We are so lucky to have him help our organization.

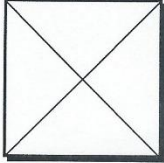

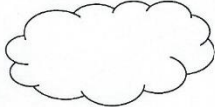

George Skalkeas (Chairman Architectural Control) – George is another invaluable resource who helps to guide and review any changes to our homes. Our CCR's have several pages which outline what standards must be followed when updating our house and lots. It is not an easy job, but George makes it seem that way. He also has been doing this for many, many years. Again, we are so lucky to have people like George to help us navigate through this organization called an HOA.

### **Volunteer Event (Saturday, March 18, 9-11 AM)**

For everyone and anyone interested, Mike Mitchell will lead a landscaping event at the entrance of our neighborhood (Curlew and Country Woods Lane). Activities to include weeding, removing old plants, mulching, trimming, and debris collection. Water bottles, gloves and small gardening tools are recommended.

# BRAINTEASERS

Each of the 12 items below is a separate puzzle.  
How many can you figure out?

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