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Village Creek Management Company....spectrumam.com
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Village Creek Website Unrelated to the Board
..... VillageCreekCommunity.com
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Do you want to contact the Board?

The Board's new website at villagecreek.us is quite amazing. Did you know that you can go there, click on CONTACT, and send all of the Board members a message within a minute? Another option is to send both the Board members and the Management Company a message. Either way, it is fast and effective.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." -Aesop

Architectural Review Committee

*(Steve Winter, Chair, a Good Samaritan,
& Joe Wright, Members)*

The Committee is still looking for one volunteer to join them. All of the work is online with no meetings required.

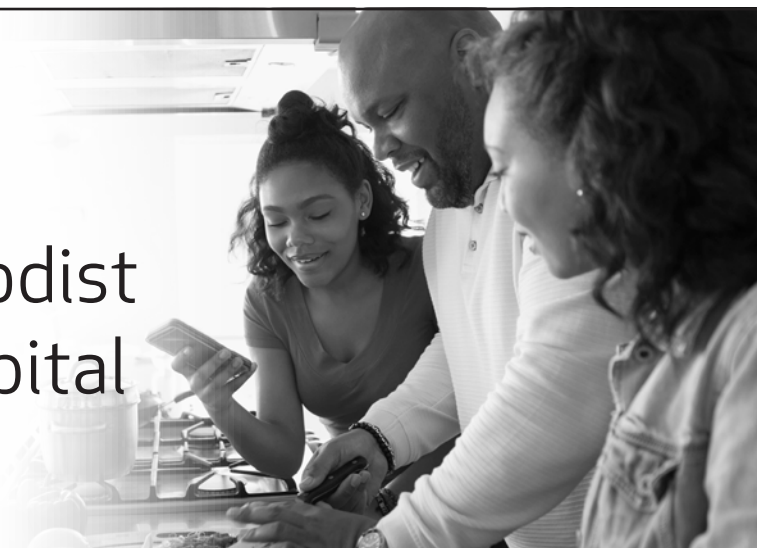
This month there were nine ARC requests: four fence replacements, one roof replacement, one backup generator installation, one deferred application waiting for more information from the homeowner and two requests declined due to improper materials specified in the request. As always, requests declined may be refiled with corrections to comply or appealed to the full Village Creek board for a variance.

Recently the ARC has noticed a trend for Home Owners to either file an application and immediately start work or file an application after work has begun. Not getting approval can cause costly remediation in the event the application is not approved for one reason or another. We certainly do not want to hold up your project, but we must make sure all Deed Restrictions and Architectural Guidelines are followed to maintain our lovely community.

If you do find that you are on the short end of the project schedule, contact the management company and ask for expedited handling of your request, and tell them why. They will do whatever they can to move the request forward with great vigor. If you have already filed an application and have not heard back, contact the management company for status, or you can contact me (Steven: 281-631-0123) directly, and we can discuss the situation and see if we can work out a quick return for your application.

Again, you should not start work without an approved ACC request. If the application is not approved, you may have to undo whatever has been done.

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Village Creek Social Event Schedule 2019 for April

Spring Community Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday,
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Easter Parade & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13,
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Landscape Committee Report

(Sherry Watson, Chair; Kristin Jonec and Laura Domangue, Members)

The removal of plants and trees on Village Creek Trail and Lake Vista Drive West was completed. The beds were left in good condition by Pedros Tree Service. All trees removed were either dead, dying, inappropriately placed, a hazard, or invasive. As funds allow, and based on priorities set by the Landscape Committee, sod will be planted.

Criteria for Yard of the Month Recipients:

Rules

- Yard of the Month will be awarded during the months of April through August.

- One (1) home will be selected each month.
- Each home will receive an Award only once a year.
- Winners must be in good standing with the HOA.
- Winners will be approved by the Board

Awards

- The HOA Landscape Committee Members will place a "Yard of the Month" sign in the front yard.

- A "Yard of the Month" Certificate will be presented to the winning resident.

- A \$25.00 Visa Gift Certificate will be presented to each winner.

Judging Criteria

Judging will be by the HOA Landscape Committee Members and will be based on the following general appearance as follows:

- The yard is well-manicured, edged, uniformly green, and generally weed-free.
- Bushes and shrubbery are neatly pruned and show good color.
- Pleasant and overall appearance make the yard an asset to the community.
- Attractiveness, originality, and creativity are considered.



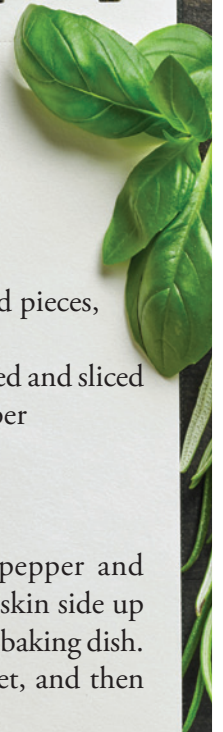
Company Chicken Casserole

From Puritan Oil Cookbook



(Serves 6)

- 3 large chicken breasts split
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 to 3 tablespoons Puritan Oil
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- ¾ cup white wine
- 4-ounce can mushrooms stems and pieces, drained.
- 5-ounce can water chestnuts, drained and sliced
- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- ¼ teaspoon thyme
- Cooked rice, if desired
- Preheat oven to 350 deg F
- Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper and brown in hot Puritan Oil. Place skin side up in an 11-1/2 x 7-1/2 x 1-1/2 inch baking dish.
- Blend soup into drippings in skillet, and then gradually stir in the wine.
- Add drained mushrooms, water chestnuts, green pepper, and thyme. Heat to boiling, and then pour around chicken. Cover baking dish with foil.
- Bake at 350 deg for 25 minutes;
- uncover and bake 25 to 35 minutes longer, until chicken is tender. Serve with hot rice, if desired.



Board Update

The Board has been busy since July of 2018. Among the issues faced in 2018 and, in some cases, ongoing are the following:

1. New tree guidelines allowing fewer trees. Be sure to obtain ARC approval for any tree changes in front yard.
2. Trimmed over 200 HOA-owned street trees to new 14' clearance (about \$12,000).
3. Encouraged all residents to prune their trees to 14' clearance
4. New web site is up and running (myvillagecreek.us)
5. Removed some of the problem trees such as invasive Chinese Tallow
6. New pool contractor under consideration.
7. New Management Company (Spectrum ended their contract).
8. Investigated using LED street lights. Not currently a good investment
9. Increased HOA dues (after much consideration)
10. Repaired first phase of sidewalk trip hazards (\$5,200)

11. We now have active Pool Committee, Architectural Review Committee, Social Committee, and Landscape Committee

12. Essential repairs completed at pool costing about \$6,000

13. Continued issues at basketball court. Added 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM closure signs. Discussed issue with constables and residents

14. Improved meeting minutes and turnaround time (provided with email blast)

15. Improved meeting agenda to advise residents of current issues (provided with email blast)

16. More public involvement in Board meetings with minimal restrictions on discussions

17. Continued discussions about the landscape contract

18. New meeting location (The Venue on Spring Cypress)

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Village Creek Money Matters: Street Lights *By The Editor*



Village Creek Money Matters will be an occasional article advising the community of how the Board spends our HOA dues. Streetlights are one of the larger money users. Here are some interesting facts:

1. Our HOA income in 2018 was \$515,430.
2. We have 194 streetlights.
3. Street lighting costs us \$40,291 a year, which is about 8% of our total income.
4. Our streetlight energy cost is less than 10% of the actual yearly streetlight cost.
5. CenterPoint charges a fixed "delivery charge" of \$12.92/street light which is multiplied by the number of street lights (77% of our total streetlight bill).
6. There are about eight miscellaneous fees, which make up the rest of the cost.
7. A Board study indicated that switching to LED street lights would possibly save \$1,800/year, but there is some risk that CenterPoint will ask the PUC for a price increase, which could exceed the savings.
8. Eventually, almost certainly, LEDs will be mandated.

Note: All of the numbers are from the 2018 Income Statement provided to the public by Spectrum.

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Pool Committee

Gordon Watson, Chair & Stacy Cheeseman, Member

We completed several projects around the pool. Those you may notice are the following:

- Repainted trim wood in front and inside
- Replaced lifeguard entry desktop
- Repainted front entry gate
- Repaired cracks in pool deck and caulked around building columns
- Removed rust from splash pad shade poles and added domed concrete to bases
- New concrete pad under gate at splash pad mechanical area to eliminate muddy area
- Replaced light switch covers

As this is written in early March, we are reviewing bids for the pool contract.

We intend to have adult swim every morning including Mondays with the understanding that there will be no lifeguard on duty. Your safety will be your responsibility. No children are permitted inside the pool fence during adult swim. With no lifeguard on duty, any objectionable debris on the pool deck or in the pool must be swept or skimmed by the adult users.

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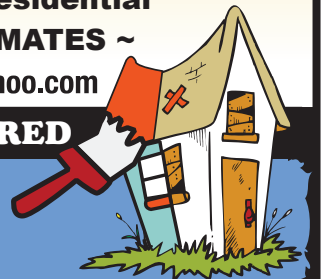
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