



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

### Pressure Cleaning



Have you noticed that some of the perimeter walls on Northlake Boulevard, the entrance walls plus the community sign now look much better? During the week of September 28th a local vendor pressured cleaned these areas.

Now, to prepare for the upcoming holidays and to greet our snowbirds returning with a brighter homecoming, the sidewalks, swales, playground walkway and playground equipment will be pressure cleaned during the week of November 3. As the year draws to a close the Board has succeeded in remaining within budget while achieving its goal of maintaining a beautiful community.

### Candidates Needed for the Board Election in February '09

This year three board member's terms will come to an end. Two of them have indicated that they will not be candidates for next year. The community needs interested, committed people to place their names in nomination to run for the Board. Elections will be held in February. Think how you may serve your community and what talents you have that you can offer to Carleton Oaks by serving as a board member or as a volunteer on a committee. Contact any board member for details.

### Budget Meetings Scheduled for October 20th & 22nd

The Board will conduct a budget workshop on October 20th at 7 p.m. If needed, an additional day has been scheduled to continue discussions.

### Mulching

The Board has postponed until the latter part

of October or first week of November its decision regarding the mulching of the community due to further questions regarding the proposals received as well as budgetary constraints. A clearer picture of available funds will be available as we proceed to the end of our fiscal year. A special workshop will be held as soon as possible to make a determination.

### Lawn Clippings & Trash Pickup

Have you noticed we have a new contractor for our trash recyclables, and vegetation? Every year Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach awards our waste pick-up to the lowest bidder. Waste Management has been replaced by a new contractor, Waste Pro, and Carleton Oaks is now on a different schedule for Trash.

Monday & Thursday continue to be our pick up days, but much later in the day. Trash should be placed out by 6 a.m., but Waste Pro has our community scheduled later on its Monday and Thursday schedule. Recyclables continue to be picked up early on Thursdays ... around 9 - 10 a.m., and vegetation continues on Mondays but many times very early ... 7 -10 a.m. Also the vegetation pick up crew requests vegetation be placed on the curb away from overhanging trees. They use a boom arm to retrieve the vegetation and if it is left under our oak trees, their arm may strike and damage our trees. The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach is located at 7501 N. Jog Rd., West Palm Beach and their Customer Service phone number is 697-2700.



## Miscellaneous Information



### Homeowners Advised Not to Trim Oak Trees

It has been observed that a couple of homeowners have been trimming or cutting complete branches off the oak trees. These trees were recently shaped and trimmed in July with a plan for their future growth and shape by Joe Hanley, a trained horticulturist. Any trees on “common property” belong to the entire community, and are NOT to be trimmed by homeowners—this should be left to experts.

If a tree branch poses a danger or a threat to your screens or home, please place a work order with Seacrest. Residents observed damaging the oak trees will be fined.

### Fire Ant Treatment Completed



On October 17th Seacrest landscaping completed phase 2 of its bi-annual fire ant treatment by spreading over 50 pounds of granules across the HOA’s turf. Since the Association has chosen to contract with Seacrest for this optional bi-annual treatment, the community continues to be entitled to have as many call-backs as needed for spot treatment of fire ant colonies. Therefore, if you see a fire ant colony on your property at any time, please place an immediate work order identifying the location. Seacrest will send someone to spot treat that area within a few days of receiving the request.

### Medical Emergencies and 911

As a community we should be aware that when you dial 911 with a medical emergency, the Northlake Firehouse paramedics will respond very quickly. However, depending on their diagnosis you will be taken to one of the following hospitals:

*Cardiac:* Palm Beach Gardens (as well as St. Mary’s and JFK)

*Stroke:* either Columbia or St. Mary’s

*Trauma:* St. Mary’s

### Upcoming City Events

Taste of the Palm Beaches, November 12 at PGA Commons.

Art in the Gardens, November 22-23 at Midtown

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Please Note the November Board of Directors’ meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12 at 7 p.m.**

Architectural Control  
Committee (ACC)  
November 5 - 6 p.m.  
Carleton Oaks Clubhouse

Architectural Control  
Committee (ACC)  
December 4 - 6 p.m.  
Carleton Oaks Clubhouse

Board of Directors’ Meeting  
November 12 - 7:00 p.m.  
Carleton Oaks Clubhouse

Board of Directors’ Meeting  
December 11 - 7:00 p.m.  
Carleton Oaks Clubhouse

Please contact Rebecca Seelig at 630-7016 or email her at [rebecca.seelig@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.seelig@gmail.com) if you would like to add a story or tid-bit to the next newsletter. Also contact Rebecca if you would like to list any items you might have for sale i.e. furniture, jewelry, collectables, etc., in the next issue of the Carleton Clarion.

