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The Camelot Lakes Village Homeowners Association wishes everyone a safe and joyful 4th of July.

The format of this month's newsletter is a little different. I'd like to address several items.

In June the HOA and village management conducted an evaluation of each lawn in the village in preparation for the annual lawn re-sodding effort. Each lawn was given a grade from 1 to 5. 1 being in the best condition and 5 needing the most help. The primary factors were grass condition, or lack of grass, and the number of weeds in each yard. This evaluation will obviously be used to identify the 25 +/- homes to be resodded. However, before beginning the re-sodding we are discussing with village management how to improve the chances new lawns will survive. There are three primary reasons past new lawns have failed. Soil condition, watering, and insect damage alone or together cause new lawns to not make it. Simply removing the dead or bad condition lawn and placing new sod on poor soil will not work. Before the new sod is put down amendments need to be added to improve the soil. The new lawns need to be watered more frequently to establish the root system before they can be placed on a routine watering schedule. We are working with management to establish a process and schedule to meet this objective. Insect infestation is being addressed to include fire ants. If you find ants in your yard, please submit in a work order to have them treated. The lawncare company is putting weed control on the lawns with fertilization. This is not a quick fix and will take time to eliminate the established weeds. Those of use with lawns rated 2 to 4, will benefit from these treatments the most. Lastly, WE NEED RAIN! All the items mentioned above will work best once we get fully past our drought.

I'm sure everyone has noticed the work going on at the auditorium. There are three efforts going on at the same time. The outdoor kitchen, pool upgrade, and re-roof. These efforts will be ongoing until at least September. There are several contractors and trades involved so you may see some deadtime between efforts. This was the case with the outdoor kitchen. The demolition in preparation for new foundation, plumbing, and electrical work, was done. The sequencing of the next step in the project isn't always seamless. Many of the contractors are working on other sites and are juggling schedules. The Cove Project Manager is aware of this and is continually working to minimize deadtime. Our local Village Management does not manage that effort. While these repairs and upgrades are moving along, the pool, auditorium and porches will be permanently or temporarily closed.

Additionally, the Cove Project Manager has requested that CLV residents not stop the contractors/workers to ask questions or have conversations. This will distract them and slow them down and possibly be unsafe.

Speaking of contractors, all contactors working within CLV are required to be licensed and insured. This includes anyone working on homes in the village. This is for everyone's protection.

Lastly, to let everyone know, our trash, recycling, and yard waste removal is provided by Sarasota County to all residents. This service is paid for via the taxes everyone pays as a traditional homeowner or by payments such as rent made to landlords for apartments or property owners such as Cove. Additionally, if you have any large items such an appliance or furniture, you must arrange a pickup by contacting Waste Management at WM.com or calling them directly at 941-355-9230.

Happy July 4th!!!

Mike Bond

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