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**Did You Know?**

The CDD encompasses approximately 629.46 acres.

The CDD owns and operates 14 storm water lakes encompassing 70 acres, 16 wetlands encompassing 46 acres and a dry detention system encompassing 18 acres

The CDD owns and operates the road, roadside landscaping and street lighting along Pelican Sound Drive from US 41 to the gatehouse.

The CDD owns the arterial roads, roadside landscaping and street lighting and residential irrigation supply within Pelican Sound, however, these facilities are maintained by the Pelican Sound Golf and River Club by agreement with the CDD

**DEAR RESIDENT,**

You are receiving this newsletter as our records indicate that you own property or live within the boundaries of the River Ridge Community Development District (CDD). This includes Pelican Sound, The Meadows and the commercial strip along US 41. We would like to take this opportunity to update you on the business of the District.

**2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

During the 2015 year, the CDD accomplished numerous tasks, including the following:

**LAKE BANK EROSIONS REPAIRS:**

Last spring/summer the CDD completed a review of it's lake banks identifying those requiring restoration to insure compliance with it's surface water management permit with the South Florida Water Management District. The CDD identified portions of 7 lakes that required repair. The repairs included recovery of lost soil from the lake, re-establishment of the appropriate lake bank slope, sodding over the newly restored lake bank and supplemental planting of beneficial aquatic plants along the water's edge. The CDD had budgeted \$175K for the project which came in well under budget at \$130k.

**STREET SWEEPING:** The CDD continues to clean the streets of sand/leaves/debris on a weekly basis which includes cleaning the streets within The Meadows and Pelican Sound. Cost - \$10,000 annually.

**RADAR SIGN:** The CDD purchased a radar sign in 2015. The sign is relocated on a periodic basis around the community and to areas of speeding concern. The awareness that the sign provides to motorists appears to be having a very positive effect on driver speeds, both resident and visitor alike. Cost- \$3500

**PAVEMENT MARKINGS:** The CDD restriped all of the roads in 2015 and also introduced Raised Pavement Markings (RPMs) along the center lines. The RPMs serve to keep motorists within their lanes, especially through curves and in doing so also tends to encourage motorists to reduce their speeds to avoid making wider corners and running over the RPMs. The RPMs are also a night time visual aid, particularly on rainy or foggy nights. Cost-\$15,000

Also, the CDD restriped and replaced the RPMs on Corkscrew Road from the gatehouse to US 41. Cost- \$6,500

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**2016 BUDGET ADOPTED**

The Fiscal Year 2016 Budget (October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016) was adopted at the August 25th meeting. If you work or live outside of the Pelican Sound gates, your assessments have decreased by approximately \$53 over the prior year. If you live within the Pelican Sound community your annual assessments have increased by approximately \$143 over the prior year. The decrease is due to the lake bank erosion repair project being a one-time budget item and since that project is complete the expense has rolled off the District wide budget. The increase in the assessments for those living within the Pelican Sound community is directly related to the addition of two new budget items. These include 1) first installment payment of three; for the complete refurbishment of the irrigation pumps and controllers Costs- \$56K and 2) Appropriation for phase 1 of what is anticipated to be 4 phases, of community wide roadway resurfacing project. We anticipate in phase one, completing all sidewalk and gutter repairs throughout the community and resurfacing the roads in the Pinehurst neighborhood.

**CORKSCREW CIRCLE IMPROVEMENTS**

Though the CDD has tabled any reconfigurations to the circle itself as it appears the addition of the speed hump has achieved the desired effect of slowing down east bound vehicles entering the circle, the CDD has identified pedestrian traffic issue and has approved proceeding with the installation of a sidewalk that will connect the sidewalk along the south side of Pelican Sound Boulevard at the intersection with Pelican Sound Drive, to a new sidewalk that will run along the north side of Pelican Sound Boulevard north and into the Pinehurst neighborhood. Currently anyone walking to or from the Pinehurst neighborhood find themselves either having to walk across landscaping or in the street. This project cost \$42K and is being funded from fund surplus.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

As indicated above, the CDD is spending a portion of your annual assessment monies on the aquatic plant program. Please help us in ensuring the success of this program by not removing, mowing or spraying these plants. Since most of the Aquatic plants border the golf course, we ask that all golfers be sensitive to their preservation. Additionally, please be sure to contact us if you observe anyone damaging or destroying the aquatic plants.

Though greatly improved, speeding is still an area of concern within the community and as stated above, the CDD. Please help us by paying special attention to your speed and being courteous to others that share our roads such as pedestrians, bicyclists and golf carts.

We thank you in advance for your help with these two items.