

SEVEN MILE DRIVE NEWS

Sawgrass Players Club

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Mark & Suzanne Downs —
8240 SMD

Richard & Rachel Macha —
8248 SMD

Mitchell & Suzanne Voss —
8149 SMD

Antonio & Andrea Aguilera —
8119 SMD

Neighbor Welcome Team

The Board is seeking volunteers to welcome new neighbors. Residents interested in serving the community may email mvantrieste@gmail.com.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Board Members:

Bobbie Kelly, Anne Hickey, and Jen Kaus

The Seven Mile Drive ARB continues to review exterior changes to homes and property monthly. Our residents continue to update and improve their homes and landscapes, which contributes to our collective appreciation in property values as well as the beauty of our neighborhood. Exterior painting, new windows and doors, new roofs, pool updates, paver hardscapes, and new landscaping are all popular updates. The list of all exterior changes that require an ARB application.

The list of all exterior changes that require an ARB application is on the SMD website, with the application form. Our governing documents determine the guidelines for exterior changes, and they are also on the website. Jamie Parker with MLMC is our SMD contact for filing an application and answering questions. She can be reached at: 904-273-3033 or via email: jparker@marshlanding.org

As a reminder, our ARB meets on the third Monday of each month. Once approved, the applications are reviewed again by the Master ACC, which meets twice monthly. After their approval, the homeowner is sent an approval letter and the

There has been an uptick with residents performing tree removals without submitting an ARB application and obtaining written approval. The guidelines are designed to maintain the beauty and desirability of our neighborhood and help protect home values.

ARB info: www.sevenmiledrivehoa.com

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ADDRESSING SAFETY CONCERNS



There continue to be reports of vehicles running stop signs on TPC Boulevard. Please be careful while entering and exiting Seven Mile Drive. Please set a good example by stopping at stop signs and obeying the speed limit.

EBikes and electric-powered scooters must be registered and display a Sawgrass Players Club bicycle decal. Riders must comply with state and county laws, yield to pedestrians, wear helmets, ride single file on the right, obey posted speed limits, stop at stop signs, signal at intersections, and use lights during non-daylight hours.

eBikes and scooters are prohibited on private golf courses. The camera at the bottom of the SMD hill belongs to the Tour and was installed after eBike activity damaged a green.

TPC will and has prosecuted trespassers.

Trash & Recycling Collection

If trash collection is missed on Tuesday or Friday, it normally catches up the next day. The same applies to recycling and yard waste.

Please continue to observe community access rules and report prohibited solicitation or suspicious activity through the appropriate Sawgrass Players Club channels.

MAILBOX MAINTENANCE

Over the past several months, the Association and management company have observed an increasing number of mailboxes requiring cleaning, repair, repainting, or replacement. Mailboxes are highly visible and contribute significantly to neighborhood curb appeal.



Homeowners are encouraged to inspect their mailbox for weathering, discoloration, fading paint, damaged posts, missing numbers, or other deterioration. Prompt maintenance helps preserve the high standards that make Seven Mile Drive such a desirable place to live.

Homeowners may use any qualified contractor. Vendors familiar with neighborhood mailbox styles include:

- Vie Home Services
111 Canal Blvd
Ponte Vedra Beach 32082
904-473-8330
- Sundancer Sign Graphics
11259 Business Park Blvd, Suite 3
Jacksonville, FL 32256
904-287-4949

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OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE & WATERWAYS (OWM)

The OWM Committee has been busy with several projects in preparation for the 2026 Hurricane Season. These projects include having our diesel-powered back-up generators and our back-up diesel engines at both pump stations serviced by diesel mechanics. Filters are changed out, fuel is sampled, and if any contamination is found, the fuel is cleaned and put back into the diesel fuel tanks.



At the Salt Creek pump station, we have an ongoing project to change out the old pump discharge pipes on all three pumps (the two main pumps and the jockey pump).

The old discharge pipe had developed significant corrosion problems and had been patched at least a couple of times over the many years they have been in service.

The new discharge steel pipe is coated inside and out with epoxy, and the flap gate structure on each line is made of stainless steel. The #2 main pump has recently been rebuilt, including a new impeller.

The jockey pump is also being rebuilt. During testing of the jockey pump, some leaks were noted, so the machine shop is working to get that issue fixed, and the pump will be reinstalled shortly.

In addition to these items, we recently issued a contract to replace the deteriorated wooden bulkhead along the channel that is adjacent to the Valley Course #17 green. This channel is the main channel leading to the Seven Mile pump station.

The old bulkhead was found to be leaking material through rotted timbers and badly deteriorated wood piling. The new bulkhead has been completed and looks great. This new structure should give us decades of service.



Residents are asked to be understanding of temporary traffic issues during repaving of TPC Blvd.

Finally, you may have noticed that we have a new lake maintenance contractor who is performing ongoing work to treat and keep our lakes and canals healthy and clean.

Marc Stearns,
Operations, Maintenance, and Waterways
Committee Member

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ATTENTION WOMEN OF SEVEN MILE DRIVE HOA

The Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association, or SPCWA, is open to women who live within the gates of TPC and is a great way to meet other women in our area.



The monthly activity calendar includes seven book clubs, Bridge, Bunco, Canasta, Pickleball, Alchemy (Cocktails!), Aerobics and Stretch classes, Trivia, Mahjongg, Walking Group, Wine Tasting, and Yoga. Special events include New Member Wine and Welcome, Member Appreciation, Holiday Happy Hour, St. Augustine outings, museum visits, boat cruises, and local tours.

Several Plus One events encourage bringing a friend or spouse. Annual membership is \$40. Contact Cynthia VanTrieste at cvantrieste@yahoo.com.

Tree Policy Reminder

Our trees are a major contributor to the beauty of neighborhoods like ours and thus an important part of our property values.

With hurricane season around the corner, we ask residents to please be aware of unauthorized tree companies soliciting door-to-door business through scare tactics, claiming healthy trees are diseased or will fall on a house during a storm.

Per our governing documents, any tree with a trunk diameter of 4" that a resident wishes to remove requires an ARB application to be reviewed. A letter from a current ISA-certified Arborist who has reviewed the tree's health must accompany the application. It is preferable that the Arborist not be affiliated with a tree removal company to avoid a conflict of interest. Please note that our tree removal guidelines also align with the St John's County Tree Ordinance concerning the removal of specimen trees, like Live Oaks. A tree removal may also require a replacement tree to be planted when the removal creates a noticeable reduction in the tree canopy.

Jamie Parker can provide the contact information for qualified arborists.

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DOG RESPONSIBILITIES

When you own a dog, cleaning up after it is part of the responsibility. Picking up dog waste helps keep the neighborhood clean, protects public health, prevents environmental pollution, and shows respect for your neighbors.



Dog feces can contain bacteria, parasites, and viruses that may spread to people and other animals. Nobody wants to step in dog waste while walking, jogging, playing with children, or maintaining a yard.

Dog waste is not fertilizer. Rain can wash harmful bacteria and excess nutrients into storm drains, ponds, rivers, and other waterways.

Not picking up after a pet is also considered a public nuisance under St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2017-36 / 16.C.5 C when an animal deposits feces on property not belonging to its owner or possessor and the waste is not removed.

**CARRY A BAG.
CLEAN UP EVERY TIME.
PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS.
RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS.**

Picking up after your dog demonstrates consideration for the people around you and keeps shared spaces more enjoyable for everyone.

Landscape Committee

Members: Mike Hayes, Lisa Hayes, and Bobbie Kelly

Precision Turf continues to do a great job with the landscaping and maintenance of all the SMD HOA property. This includes the 6 street islands and the additional HOA property in the neighborhood.

This year, flower changes on the islands will now coincide with the Master property flower rotations. This allows SMD to leverage the Master Landscape Committee's buying power and premium flower selections.

Please continue to remind your contractors that no parking is allowed on the islands, including the gravel edge of Island 4. Residents can be held liable for property damage caused by their contractors, so please help protect our landscaping.

At the suggestion of MLMC and our maintenance staff at Precision, the Seven Mile Drive BOD has now included an annual tree replenishment plan in the budget. This is a common practice at similar communities. Each year, a predetermined number of trees will be planted on the common HOA property as a replacement plan for the trees lost each year. A Live Oak was planted this spring on Island 5 and 2 Magnolias will be planted soon.

We welcome your suggestions for future tree and landscape additions!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The Association continues to maintain a strong financial position while focusing on responsible budgeting, ongoing maintenance, and long-term planning.

Capital Reserves	\$215,859.66
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Operating Emergency Contingency Fund	\$14,999.98
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Xfinity Deferred Revenue	\$11,212.50
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Operating Funds	\$138,943.94
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Total Cash	\$381,016.08
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Through the first six months of the year, the Association's operating performance is favorable. The Board and Marsh Landing Management continue to review spending, prioritize necessary improvements, and plan to ensure the community remains financially stable.

We appreciate homeowners who continue to meet their assessment obligations on time. Consistent collections allow the Association to maintain services and plan effectively for the future.

We remain committed to transparency and will continue to provide regular updates on the Association's financial health and ongoing priorities.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Seven Mile Drive HOA
www.sevenmiledrivehoa.com

Marsh Landing Management Office
904-273-3033

Hurricane Preparation & Recommended Annual Maintenance

St Johns County Hurricane Preparation
Website: <https://www.sjcfl.us/hurricane-preparedness/>

Annual Florida Maintenance

- Schedule a professional roof inspection
- Inspect exterior paint and reseal cracks in stucco or masonry.
- Seal pavers, natural stone, or wood surfaces as appropriate.
- Trim trees before hurricane season, using a certified arborist for large limbs.
- Check hurricane shutters, and make sure all hardware is labeled and accessible.
- Inspect gutters, drainage systems, screen enclosures and fences for storm readiness.
- Schedule termite and general pest inspections.
- Service irrigation systems and backflow prevention devices.
- Clean dryer and bathroom exhaust vents.
- Inspect exterior electrical outlets and confirm GFCI protection is working.

Thank you for helping preserve the beauty, safety, and value of Seven Mile Drive. Together, we make a difference.