

## **FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER FROM THE STRAND MASTER BOARD**

To our Residents...

Wow, February was such a beautiful month! Warmer than average and lots of sunshine to lift everyone's spirits! Walk, ride or drive through The Strand and you will notice lots of improvements everywhere. Let's start with our security gates...

**FRONT AND BACK GATES** – At the Board Meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Board agreed that it was time to “retire” our 20-year-old gate system and move to a “transponder” system, new readers, new gate arms, new cameras and an upgrade of our continually broken back gate. Once the vote was taken, those items were ordered two days later, but delivery is not “instant” on such a large project and we ask your patience as we install all the parts and pieces and get the new system up and running. No one on the Board is happy that our back gate has not been working but an installation of this size cannot be done overnight.

(Those of you who lived here prior to 2016 may recall that we didn't even HAVE the heavier BLACK GATES until then...and in 2018, after hearing requests from the community, the Board voted to make them functional 24 hours per day, not just from 11 pm to 7 am!) Thank you for your patience as we work through the installation “bugs.”

(One additional note regarding the Front Gatehouse: The Master is not responsible for completing the Gatehouse repairs at the entrance. Because the Club owns the Gatehouse and there are insurance issues, this became a Club project).

**NEW LAKES VENDOR** – The Lakes Committee has received bids from three vendors to assist the Master in the care of our 16 lakes. The Board plans to choose a contractor at the March Master meeting.

**DOCUMENTS UPDATE** – There is no question that reading through our new documents is a “heavy lift.” However, we have had numerous residents offer their questions and suggestions and are grateful they've taken an interest. We are keeping a list of any possible changes to share with the community.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW DOCUMENTS, YOU MUST SUBMIT**

**THEM VIA EMAIL TO V.P. TOM EWERT ([ewert1210@aol.com](mailto:ewert1210@aol.com)) OR PRESIDENT SUSAN MULGREW ([swm1982@aol.com](mailto:swm1982@aol.com)) IN ADVANCE OF OUR UPCOMING MEETING ON MARCH 16 to allow the Board time to research and review your questions.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OUR PRESERVES!** - It was reported to us this month that a bobcat had killed a baby deer in the Preserve area near Ana's Place and Turnberry. These bobcats can be very aggressive so hunting for golf balls or searching for wild flowers is not only prohibited by Collier County, it is also DANGEROUS. Collier County Wildlife was notified of the dead deer, but will not remove the animal from the Preserves as this is a "natural occurrence." Please DO NOT enter our Preserve areas for your safety and remember: disposal of any trash or waste in our Preserves will cause The Strand to be fined.

### **APPROVAL BY THE MASTER REQUIRED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGES**

It has come to the attention of the Master Board that some Communities are making changes to their overall paint color, trim colors, roof colors, doors, windows, etc. without the approval of the Master. Last May, the Master Board reviewed three designs for the remodeling of Wedgewood and approved one(1). When the Board realized last month that their buildings were being painted using one of the UNAPPROVED designs, the Master was forced to issue an injunction to stop painting until a final approval can be issued by the Master. The Master is responsible via our Documents for oversight of any changes that might have a permanent or negative impact on the Strand Community. If your Neighborhood is planning any major changes such as those listed above, please be sure to send a request well in advance of the start date of any such change to Michaela Neumann, our Property Manager, who will put the request before the Board for consideration. Large paint samples and paint color numbers are most helpful, as are actual roof tiles, door and window samples, etc. Should you have any questions, please contact Michaela at Vesta.

**OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY** – No decisions have been made regarding renewal of our Cable Contract, due to expire in January 2022. The Mango Cay lawsuit continues with no new developments.

**RULES REVIEW** – With so many more of our friends and neighbors on property during these winter months, please be mindful of these rules designed to keep our community safe and accident-free:

1. It is now prohibited by the County to leave The Strand and either U-turn to re-enter through our front gate, or left turn across Strand Blvd. to enter Tavilla Circle.
2. Let's not forget to pick up our trash! We've noticed lots of extra litter on the Boulevard...this is our home, let's keep it clean!
3. PLEASE – for everyone's safety - NO WALKING or JOGGING in the CART LANES (especially in the wrong direction!) along Strand Boulevard. Cart Lanes are for carts and bikes only – and please ride only in the direction indicated by the painted arrows.
4. PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED! STRAND BOULEVARD SPEED LIMIT IS 25 mph.

**MARCH BOARD MEETING, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – The next monthly Board meeting is March 16 at 4:00 at the Club. The Annual Meeting is Tuesday, March 30, also at the Club, at which time the Board will conduct such business as comes before it and elect new Directors. We will be checking on the COVID situation for both events to assure that these meetings are held with a safe attendance policy for all. Please check the agendas closer to the dates.

Stay safe, stay healthy and enjoy the season!

**THE STRAND MASTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020-2021**

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