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# The Clearing Newsletter



## Easy Reference

Community website:  
<http://www.theclearingfl.com>

Any issues or question please reach out to First Choice Association Management

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## Upcoming Dates

Board meeting April 27th 5:30

## Trees at the Clearing

One feature that adds to the ambience of the community is the trees. What is needed is a long range plan to address tree maintenance, removal, and just as important planting new trees. The Landscape committee will be charged with developing and maintaining the plan. The majority of our trees are Laurel Oaks, which have a 40 year life span. That means most of these trees have come to the end of their life span, and will need to be removed. We have brought in an arborist to inspect the entire property, identifying those trees that should be considered for removal in the next couple of years.

Tree maintenance is expensive, and the budget will not allow doing everything at once. Tree removal will be prioritized by safety risk and removed as money becomes available. Owners may pay to have trees trimmed or removed on their property at their own expense.



## PROJECT UPDATES

### Pool Cabana

Improvements are being made to the cabana washrooms. In the Lady's room new partitions are going in. Toilets have been replaced with more efficient models. Both washrooms will be getting timers for the light switches to help save electricity.

### Dumpster Enclosures

The current enclosures have seen better days. The swinging doors are drooping and getting stuck, and even falling off!

A company has been selected and should begin construction late March or early April.

They will be removing the current structures. They will also replace the concrete pads. The new structures will be vinyl walls to help prevent rotting and warping. The door to enter the enclosure will be replaced with a pass-through making access easier.

## Looking for Some Volunteers.

Volunteering means the workload is shared and more can be done to maintain and improve our community..

Volunteering doesn't mean a large commitment of your time. Many roles are for short term projects, or others for a couple of hours a month.

We currently could use your help for these positions:

Welcome Committee - reviewing community documents and procedures with new owners.

Social Committee - organizing events for community participation.

Architectural Committee - Develop and revise the community guidelines.

Webmaster - maintain the Clearing website.

Please let any board member or Randy at First Choice know if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.

## Know Your Community Documents

As the Clearing is an HOA, it means there are rules and procedures to assure community standards are maintained

There are nearly 100 pages in the Association's documents which include: Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, By-Laws, and Community Guidelines.

Future editions of the newsletter highlight points from the documents. In the meantime, all of the documents are available on the Clearing website.

## Seasonal Residents

Before leaving for the summer, be sure to clear your patio so the items won't fly away in a storm. And turn your water off to avoid any surprises when you come back.