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Let's Start in Our Own Backyards

As those who spent the Summer here have experienced, this year's Red Tide bloom has been catastrophic. In August the devastation finally reached a high enough level to attract national news attention. So far dead fish estimates are at 145 tons, dead sea turtles at 85 and dolphins at 20. Throat, lung and eye irritation ranges from annoying to severe depending on westerly winds. Anyone suffering from asthma, COPD or other respiratory illnesses are advised to stay indoors. Eighty-six people have been hospitalized locally with respiratory complications. Sand on shoreline beaches hold maggots, hookworms and toxins from the decaying wildlife. The long-term effect of the airborne neurotoxins on lung and liver tissue is unknown. Fiscal damage to local restaurants, shops and other businesses has been great, for some insurmountable.

Red Tide blooms are a naturally occurring events that have been documented since 1610. While their existence is a biological norm, the overabundance of man-made food sources, namely run-off from nitrogen and phos-

phorus rich fertilizers and herbicides, create an explosive and interminable crisis. Rising awareness of this negligent pollution has citizen action groups demanding aggressive restrictions and better stewardship of our land and water at state, county and city levels.

I have written a letter to our board of directors asking that they address this issue in our own back yard and discontinue use of non-organic fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides on greenbelts and common areas. I further requested they ban use of non-organic products by caretakers operating in the park and encourage citizens to use environmentally proven alternatives.

Organic lawn and garden products are readily available at Walmart, Target, Home Depot, Lowes and from Amazon. The staff at MRT Nurseries is very knowledgeable about safe alternative options. Volunteers from the University of Florida Master Gardener program are available for regular questions and advice sessions at

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NOTE: All articles for the newsletter must be in Microsoft Word, because I am unable to open PDF files or articles that have been scanned. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Contact any board member with your concerns or suggestions and they will act in the best interest of the park.

Written comments may be sent to the office or e-mailed to 14inspub@aol.com

Photos

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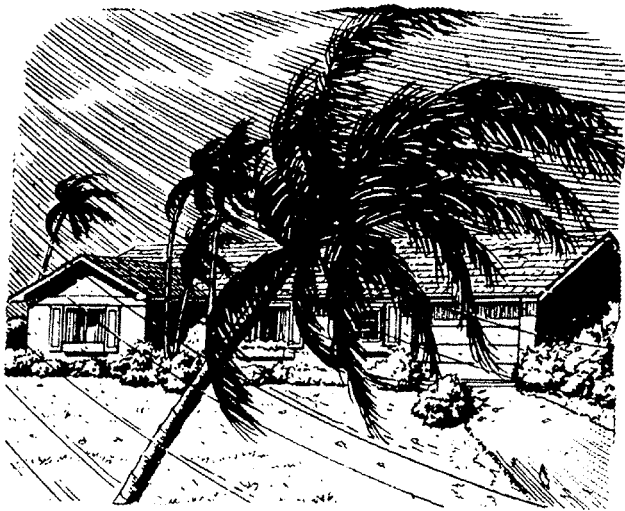
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the Jacaranda Library, Venice Lowes and the Venice Farmer's Market. You can confirm the days and times on the Master Gardener page on the UF/IFAS University of Florida website or by calling 941-861-9900.

I realize this is a drop in a big-problem bucket but to quote Christine Todd Whitman, "Anyone who thinks that

small things don't make a difference has never tried to fall asleep with a mosquito in the room." Sandalwood Park has always had a reputation for envisioning and realizing higher esthetic and practical community standards. I sincerely hope that we can be leaders and bar-raisers on this issue also.

*Respectfully submitted by Marci Weidemiller
8/22/18*



HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!

Please secure all loose items outside of your home if you are going to be away for more than a week. Protect your home and your neighbors' homes.

WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT

Do you like to play cards?



Come to the clubhouse on Wednesday evening and join the fun! Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!

BINGO!

Tuesday & Friday 6:30PM

So fun...try your luck.

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come all.....

Leave all your troubles at home, join your Neighbors at the clubhouse and have a good time!!!



SANDALWOOD WEBSITE



Did you know that Sandalwood has a Website?

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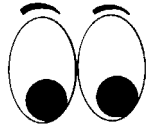
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NOTE DAY CHANGE:

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I opened with a common question, "how happy are you with your hearing aids?" They were never very happy with the hearing aids that they bought. They bought these hearing aids about 18 months ago, during a special pricing promotion from their northern dispenser.

Fred and Ginger had responded to a price ad for a specific aid from one manufacturer. They thought the price was reasonable and tried the hearing aids. The hearing aids were designed for a quiet lifestyle that only needed a limited technology level.

However, Fred's social life includes groups, family, travel, theatres, and dining out regularly. All of this adds up to a very demanding lifestyle.

I don't know if the dispenser up north knew enough to inquire about their current lifestyle and ask what they would like to be doing. Maybe their lifestyle was undergoing dramatic shifts, and the dispenser didn't ask what they would be involved in next year.

I do know that uncovering lifestyle habits and desires is the best foundation for selecting proper technology levels. These lifestyle issues are important to determine how much technology is necessary to hear conversations with clarity. Any aid will make sounds louder. Clarity is the key. The more complex the listening situations, the more technology is necessary to pull the speech from the noise to provide an easier listening experience.

Fred and Ginger tried the higher technology level hearing aids. During the trial, Fred said he was more relaxed and comfortable in social situations. He said he didn't strain to hear and wasn't as anxious about missing words in the conversation.

Reviewing your lifestyle and upcoming changes will ensure you are fitted with a proper level of technology to hear conversations clearly. If you want to review your lifestyle and proper technology levels required for ease of hearing, call my office, 244-9300.

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Matching your lifestyle to new technology

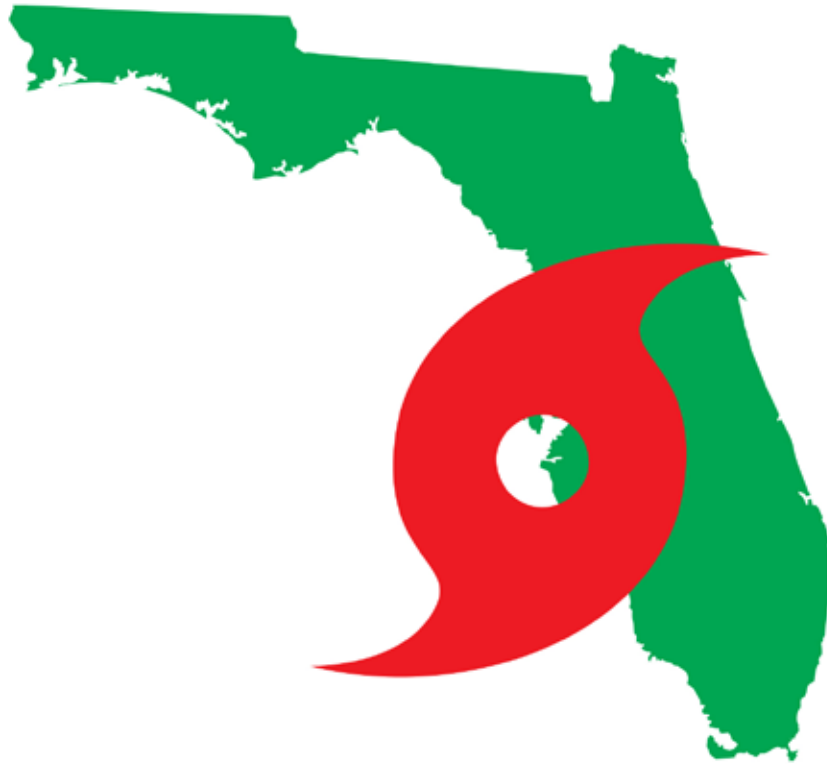
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As identified in our Rules and Regulations date January 10, 2018, any outside modifications to the outside of your unit must be approved by the Board. This includes, but not limited to, changes to landscaping, painting, windows, etc.

2.5 Any outside unit modification is to be completed, in its entirety within 45 days of start.

If lattice work is used to surround a patio, it can be no more than 6 feet in height, placed 12 inches off the ground for a total height of 7 feet. This will allow mowing crews too more easily trim grass.

Openings in lattice work must remain open at all times. Patios cannot be closed off with doors or gates. Outside modifications cannot exceed the specifications as identified in 2.1.

2.6 All modifications to the outside of the unit must be approved by the Board.

Labor Day



Labor Day is an American holiday observed the first Monday in September. The state of Oregon was the first state to make Labor Day a holiday in 1887. Thirty states celebrated Labor Day before it became a federal holiday in 1894.

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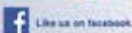
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