

SARATOGA BAY

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Hello Spring

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A photograph of a decorative sign for Saratoga Bay. The sign is rectangular with a decorative border and a small hanging ornament at the top. It is set against a background of a white fence and green hedges. The text on the sign reads "Saratoga Bay" in a serif font.

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COMMUNITY UPDATES



Annual Meeting/Board of Director Election

The Annual Member Meeting will be held on March 31, 2022 at the United Methodist Church, 900 Brandywine Road. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. We have 2 Board Member seats available with 5 candidates running. We must have a quorum of either attendance or Proxies. If you are unable to attend or would prefer to vote by Proxy, you may deliver your proxy in a sealed envelope to any candidate or board member. Candidate profiles and proxies are available to view and download on our website at www.saratogabay.com

Safety and Security

As we continue to do our best to provide a safe and secure community for our residents, we would like to provide you with suggestions of ways residents can assist as well:

- Keep your outside lights on during the evening hours.
- Lock all vehicles that are parked in the driveway.
- Use the Call Box for Guests, Uber, Food Delivery, etc., rather than giving out the gate code. Keep in mind, the less people who have our codes, the safer our community will be.
- Report any suspicious activity or vehicles to the Police.
- Drive safely and obey the stop signs and the speed limit.



Supporting our Neighbor

After much hard work, persistent research and communication with Palm Beach County we are ecstatic to share this exciting news with the community! With the help of board member Sarah Negrin, an application for a home modification grant in the amount of \$75,000 for the homeowner of 2361 Oak Tree Lane was submitted. We are pleased to announce this limited recipient grant has been approved! This fund is dispersed solely by the county for the express purpose of resolving code violations within the exterior and interior of the home.

Over the next few weeks Sarah Negrin who has served as the advocate representative, will meet with the county inspector to continue facilitating a plan of repairs and action. Thank you to Nancy & Paul for their additional assistance and most importantly going above and beyond to support their community and neighbor. Update on 2361 Oak Tree Lane

Front Property Damage

On February 8th, an accident occurred which caused significant damage to community property located beyond the exit gate of the driveway. This accident has been reported to the insurance company and we have been in touch with a representative. However, it is going to take time for before any repairs or clean up can be made to the area as we are still in the process of obtaining estimates for the damage. Be assured, we are working diligently with the insurance company so that we can get the repairs and reconstruction done in a reasonable amount of time.

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Irrigation/Pump Update

We continue to have problems with our 34-year-old irrigation pump system. This week, once again it over heated, which resulted in a blown connector pipe and caused significant leaking so it had to be shut down. Luckily, we were able to get it fixed in a short period of time. We have received quotes to replace the aging system and hopefully we will move forward and do so soon.



Street Sign Power Washing

Thank you to resident and Tool Box Committee Chair, Patrick Farrington for offering to power wash our community street signs. 2 down, 4 to go!!!



Landscape Refurbish and Fertilization

This month, Palm Coast Pest Control will be applying another treatment for pest control and fertilization to our lawns and bushes. This will be their second treatment in the community and although there has been a noticeable improvement, it will take additional treatments to solve our weed and pest issues.

Shrub and sod replacement in identified areas will take place within the next several weeks. If you have an area of concern, please send an email to saratogabayhoa@gmail.com so that it can be addressed.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our community relies on the willingness of residents to volunteer their time to serve on one or more of the various committees. The Landscape Committee and the Tool Box Committee could really use some extra sets of hands.

We are also looking for a few volunteers who are willing to take on the task of cleaning out the guard house and maybe provide some cosmetic repairs. A date and time that will be convenient for all will be set.

Please consider one of these important volunteer opportunities and send an email with your name and contact information to saratogabayhoa@gmail.com



NEW EXTERIOR PAINT PALETTE

Dear Board & Residents,

At the request of the Board and the numerous requests by Saratoga Bay residents, the ACC Committee was tasked to "refresh and update" the community with new exterior paint colors.

The committee contacted Benjamin Moore and requested a contact for an Exterior Color Residential Design Professional. We contacted this professional and tasked her with providing a palette of colors that would bring the community up to date and remain fresh into future years. We were able to have this done free of charge to the community.

Her resume includes over 20 years of recommending color palettes that create a beautiful community appearance, which would increase property values as well as depict a more sophisticated, residential community. With her expertise in servicing over 230 communities each year, she met all the detailed questions during an intensive interview process and educated us with many lessons learned from her extended record with communities. We know her experience meets our demanding requirements.

This professional studied our neighborhood and came to a positive recommendation. She studied the distance between the homes, the LUSH landscaping presence and the lighting that many of the homes include.

Based on her recommendation and our unanimous approval, we have issued the attached pallet for immediate issuance as we know there there is a large waiting list of residents who are immediately ready to paint their homes. residences ready to paint their homes immediately.

Please know that the designer stated we will not get full acceptance by the community but she assured us that the palette "on average" will receive 66 percent acceptance and that is the standard for HOA/managed communities.

Some may state the colors are too neutral, she states these colors, shades with the adjoining homes create Luxury and Elegance. Our white roofs and trim created the tones for her recommendations.

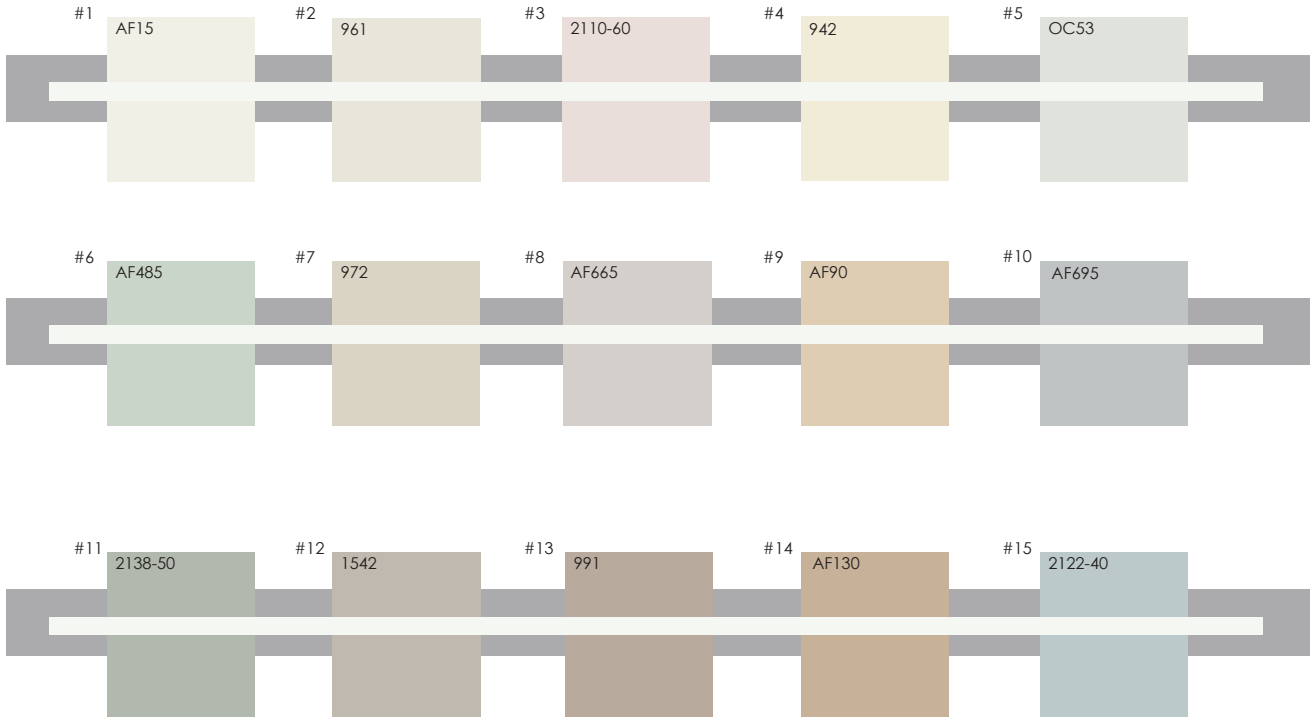
We want all residents to understand, this visual digital palette DOES NOT reflect the actual shade of the hues. We will be creating a board with samples for residents to preview, however, IT IS HIGHLY recommended to order sample materials and paint (2) coats of sample colors on their walls prior to their final selection.

To be noted and managed, the original design of the community did not allow any home to be painted the same color of an adjoining home. Therefore, the ACC will not approve requests of the same color of adjoining homes.

This committee also discussed how our community walls were recently painted and agreed that when the walls require painting again, the AAC committee will select a new color from the palette. It is recommended they contact the designer and coordinate the new color based on surrounding home colors at the time.

We thank you for the opportunity to assist in improving our beautiful community.

Saratoga Bay Coastal Cottage



HOA Payments

Saratoga Bay HOA Fees are now available to be paid electronically through Zelle! To make your payment simply send your payment through Zelle to: saratogabayacct@gmail.com or by scanning the QR Code Below. Please note you can still continue to send checks in as well. We hope this option will now accommodate both those who prefer electronic payments and or paying by check. For any additional questions please contact Board Treasurer Sarah Negrin.

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"You can be a good neighbor, only if you have good neighbors!"

- All dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in public spaces.
- Please do not place yard waste or bulk items out until WEDNESDAY FOR PICK UP ON THURSDAY.
- Trash Receptacles MUST be stored in your garage or behind your side gate, out of sight from the road.
- Many homeowners have not returned their signed consent to receive communication. This is important not only to keep you informed and up to date but it also more efficient than regular mail and also saves the money on printing costs and postage.

(THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.)

If you haven't already, please visit our community website: <https://www.saratogabay.com/>. There you will find just about everything you need to know about living in our community. Our Informational Booklet contains our Rules and Regulations as well as important and useful information for all residents.



Steps to Get Ahead of the Spring Allergy Season

For many, spring has come early this year and the allergy season is already underway. Trees begin spreading pollen before leaves appear on their branches, while grass and weeds begin pollinating later in the year.

"We tend to associate the beginning of allergy season with flowering trees and plants. Truth is allergy season begins much earlier, when buds on otherwise bare trees begin releasing their pollen," said BJ Lanser, MD, assistant professor of Pediatrics at National Jewish Health. "People who suffer from tree allergies may already be experiencing symptoms."

Dr. Lanser offers steps you can take now to get ahead of the spring allergy season.

- Know exactly what triggers your allergies.
- Start your allergy medications now.
- Stay consistent. Take your medications as prescribed.
- Nasal washes can be very helpful.
- Monitor pollen counts.

