

The “Official” Unofficial Lamplighter Newsletter

Newsletters for Residents by Residents

By Sharon Stapleton, Lot 179

I hope everyone had a chance to read our first issue of our newsletter that was published on February 1st. I have received a lot of positive feedback, so we will keep it going. I will need your help, I need input from you (articles, suggestions, welcomes, goodbyes, deaths, birthdays, etc.), so we will be able to continue to publish the newsletter. Please send your input to LamplighterNews@yahoo.com or call/text the editor.

I am happy to report we do have article suggestions this month. Thank God!

Creepy Crawlies: It is on everyone’s mind, how do we rid our house and/or yards of all the creepy, crawly rodents and bugs that seem to love this warm climate.

The first up is the **Armadillos**, this is my first year experiencing the armadillos. Luckily, I have not seen one, but I do have or had them because of the holes they left in my yard. I have heard this complaint from many residents. Here are some suggestions from long-time residents to try.

1. Spread powder detergent over the area where you see the armadillo activity and lightly water. The key here is to kill their food source, which are grubs.
2. Armadillos evidently have a great sense of smell. I guess that is the reason for the long snout. You need to make your yard stink. Use strong smelling scents, think vinegar, ammonia, and good ole Pine Sol to name a few.
3. You could trap them; however, I have heard from a few folks that they can destroy traps plus I guess its illegal to move animals to another location in the state of Florida.

If you have any tried-and-true methods to get rid of the armadillos or any rodent for that matter, please share.

Folks also want to know how to get rid of regular **Ants**. One method we used in Ohio was borax and sugar. Mix the two together and sprinkle it along their trail, they will

carry it back to their nest, killing all in their wake including the queen. I am sure there are other ways that you can use. Send in your suggestions via email.

If you have a good pest control plan or service, please send an email with name & number or if a product, send the name of the product used.

Hurricanes: Hurricane season will be here before we know it. It runs from June 1st to November 30th. A resident suggested we provide information on what to do in case of a Hurricane for our new residents and as a good refresher for long-time residents. I am sure the residents who have lived through a hurricane or two will have some additional information to share. Things you should do before hurricane season.

1. Make a disaster preparedness plan. Are you going to stay or go? You need a plan for both.
2. Gather needed supplies. Your supplies will be different based on your planned action. (See attached list.)
3. Know your evacuation route.
4. Locate hurricane-rated shelters. We do not have one here at Lamplighter.

This website will provide you all the information needed to prepare for hurricane season and an actual hurricane. <https://www.port-orange.org/DocumentCenter/View/155/Port-Orange-Disaster-Planning-Guide-PDF>

Trash Pickup Schedule Reminder

Monday – Regular Trash Pickup – 32-quart trash receptacle only

Wednesday = Yard Waste Pickup

Thursday – Regular Trash & Recycle Pickup. Recycle containers can be picked up at 407 Virginia Ave, Port Orange. You are allowed 3 recycle containers.

Bulk household pickup can be put out with regular trash. If you have a large amount or heavy items, you can schedule a bulk pickup by calling 386-492-8855.

Announcements: Provided by residents

Welcomes:

- Welcome new resident, Doreen, Lot 67.
- Welcome new resident, Jim, Lot 71.
- Welcome new residents, Mary & Terry, Lot 154.
- Welcome new residents, Ken & Linda, Lot 175.
- Welcome new resident, Mark, Lot 201.
- Welcome back Clarke & Diane Tangye, Lot 191.

Deaths:

- Corrine McKelvey, Lot 206, February 3.
- Greg Greer, Lot 80, February 9, car accident.
- Betty Jo Davis, Lot 57, February 24. Her husband is Richard Davis. Private Services.

Activities:

- Scheduled activities (Social Club, resident-hosted)
 - March 1 – Bingo, Clubhouse, 6:30 PM
 - March 10 – Ladies Lunch Bunch, Caribbean Jack's Restaurant & Bar, meet at Clubhouse at 11:30
 - March 17 – Fat Boi Gourmet Potatoes Food Truck, Parking Lot behind Clubhouse, 4-7 PM (tentative), website: fatboipotatoes.com. More information will be posted at Clubhouse and sent via email.

Homes for sale

- 48 Jan Lane, SUN
- 194 Walton Dr, FSBO
- 209 Skipper Dr, Four Star, Maggie Rahn (resident)
- 213 Skipper Dr, Four Star, Maggie (pending)
- 220 Skipper Dr, Four Star, Maggie (pending)
- 130 W. Piedmont Av, Four Star, Maggie (pending)
- 255 W. Piedmont, Four Star, Maggie

Homes sold:

- 67 Walton Dr.
- 71 Walton Dr.
- 175 Becky Dr.

Services (performed by residents or reliable companies outside of the community):

- Lawn Service – Mike Mason, Lot 1
- Lawn & Misc. Services – Bill Lyons, Lot 166
- HVAC questions – Steve, Lot 4

HVAC Companies Recommended

- Behrens, 386-761-7751
- Jerry Brittingham, 386-788-5247
- Advanced Air, 386-427-1665
- A/C Bob, 386-310-8453

Are you a skilled handyman or tradesperson, who is willing to share your talents with your neighbors? If so, please forward your information via email to LamplighterNews@yahoo.com or call me at (937) 272-0104.

The following is a letter to the Lamplighter residents from Kelly Mulina, Lot 177.

Dear Residents: My name is Kelly Mulina, I live at 177 Becky Drive (corner lot). I've lived here for 6-1/2 years. After years of going through red tape, I finally got my new home replacing the one damaged by our last hurricane. I know you're tired of this whole process, but you can't be as frustrated as I am. I can't even live in it yet and it's been there for months now. The problem is the permits, they're taking longer due to the pandemic.

I know the office has received numerous complaints recently about the storage POD behind the house. I wish I could take my furnishings out of it and remove it from the property, but I can't. My things are getting covered in mildew while I wait for the permits to move in. Hopefully, it won't be much longer.

This situation is extremely stressful, I have no control over it. Believe me I'm not happy. I'm staying at a motel. and to top it off in the last few weeks, there have been four (4) FIRES, YES I said four (4). Alarms waking us up at all hours, fire trucks coming and putting the fires out and placing fans to get rid of the smoke, and not to mention, I'm sitting in my car in my pajamas for hours before I can go back into my room. I was also involved in a car accident on February 8th where I suffered some injuries and damage to my car. I'm only telling you this so you can understand what I've been going through. I need your help (watering my plants), prayers, compassion, and understanding; not complaints to the office over things I have no control over.

Thank you! If you have questions or concerns, just talk to me.

Kelly Mulina

Hurricane Emergency Supply Kits

FEMA's Ready Campaign educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including those from natural hazards and man-made disasters. Ready asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and appropriate responses. Everyone should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive several days if an emergency occurs. This list of emergency supply kit items is only a starting point. It is important that individuals review this list and consider the unique needs of their family, including pets, for items to include. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle, or other places they spend time.

Emergency Supply List - Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water and non-perishable food for several days
- Extra cell phone battery or charger
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food, water and supplies for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a portable waterproof container
- Cash and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies, personal hygiene items and hand sanitizer
- Mess kits, Paper cups, plates and disposable utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children

Copied from Federal Emergency Management Agency website: www.ready.gov.

Hurricane shelters will be publicized before a storm and can be found on the Volusia County website: [Tropical System Information \(volusia.org\)](http://www.volusia.org)