



Orange Peel

CITRUS GLEN NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2010

President's Message

First, and most importantly, I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and thank all of you who did such a great job with your Christmas decorations. One of few good things about it getting dark so early is that we get to enjoy all the pretty lights. My sister visited last week and she insisted on walking around after dinner to see all the terrific decorations. Although Bonnie and Maria valiantly attempted to organize a Christmas party, we didn't get enough response to justify the cost to the Association. We're still thinking about having a party sometime after the first of year when everyone is not so busy with their other commitments. If you think organizing a Christmas party is easy, you should read about Ms. Lewis' experiences at <http://wilk4.com/humor/humorm184.htm>.

I think I need to get this global warming thing explained to me again. It's 37 degrees outside as I write this. The newspaper headlines are talking about record setting cold temperatures. The only thing I'm sure about is that if it keeps warming like this, I'm going to have to buy more long pants.

We have our new call box and everything seems to be working relatively well. I think we may still have some issues with cell phones. Our dialer will not call a long distance number. Also, when you press "9" to open the gate, it is the tone generated by pressing the number that opens the gate. It is not the entering of the number. Not all cell phones generate a tone recognized by our gate opener. Although many cell phones will work, including most with AT&T, we only support the AT&T land line phones. I realize this is an inconvenience but, if it's any consolation, it's also an inconvenience for me since I have a "305" cell phone number which I have had for 10 years and don't intend to give up. The only reason I have a land line phone is to open the gate.

I would also encourage everyone to have a couple of the entry cards used to swipe the call box to open the gate. These cost \$10 apiece and are available from the property manager when he is onsite from 9 to 11 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. At some time the battery in your remote gate opener will fail and the opener will not work. Perhaps you are more diligent about replacing batteries than I am but I can't remember the last time I changed the battery in my opener. It's also a good thing to give these cards to frequent visitors. It saves them the trouble of calling you for entry and allows them access to the property if you are not available to answer the phone.

Some of our new trees don't look too good, particularly our Royal Palms at the entry. We don't know exactly what the problem is. It may have been lack of water or perhaps too much fertilizer. The consensus of the Board and the Landscaper is to take a wait and see approach and hope that the trees recover.

New Owner Directory. *It's been two years since the last update to our owner directory. Paulette Martin has again offered to help. If you were not in the last directory, or want any changes to your listing, please either call Paulette at 561-742-1020 or e-mail her at photo220@bellsouth.net. We need your name(s), address, phone number, and your e-mail address if you have one.*

Crime Report. Carissa Quinteros of the Boynton Beach police department was nice enough to give me a crime report for Citrus Glen for the 12 months ending 11/30/2010. Although the police came into our community 64 times in this period, we have to remember that we are the equivalent of a small town. We have 195 houses and probably more than 500 residents. Most of the police calls related to false alarms (burglar alarms), 911 hang ups, complaints about loud neighbors and barking dogs, car accidents, suspicious persons, and a few domestic disputes. We only had seven actual crimes reported. One car theft, one car broken into, one assault, one vandalism, and three larceny complaints. The larceny complaints were minor items such as a stolen bicycle that was returned the next day and a purse missing after a party. No houses were reported as burglarized during this period. All in all, I think Citrus Glen is a pretty safe place to live. However, it is our responsibility to keep it that way. If you see any unusual behavior or occurrences, you need to report it. You also need to get to know your neighbors and we all need to look out for each other.

Other crime and punishment issues include the dog pooping issue. We have small children in our community who play in our yards and open spaces. I also don't think anyone wants to look at the mess left from someone else's dog. Failure to pick up after your dog is both a violation of our protective covenants and also the Boynton Beach municipal code. Our restrictive covenants read as follows —

(2) Offensive pets may be removed by the Association after notice to the owner, with the prevailing party being entitled to recover the cost of the proceedings and reasonable attorney fees. Pets shall be restricted to no more than two pets per dwelling. A pet shall mean a dog or cat. Pets shall be on a leash at all times when not confined within the Owner's single family home or courtyard. Dogs shall not be walked on grass other than that immediately surrounding owner's courtyard.

This is another area where we all need to work together. I will admit that we have not rigorously enforced the dog walking restriction but this was with the assumption that dog owners would pick up after their pets. I'm sure all the dog owners love their pets but they also have to assume the responsibility for the burdens of ownership. Perhaps just tactfully pointing out the rules to the dog owner would be adequate. The Association has the authority to take legal action to have the pet removed from our community but the individuals with concerns about this issue have to be able to tell us when they observed the infraction, a description of the dog and the owner, and the address of the owner. The Association can't take any action unless we can document the violation.

Our annual maintenance inspection will be the week of January 17 and will be made by the property manager. Before then, please look at your fence, roof, mailbox, and sidewalk. I think you can tell if they need cleaning, painting, or repair as well as we can. Please also remember that is "haze gray" and not just any off the shelf gray. Ace hardware has the cedar wrapped mailboxes. I think about 40 or 50 homeowners painted their houses in 2010 and we probably have at least 30 new roofs. I definitely think our community looks better now than it did this time last year. That's great considering all the economic issues we have both within Citrus Glen and everywhere else. Again, we all need to work together to maintain our community.

There will not be a December Board meeting since we will not have enough directors present to have a quorum. Our next meeting will be the annual owner's meeting on January 25. Again, I hope everyone has a great holiday season and I will be talking with you again in 2011.

Sincerely,

Jim Taylor

Please give your guests a card to get in the gate. It is only \$10.00 and will save the gate from breaking permanently for the other homeowners.

We need Short Stories, stories of interest Should you want to make a contribution to the newsletter or would like to have some news made known, please feel free to contact Bonnie Valentino at Bonnievalentino@yahoo.com or 733-9302.

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DON'T MISS IT!!
TUESDAY
JANUARY 25th



Season's Greetings

Pleased to tell you that we have updated our gate calling system.

The following are the instructions

Gate Instructions

The following is a brief explanation that hopefully will shed some light as to the way to operate the entry key pad. At the entry pad, there is a small screen (window) that when idle shows press the “#” key to see directory. When the “#” key is pressed, we gain entry to the directory. The “#” and “*” keys are used to navigate (go forward or backwards) through the directory until the name we are looking for shows up. When the name we are looking for shows up, we look up the 3 digit number for that resident and we key that number into the pad. The resident will be called and when the resident answers and presses the number “9” on the telephone, the gate will open. Alternatively, if we have the lot number of the resident, we only need press the lot number. If we press the # and number, the system will also work.

Example:

- 1) If we are looking for a person named Piguave, we press the “#” key and then we use the # or * keys to navigate the directory. When we find the name Piguave, we notice the number 201. Then, we key the number 201 and call the resident Piguave. The resident may open the gate using the number 9 on the telephone.
- 2) If we have the lot number 201 and we want to call the resident, we key 201. Wait for a response and then identify ourselves so the resident may open the gate by pressing the number “9” on the telephone. If we press #201 it will also work.

If you have any further questions, please free to call Bob for a more detailed explanation.

Vendors with codes, need to press the * before the code

Bob Moreno

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