

Country Meadows

Grant Awarded!

Most of you know we are planning to begin a project to replace the shrubs along 17th street, and I'm pleased to announce that we have been awarded a matching grant from the county to help defray our costs. I want to pass on immense thanks to both Carol Dorociak and Peggy Weissenborn for their contributions to get this done. Here are the steps you can expect as we move forward:

- 1) Getting the contractor started on the removal of the old shrubs, which is already begun. A condition of the grant is that we have neighborhood-wide support in the way of volunteer hours. We will need help spraying this area to ensure any weeds and pepper trees are completely gone.
- 2) The next big step is bringing in more dirt and shoring up the bank with stones and vegetation.
- 3) We will begin to apply as soon as possible for the next grant cycle later this year to help cover the costs of the replacement row of shrubs. This will be done as soon as possible so as to minimize the length of time without this barrier. Thanks for your patience!

We are excited about the vast improvement this will make to our neighborhood, helping all of us to maintain the value of our homes.

Neighborhood Care

- **Palm Care** – As a reminder, this is a good time of year to care for our palms, cutting off dead branches and seed pods. If anyone needs a contractor to help, Kevin Feaster can put you in touch with the one he is using currently.
- **Pet Care** - Let's please be considerate of neighbors and pick up after dogs on walks.
- **Lake Care** – For those who live on the lake, please try to cut grass away from the lake to keep it clear of debris. Swimming is not allowed, due to chemicals, aerators and piping in the lake. Not to mention the six-foot gator recently spotted.
- **Home care** – Many thanks to those who have been improving their properties with fresh paint and landscaping. As a reminder, please download the Architectural Change Form if you are making any changes. This can be found on the web with instructions at <http://www.cmsarasota.org/forms.htm>.

New Residents

Please welcome these new residents to our neighborhood and drop by to say hello if you live nearby:

Jeffery & Elizabeth Baldwin
4970 Country Meadows Blvd.

Edgardo & Magnalia Crenca
4811 Country Meadows Blvd.

William & Fran Zuk
5050 Country Meadows Blvd.

Hurricane Tip: In the event of a hurricane warning this summer, don't forget to bring in potted plants and any other loose equipment that could become a missile in high winds. If anyone is in need of special help please contact Ted Hamm, 323-7818.