



Nature's News

at Wilderness Lake Preserve

August 2022



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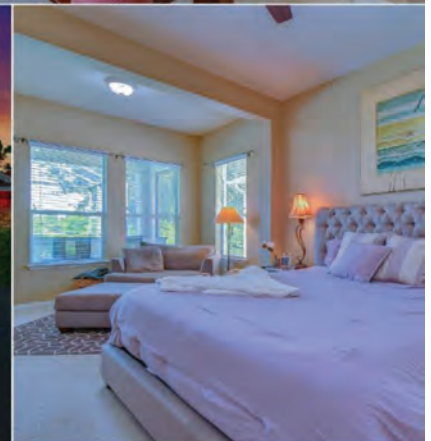
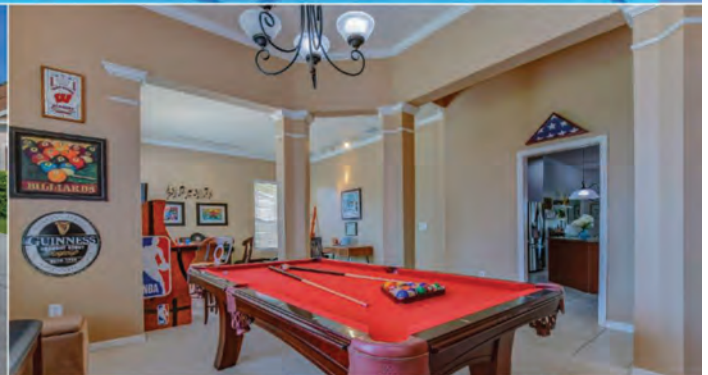
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TUESDAY and FRIDAY MORNINGS*

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Recycling Days: Every Wednesday

Water Restrictions

Please visit the Pasco County website (pascocountyfl.net) to
obtain the most up-to-date watering information.

Architectural Review and Fining Committees

When making changes to the outside of your home, remember to
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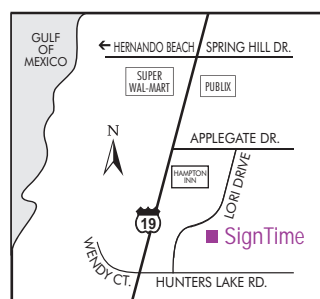
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Yoga

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Tuesday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Thursday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

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(813) 846-0874 Cost: \$5.00 per class



Walking, Toning, and Strengthening Class

Location: Activities Center

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM Cost: FREE

This is a resident-driven activity. Class size is limited due to spacing requirements.



Children's Tennis Lesson

Date: August 27th

Instructor: Sam Watson

Contact: (813) 618-1360

Classes at The Lodge

Chat'ers Club

Ladies' Social Club at Wilderness Lake Preserve

This year the Chat'ers are sponsoring Hospice.

For event information,
please call Judy at (813) 352-9536.

Women of Wilderness Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00am

Contact Shuyuan at (970) 978-7568 or Janice at
(727) 776-5723 for more information.

Deerfields Meeting

Location: Deerfields Pool

Date: 2nd Tues. of each month

Time: 6:00 PM

Game Nights With Your Neighbors

Wednesday Night Cribbage Group at 6:00 PM -
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Bunco is August 16th at 7:00 PM

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Dear Friends and Families of Wilderness Lake Preserve,

We hope that like us, you are all enjoying the warm summer weather, relaxing with family and friends, and taking advantage of all the natural beauty that surrounds us. We thought it would be helpful to share again the various entities of the HOA, how to work with them and why they exist. Remember, next year we will have seats available on our board so if you have an interest in serving your community, this is a great way to do it.

HOA Board of Directors

The main HOA Board is comprised of residents who work to ensure that the HOA budget is used appropriately. The HOA Board of Directors hires and manages interactions with Greenacre, approves or dismisses fines requested by the fining committee and makes decisions regarding their interpretation of existing deed restrictions (DCCRs).

Limits of HOA Board of Directors power: The HOA Board of Directors can recommend and bring to a community vote changes to restrictions, only as part of a quorum (a majority of homes represented) and cannot modify the DCCRs without strong homeowner desire and subsequent participation.

Members of the HOA work to ensure the fair treatment of homeowners, while preserving property values and enjoyment of our community through strategic enforcement of policies in the DCCRs.

HOA Architectural Review Committee

The HOA Board of Directors committed the Architectural Review Committee as an arm of the board. This committee receives requests to modify the exterior of properties, reads and interprets the DCCRs and approves, or recommends changes to these modifications to ensure the continued quality and appearance of the community. All modifications to the exterior of your home including paint, driveway paving projects, landscaping changes or any other change visible from the outside are required to be submitted for approval to this committee, as determined by the DCCRs.

HOA Fining Committee

Well doesn't this sound like a popular and fun job? Contrary to how it sounds, the job of the fining committee is not to go around levying fines on everyone for having a trash can by the road. The job of the fining committee is to review repeated violations submitted from our third party HOA management company (Greenacre), visit the site and determine whether a fine should be levied. Because the goal of the HOA is compliance with DCCRs and not fining,

this is a last resort, and is performed by neighbors who hope to see that the issue is resolved to prevent fining from taking place.

Greenacre

Greenacre is hired by the HOA Board of Directors to enforce the DCCRs. This company performs the neighborhood "patrols," sends the violations, and tracks the violation responses for compliance.

Is a Violation like a "Ticket"?

It's important that you look at a violation less like a citation or a traffic "ticket" and more like the beginning of a process to resolve the matter. Once you receive a notice of violation, simply respond to the notice, or communicate with your HOA board with questions. This will avoid fines and is as simple as responding and saying, "trash can brought inside", "garage door closed", "weeds removed", "hedges trimmed" etc. As small as these things may seem, it is the simple things that keep our community looking great and our property values high.

As a friendly reminder, **for the safety of our vendors please never approach individuals who conduct these inspections** and simply contact our management company in writing at melindas@greenacre.com if you have any questions or concerns about the process. Greenacre is prohibited by law from discussing violations which can only be addressed in writing.

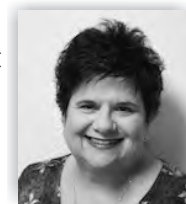
We welcome homeowner participation and look forward to continuing to serve our great community. Please remember all of these positions are volunteer driven and open to participation. If you want to impact changes in any of these areas the best way to do this is to become involved, attend meetings and join a committee or board.

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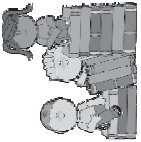






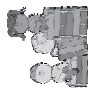


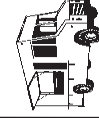

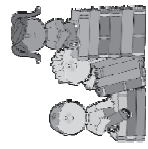
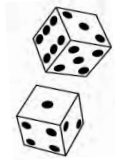







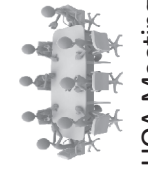


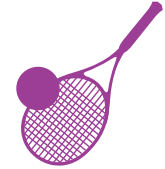
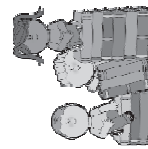

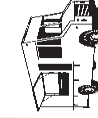






Choking
Bleeding
Poisoning
Insects, Snake
Bites & Stings
Pet First Aid





August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  Story Time 10:00 AM	2	3  Recycling Day  Paint w/Maria Ages 5-10 11:00 AM  Auntie Anne's Pretzel Food Truck 4 - 8:00 PM  CDD Meeting 6:30 PM	4  Back to School Skin Care for Teens 1:00 PM	5  Your Neighbors' Southern Sweet Kids Cake & Cookie Décor 10:00 AM	6
7	8  Story Time 10:00 AM  ARC Meeting 6:30 PM	9	10  Recycling Day  Bubble Tea and Caribbean Food Trucks 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	11	12	13  Art Class 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
14	15  Story Time 10:00 AM	16  Bunco 7:00 PM	17  Recycling Day  Cake Shop & Nacho Wagon Food Trucks 4 - 8:00 PM  Karaoke Night & Open Mic 5 - 8:00 PM	18	19  Your Neighbors' Southern Sweet Adults Cake & Cookie Décor 10:00 AM	20
21  Pet Tech - CPR, First Aid & Care For Pets 12:30 pm	22  Story Time 10:00 AM  ARC Meeting 6:30 PM	23  HOA Meeting 6:30 PM	24  Recycling Day  JB'S Sweet Addiction & Shula's Food Trucks 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	25	26	27  Kid's Tennis with Sam Watson 9:00 AM
28	29  Story Time 10:00 AM	30	31  Recycling Day  Auntie Pj's Water Ice & Wich Press Food Trucks 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	1 SEPTEMBER	2	3
4	5  Story Time 10:00 AM  ARC Meeting 6:30 PM	6	7  Recycling Day  CDD Meeting 9:30 AM	8	9	10



Yard of the Month



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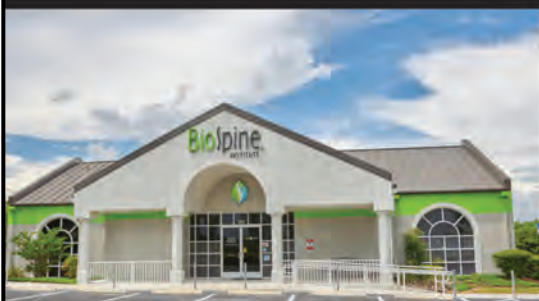
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Highlights of the CDD Meeting



The monthly CDD meeting was conducted on July 6, 2022 and was attended by Board of Supervisors Brian Norrie, Beth Edwards, Scott Diver and Heather Evereth. Also in attendance were the Rizzetta Team including Community Manager, Nick Shaffery, District Manager Matthew Huber and Jayna Cooper. District Counsel, the District Engineer, RedTree Landscaping and several audience members were also present. Supervisor Holly Ruhlig joined the meeting while in progress.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 9:30am and opened for audience comments.

During Supervisor requests and walk-on items, Supervisor Edwards requested minor changes to the agenda order. Supervisor Diver requested board visibility and notification of new hires and inquired about grill use. Food preparation as a service for residents is paused, pending new facility licensing and certification of staff.

- Landscaping
 - o Board discussed at length pruning schedule, hedge health
 - o Supervisor Edwards suggested the revision of language within the contract to read as “discretionary” for some services and well as to clarify the 5 maintenance zones and frequency of pruning.
 - o Caliente Blvd. irrigation project is completed.
 - o Mulching and tree removal projects are in progress.
 - o Lightning Damage report for irrigation system and zones impacted by lodge strike.
 - o Storm damage downed tree reported
 - o Revised proposal received and considered from RedTree regarding selective large tree removal as part of the woodline maintenance project.
- District Engineers Report
 - o District Engineer (Stephen B) splash pad update
 - o Met with Pool Works and Florida Play Structures
 - o Recommended Surfaces are Sundeck (hard) and Raindeck (soft) both vendors to provide proposals.
 - o Spray heads and pumps need to be replaced or repair during resurfacing
 - o Will request input from Cooper Pools regarding surface recommendations
 - o Ranger Station update. Pending 7 proposals from contractors. JMT to provide management of traffic

plan to Pasco County if not provided by selected contractor.

- No report from District Counsel
- GHS Environmental
 - o Provided report
 - o Board discussed, at length, Wetland Assistant, Budget Numbers and Woodline Pruning.
 - o Supervisor Edwards provided woodline pruning proposal for review. Board approved the proposal in substantial form. District Counsel to draft agreement.
- Community Managers Report
 - o Lodge Lightning Damage Report (extensive) – Community Manager
 - o Request for Staffing Matrix – Supervisor Edwards
 - o Holiday Lights and Holiday Events Plan – Supervisor Edwards
 - o General Store State Licensing Requirements Requests – Supervisor Evereth
 - o Speed Sign and Speed Report Discussion – Supervisor Evereth
 - ❖ Board Approves Additional Speed Sign to be purchased and added to Citrus Blossom Drive problem area.
 - ❖ Board discusses strategic scheduling of speed patrol based on data from speed signs and data sharing with Sheriff's Department.
 - o Gym Improvements – Fitness Logic proposals – Community Manager
 - ❖ Board Approves new stepper machine
 - ❖ Board tables rowing machine pending evaluation
 - o Recreational Rules & Regulations discussion tabled pending site visit from EGIS Insurance and liability recommendations.
- Soccer Goal Proposals
 - o Supervisor Ruhlig requested consideration of Oakhurst Park for soccer goals installation.
 - o Board approved purchase of Jaypro 8' x 24' goals with wheel kits to be installed at Oakhurst Park.
- Security Improvements discussion tabled for August meeting.
- Pool Vendor Proposals
 - o Board considered proposals from A-Quality Pool

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WLP's Critter Corner Living with Alligators



It was during the July "Critter Camp" that our team, and 30 or so of our resident friends who attended the camp walked out on the dock to entertain ourselves that sunny afternoon by feeding the fish who reside in our neighborhood lake. If you didn't already know, you can pick up a bag of fish food any time by helping yourself to the basket of rolled up and taped closed paper lunch sacks located behind the reception desk. These bags are prepared by our staff, and intended for children (and children at heart) who visit the lodge to use for this very purpose.

Since it was the heat of the day, some of the bigger fish were likely taking refuge under lily pads, and under the dock away from the 60 pitter patterning children's feet who were bursting with excitement to see fish, turtles and just maybe one of the many alligators who also enjoy calling Wilderness Lake home. Normally, our fish friends enjoy eating from a very specific spot just inside the right side of the "t" that divides the dock and heads off toward the boats which, for the sake of conversation and information you may not be aware are available for resident use if you bring your own life vest. As we tried to stir up our finned-friends in this area, we realized only the smaller fish seemed interested.

Slowly, the group began spreading out trying other areas of the dock and before long, discovered that near the lily pads, larger fish were emerging to take part in the buffet of compressed fish food nuggets being tossed into the lake by excited, and sticky little hands. Just then, who also emerged hoping for a tasty morsel? An alligator. Slowly skimming across the water checking out the scenery, the alligator made his presence known, and the children (and not to worry, the adult hands they were all holding) enjoyed this glimpse of the nature that surrounds us daily.

For many of us (including the writer of this story, who grew up in Florida) the sight of an alligator seems menacing and dangerous, but when we care for the nature around us, it is possible to live harmoniously. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission has a few recommendations that we can all follow to avoid an unwanted negative encounter.

- Never feed an alligator or fish with meats like chicken, hot dogs and other strong-smelling bait that attracts alligators. Feeding alligators is illegal in Florida. When fed, alligators overcome their natural fear of humans and when this happens an alligator trapper removes and kills the animal.
- Remember that alligators are a natural part of Florida's ecosystem.
- Dispose of fish scraps and never throw dead fish or fish pieces back into the water, inadvertently feeding alligators.
- Leave alligators alone. State law prohibits harassing, feeding or touching even baby alligators.

- Keep pets 10 feet away from water's edge.
- Lakes and ponds in Florida (and of course, Wilderness Lake Preserve) can be inhabited by very large and potentially dangerous alligators.
- Never swim in undesignated areas including neighborhood docks where alligators shelter during the day.
- Never swim in any freshwater between dusk and dawn, when alligators are most active.
- If you see an alligator, keep your distance.
- If you suspect a nuisance or injured alligator, contact the lodge or call 866-FWC-GATOR

Highlights of the CDD Meeting continued



Service and Cooper Pools

- o Board approved Cooper Pools and the termination of current vendor.
- Protected & Densely Wooded Areas Policy Discussion – tabled
- June 1, 2022 meeting minutes unanimously approved.
- Operations & Maintenance expenditures approved unanimously.
- Clean audit from FY 2020 & 2021 presented with no questions
- Landowner letter discussed, revised and approved by board for mailing.

In closing, audience comments were reopened. There were no additional requests from audience or the Board of Supervisors.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM. The next CDD meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Official meeting minutes from the July meeting will be approved at this time and will then be posted on the Wilderness Lake CDD website.



Ka-Boom! Lightning Strikes Twice



The old adage “lightning never strikes twice” is often used, in many contexts to describe the perceived rarity any event, based upon the unlikeliness of a lightning hit in the same place twice. Unfortunately for our Lodge, not only is this a false tale, lightning can and often does strike the same place twice. In fact, lightning strikes happen so frequently in the Tampa Bay area



that our beloved hockey team carries its namesake. Go Bolts! Anyway, If you've found yourself at the Wilderness Lake Lodge pool during a nearby storm, I'm sure you've felt the proverbial “buzz” in the air, as staff hustles to close the pool, monitoring strikes and eventually shuffling everyone off the deck and indoors or home. In fact, during the July 4th party, this exact scenario occurred during an exciting egg game. Party-goers were quickly soaked by torrential rain, and in classic Florida style, the party went on indoors. The DJ moved equipment with swift experience and before long, kids of all ages were circling a row of chairs playing musical chairs while adults and uninterested teens sipped their pool drinks, snacked on chips, BBQ, Italian ices and homemade salsa made by Trish (man that was good!) all from the safety of the activity center. Jokes abounded about all sorts of fun local topics and neighbors got to know each other.

A few days later, as Assistant Manager Terri was finishing up her day, and her daughter waited outside to drive her home she (her daughter) became witness to a thunderous boom that lit up the metal gutters around the lodge which continued to glow for a few moments that felt like an eternity. It was in that exact moment that 300 million volts (not quite 1.21 gigawatts for those of you who are Back to the Future fans) of electricity attached themselves to everything metal on the lodge buildings, pool area and nearby landscaping low-voltage lines and wreaked havoc.

It wasn't the first time and lightning did in fact, strike twice. Several years ago, this same scenario occurred right here in Wilderness Lake Preserve. Since then, multiple high-end lightning awareness procedures (including those that emptied the pool area that day) and technology-protecting hardware were swiftly put into place. Unfortunately, even the high-end commercial lightning protection our facilities use are not enough for a direct hit, which our tall lodge building seems to attract. Over the coming days, lodge staff worked tirelessly to repair and assess damages and at the time of this article, there are still a few things being worked out (like our Theater projector, for example.. sorry kids movies are now in the Activity Center.) In

addition, lodge staff has started research into alternative methods of strike damage prevention.

The University of Florida IFAS has the following recommendations to protect human life. Florida is our nation's lightning capital, and the I4 corridor is currently the center of that concentration of electrical activity.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

Avoid being struck by lightning:

- Watch for developing thunderstorms which can appear as tall, tower-like white fluffy clouds from a distance.
- If you can hear thunder, you are within 10 miles of a storm, and can be struck even if the sky is blue.
- Seek shelter in a building with walls or a fully enclosed vehicles, not under pavilions, in open carports, garages, golf carts or building overhangs where you are still vulnerable.
- When inside, unplug electronics and do not handle devices that are plugged in including corded telephones or computers and charging cell phones or laptops.
- Avoid doing laundry (no problem for this lady!), showering or washing dishes until the storm has passed.

If you are stuck outside and cannot take shelter

- Squat low to the ground by kneeling or crouching. Never lie on the ground during an electrical storm.
- Avoid very tall structures like towers, fences, poles or open areas (where you are the tallest thing)
- Get away from water, including pools, rivers, lakes and beaches if possible.
- If you are on the water, come ashore. If on a boat in open water, enter the boat's cabin. If no cabin exists, drop anchor, avoid electronics and get as low as possible.
- Move into low-lying areas.
- Find a clump of multiple trees rather than one isolated tall tree if you are in the woods.
- If you feel your hair stand on end, drop to your knees bend forward and place hands on knees.

Adapted and excerpted from UF IFAS “Lightning Safety” website and NOAA National Weather Service “Lightning Safety” brochure.

Radar Results

Wilderness Lake Blvd

Night Heron Drive

DATE	Vehicle Count	Speeder Count	Fastest Time Period	Average Speed	Speeders who reduced speed	Vehicle Count	Speeder Count	Fastest Time Period	Average Speed	Speeders who reduced speed
Wed Jun 1	1235	714	1:00p	21.3	508	994	339	6:00p	18.9	734
Thurs Jun 2	1242	673	6:00p	20.6	499	963	345	2:00p	19.2	686
Fri Jun 3	1312	810	4:30p	21.6	536	982	372	5:30p	19.4	718
Sat Jun 4	1138	672	4:00p	21.5	441	883	313	3:00p	19.5	661
Sun Jun 5	1080	660	6:00p	21.4	450	846	284	4:00p	19	594
Mon Jun 6	1182	678	3:00p	21.3	494	401	137	2:00p	18.6	246
Tues Jun 7	1220	728	6:00p	21.5	499	559	224	1:00p	19.7	468
Wed Jun 8	1224	737	6:30p	21.5	495	991	390	12:00a	19.5	691
Thurs Jun 9	1175	735	5:30p	21.6	479	990	379	2:00p	19.3	697
Fri Jun 10	1179	745	6:00p	21.4	454	1034	374	6:30p	18.9	701
Sat Jun 11	1076	681	2:00p	21.6	414	913	371	2:30p	19.2	649
Sun Jun 12	1016	643	4:30p	21.6	362	828	331	5:00p	19.8	625
Mon Jun 13	1202	771	12:30a	21.7	462	994	373	1:30p	19.4	722
Tues Jun 14	1174	743	12:30a	21.8	458	1040	364	12:00a	19.2	728
Wed Jun 15	1169	702	5:30p	21.5	467	971	354	6:00p	19.2	680
Thurs Jun 16	1216	751	3:30p	21.6	493	1018	389	6:30p	19.3	698
Fri Jun 17	1271	760	6:00p	21.5	486	969	364	1:00p	19.6	695
Sat Jun 18	1117	753	3:00p	22	410	883	345	7:00p	19.6	636
Sun Jun 19	1029	650	5:00p	21.7	391	111	40	6:00p	18.9	77
Mon Jun 20	1221	758	12:00a	21.7	519	695	284	9:00p	19.5	521
Tues Jun 21	1203	741	2:00p	21.6	494	986	373	5:30p	19.4	701
Wed Jun 22	1268	722	3:30p	21.1	551	967	376	5:00p	19.6	705
Thurs Jun 23	1285	749	5:30p	21.3	532	980	399	6:30p	19.5	684
Fri Jun 24	1291	765	1:00p	21.3	524	950	355	2:00p	19.5	666
Sat Jun 25	1207	730	6:00p	21.6	530	843	295	7:30p	19.3	597
Sun Jun 26	1129	714	4:00p	21.7	454	787	281	4:00p	19.4	566
Mon Jun 27	1172	689	6:00p	21.4	470	905	364	3:30p	19.6	665
Tues Jun 28	1248	644	12:30a	20.6	523	996	361	12:00a	18.9	658
Wed Jun 29	996	537	2:00p	21	409	1012	368	2:00p	18.9	686
Thurs Jun 30	18	14	5:00p	22.9	3	505	168	8:30p	18.9	319

WLP ARC Online Application Process

The ARC would like to announce that all ARC applications are now accepted online.

Here are steps on how to submit the ARC application online:

1. Log into your Greenacre Association Web Portal account at <https://G360.greenacre.com>

No sign-in? No Problem! Send an email request to webaccess@greenacre.com to request a login PIN#

2. Click on the **Architectural** tab on top of the screen

3. Choose **Architectural Request**

4. Click on **+ New Request**

5. Choose the appropriate **form type** from the drop-down menu

6. Fill out the form and submit. *Please attach any images

and supporting documents. Applications submitted without all necessary information will be returned as incomplete, which may delay application approval.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application is "Pending".

Please contact the ARC if you have any questions. yourarc@wlp-hoa.org.

Looking for more information before submitting an application?

All paint color schemes with digital colors as well as ARC criteria can be found in the portal documents.

From the **Home** page click the **My Association** tab, choose **Association Documents**, then click on the **Architectural Review** folder.



Recipe of the Month



Teresa Harvison's Award Winning Pork Verde Chili

Ingredients

- 2 pounds pork loin cut into bite size pieces
- 2 cups onion diced
- 32 oz chicken broth
- 40 oz jar of 505 Southwestern Roasted Green Chile
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 1 teaspoon Celery Salt
- ½ teaspoon Oregano
- 2 tablespoon Cumin
- 4 tablespoons chopped Cilantro
- 1 tablespoon Chili Powder



- 3 cans white beans drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup Masa (thickener)

Directions

- Brown pork pieces
- Add onion, jar of chile and chicken broth - cover and bring to a simmer for 1 hour, stirring often
- Add next 7 ingredients (seasonings)
- Simmer 1 hour, stir often
- Add White Beans
- Add Masa
- Simmer and stir often



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