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## **Mark Your Calendars** **Board** **Meeting**

**October 30, 2012**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Community Hall**

**Annual Membership**  
**Meeting**  
**December 6, 2012**

**9:00 a.m.**  
**Renaissance Club**



# Versailles III Newsletter

October 2012

## 2012 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President:	Dale Revell
Vice President:	Elaine Novosel
Treasurer:	Mike Krodell
Secretary:	Maggi Guzinsky
Director at Large:	Mel Melton
Lawn & Maintenance:	Mel Melton
Social Committee:	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Architectural Committee:	Elaine Novosel

## *President's Corner*

It seems like the summer has flown by and soon our winter residents will begin to filter back to Sun City Center if they haven't done so already. Welcome back to all. I hope this will be another great year for everyone.

It is great to see Elaine Novasel out and about on her bicycle in our neighborhood. We are all glad she is doing much better. If there are any other Versailles III residents who are in hospital and having difficulty, just let me know so we can share reports to our residents if the individual agrees.

November 6th Election Day is a critical day for our country. No matter your party affiliation, please make sure you exercise your right to vote.

Reminder of our Fall get together on November 14<sup>th</sup>, which will give us a chance to catch up with each other and welcome back our Northern friends. It will be held in the backyards of 1023 and 1025 Emerald Dunes. Big thanks to Haney and Krodels for hosting and organizing this event. Please bring beverages, salads, appetizers, side dishes, or desserts and your lawn chairs. Grill meats will be provided by the HOA. Fun starts at 5:00PM and ends around 8:00pm. Hope to see you all there.

Saturday, November 17th is the Renaissance Neighborhood Golf Challenge. Please contact Jim Haney for details at 813-220-8758 or [jhaney1@msn.com](mailto:jhaney1@msn.com)

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From the board perspective, it has been a quiet summer. We are planning a Board Meeting on October 30th to discuss our financial position, open items and begin the budget process for 2013. Our Annual Meeting will be on December 6th. As you know, I agreed to stand in for an additional year as President with the understanding that someone else would step forward to run for board membership. It has been my pleasure to serve Versailles III members these last 3 years but I will be leaving the Board as of the December 6th meeting so please consider stepping up to serve our community.

**Dale Revell**

Don't forget to frequently check the Versailles III  
Website for updates at:  
[www.versailles3.suncityctr.org](http://www.versailles3.suncityctr.org)



We are looking for volunteers willing to have their names placed on the Ballot for the Versailles III Board of Directors. If you are interested in being nominated, please notify a member of the Board of Directors or the Manager prior to November 10, 2012



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### Need to get a hold of one of the Board Members?



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Please remember, if you are selling your home it is the **Seller's** responsibility to notify the manager *and* to also furnish the purchaser a copy of the Official Documents.

### Tis the Season

With the holiday season right around the corner, here are some safety tips to remember!



- Be aware of your surroundings when using the ATM. Have your card ready to use and when you are done put it away! Don't count your cash until you are in a safe place!
- When using the drive– thru ATM, keep your car running, doors locked, and the rest of your windows up!
- Keep your PIN number a secret, Don't write it down and hide it in your wallet.
- Keep a record of all your credit card numbers and company contact info at home in a secure place in case you lose them or need to cancel cards due to fraudulent activity.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash– Use a check or credit card
- Ladies– Don't leave your purse in the child seat of a shopping cart unattended or in the car! It is better to wear a cross body bag when possible
- Gentleman– Watch your wallet, it is a popular target for crooks in shopping areas, mass transit terminals and more.
- It's easy to get distracted and leave items behind. Before you leave the store or restaurant, make sure you have everything– Credit and debit cards, car keys, wallet, ect.
- Don't overload yourself with packages, instead make a trip to the car and place the items in your trunk so that you are not easy targeted because your hands are full.
- Park in well-lighted areas and lock your doors.
- Place all your shopping bags and packages in the trunk or out of sight, covered in the back seat.
- Stores are open late for holiday shopping, so have your car keys in your hand when you leave the store and walk briskly to your car.
- Always know where you are parked ( find a marker to remember), so you don't walk around the parking lot lost and confused. And always look inside you can before entering.

### Pet Safety

Keep your pets safe around the holiday season, while poinsettias were targets for so many years, holly berries, mistletoe, and Jerusalem cherries are actually poisonous for pet– causing abdominal pain and nausea.



It is a Hillsborough County Ordinance and also a restriction in Versailles III that states all pets (CATS & DOGS) must be on a leash when outside of a member's home. This is for the safety and protection of you and your pets.



We are looking for a volunteer willing to head the Social Committee. If you are interested, please Call or email to the Manager's Office at:  
**813-645-1569**

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## From the Desk of the Manager: Lou Ellen Wilson

It is hard to believe that we will be welcoming our 'snow bird' neighbors back in a few weeks. We hope that you had a wonderful summer and are ready to get back home.

The Fall is always a good time to catch up on the exterior maintenance that needs to be done around your home. We had an unusually hot, wet summer and this means mold and mildew—so please check your roof, exterior walls, fascia and eaves of the home, driveway and sidewalk. If you do have mildew, we would appreciate your having this removed as soon as possible. Not only for aesthetic purposes, but the mold spores do travel with the wind and persons with allergies can be affected. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Also this summer it was noted that several of the carriage lights were not working, please check the your lights at least monthly. If you are planning to upgrade your landscaping, don't forget that the removal/replacement of trees or new shrub beds require architectural approval.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or a Committee, please let the Manager or the Secretary, Maggi Guzinsky, know by **November 10, 2012**. The most successful associations are those that have all of the members participating.

Please mark your calendar to attend the Annual Meeting on December 6, 2012 —*Your attendance will be very important this year.*

If you have lawn concerns, please contact the Manager's Office (do not discuss with the employees of Valley Crest. They are reported the same day to John Cornelius (Area Manager) —this allows the Manager to keep a written report of the concerns, so that the Board can assess their performance.

***We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Association Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2012***

Thank you for allowing L.E. Wilson & Associates to be your Manager.



### L. E. Wilson & Associates has a new website!

Please visit our new website at [www.lewilsoninc.com](http://www.lewilsoninc.com). You can request Architectural forms and pay your assessment online (additional fees may apply).

## From the Desk of ValleyCrest



Plant parasitic Nematodes are probably the least understood and most difficult to manage of the turf grass pests in Florida.

### What Are Nematodes?

Nematodes are unsegmented roundworms, different from earthworms and other familiar worms that are segmented or, in some cases, flattened and slimy. Nematodes living in soil are very small and most can only be seen using a microscope.

All plant-parasitic Nematodes have a stylet or mouth-spear that is similar in structure and function to a hypodermic needle. The nematode uses the stylet to puncture plant cells, and then inject digestive juices and ingest plant fluids through it.

The Nematodes that cause damage to turf grasses in Florida are sting, AWL, stubby-root, sheath, sheathoid, and ring Nematodes.

When Nematode population densities get high, symptoms may become evident. Symptoms include yellowing, wilting, browning, or thinning out. Grass areas die out under extreme Nematode and environmental stress. Often, as the grass thins out, weeds, particularly spurge or Florida pusley, may become prominent. Nematode damage usually occurs in irregular shaped patches that may enlarge slowly over time.

Even the best managed turf can suffer from nematode injury. In order to kill Nematodes in soil, Nematicides are toxic at low levels and are water soluble in order to move down to where the Nematodes are. The effective Nematicides used in the past have been withdrawn from the market during the past twenty-five (25) years for environmental and health reasons. There are no Nematicides labeled for use on residential homes in Florida.

### What Can I Do About Nematodes?

Once excessive damaging counts of Nematodes have been identified in your soil, you have limited means of control.

#### Solarization Process is as Follows:

- Clean all turf and debris from the area to be solarized.
- Place two layers of clear plastic over the soil.
- Between the two layers of plastic, place a divider such as a one-inch plastic PVC pipe.
- Seal the edges of the plastic with soil.
- Let the sun beat down on the plastic and soil for a couple of months.
- After a couple of months, remove the plastic and enjoy Nematode free soil.

This process will kill pretty much everything in the soil down to the depth of about one foot but is not practical to accomplish in many HOA environments.

There has recently been a new product that has been introduced to the market called Nortica which does not kill Nematodes but contains the bacteria *Bacillus Firmus* which is used to help manage Nematodes by creating a living barrier of protection around the root. In trials, research showed that Nortica, in most cases, improved root growth, turf quality, and turf density. This product must be applied every three months and at a cost of \$15.00 per 1,000 square feet of turf area treated. This is not a guaranteed treatment but is an option for possible consideration. Please contact your **ValleyCrest** Account Manager if you would be interested in this additional service option.

**ValleyCrest** will continue to use cultural practices due to the limited chemical options for residential use. This is accomplished by a properly balanced fertility program that promotes root growth and deep irrigation watering to promote deep-rooting

Sincerely,  
**ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance**