



April-May 2021 Newsletter

Below are highlights from the Watersedge April 17 board meeting, along with other information. We hope you find this helpful and welcome your suggestions for future communications.

- **Tree Replacements**—About 125 trees have been planted along Highway 58 and between the Park and Flip Flops, and drip irrigation lines have been added. Please do not cut or trim these trees. Also, please do not walk between the trees as a shortcut to enter or exit the park. Anyone who damages the trees by cutting, trimming, or walking between them will be held responsible for the cost of replacing them.
- **Marsh Nourishment**—Board members met with engineers to consider modifying our CAMA permit for a marsh rebuilding project and possibly for additional piers. Funding has been approved for initial coordination, surveying, design, and permitting, with additional requirements to be addressed later.
- **Water Valve Replacements**—The Park's main water valves have been replaced, which will enable future repairs to be made by shutting off only one small section instead of the entire Park. Also, additional shutoff valves were added between the main water connection and several mobile homes.

- **Water Usage**—Costs for water use increased significantly last year, and the board discussed ways the Park could reduce water usage, especially related to irrigation systems and toilet leaks. If costs cannot be controlled through conservation, additional charges may be passed along to residents.
 - As a reminder, grass watering should be done in the early morning. Sprinklers should not be used mid-day or overnight. Automatic irrigation systems that operate on a routine basis should be used no more than two times a week, or three at the most, and turned off on Saturday and Sunday.
 - Review these two websites that provide excellent tips for water conservation at Watersedge or at your home:
 - <https://www.boguebankswater.com/conservation-tips> (scroll down on this website and review the fifth paragraph through the end of the page)
 - <https://www.irrigationdynamics.com/10-tips-to-save-water.html>
- **Children**—We love having children in our park and are pleased to see so many of them enjoying themselves. However, there have been concerns expressed about some behaviors that are inappropriate from children whose parents reside in the Park and of guests' children. Parents should ensure that children are behaving responsibly and not running through other people's yards, climbing on their decks, blocking traffic, or creating disturbances (especially during quiet time from 11 pm to 7 am). Children on bikes should be respectful of adults who may be walking on park roads. Bicycles are not to be ridden on a neighbor's yard without permission of that owner.
- **Updated Website**—Feedback on the updated website, <https://www.wemhp.com/>, has been positive. Residents are encouraged to submit pictures to be added to the gallery section. Please email them to Barbara Maurer at bjm112@suddenlink.net and Susie Oliver at soliver@mindspring.com. Thanks to Fred Adams for submitting the picture above that was taken by a friend.
- **Park Guidelines**—Park guidelines have been developed as a quick reference regarding your responsibility as a resident of Watersedge. Please become familiar with them to make Watersedge a better place to live. They are located on our website under the [Residents and Owners Only](#) page. The confidential password to the [Residents and Owners Only](#) page is ilovethebeach. A recent addition to the guidelines is that no permanent anchors for watercraft are allowed in the sound.

- **Annual Meeting and Celebration**—The annual meeting and picnic celebration is being postponed from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend due to COVID-19. The meeting and picnic will be held on Saturday, September 4.
- **West Entrance**—The west entrance gate is open until the fall.
- **Free Parking Permits**—Emerald Isle taxpayers are eligible to receive two annual free parking permits for the Eastern and Western Ocean Regional Access. Additional information is located on our website under the [Residents and Owners Only](#) page. The confidential password to the [Residents and Owners Only page](#) is ilovethebeach.