

happy
NEW YEAR

**Wishing our friends and neighbors
a happy and event filled New Year.**

Wellwood Nugget Winter 2020



WCA 2020 Board of Directors

*Here are our newly elected officers and
board of directors for 2020 - 2022*

President: Tina Hurless

Vice President: Michelle Lambo, P.A.

Secretary: Jessica Scrivani

Treasurer: Ada Pyles

Board Members:

Dominick Perrone

Kaitlyn Ihrke

Ane Kloetzer

Kitty Wallace (not pictured)

Crime Watch Captain:

Sonia Diaz (not pictured)

Time to renew your membership dues!

\$20/household per year

Your membership entitles you to 10% off

any one rental at the civic center

that's a \$40 - \$60 savings!

You can sign up or renew online

Community News

- We are mourning the loss of a wonderful neighbor in Wellswood Joe DiCorte passed Jan. 1st Those of you that knew him know he is a very special person. Others would have met him throughout the years at the annual haunted house he put on at the Wellswood Civic Center and at his residence on Wishart. His energy and community devotion will be missed.
- We have merged the general membership and crime watch meetings this year. They will be the second Monday in Jan., Mar., May, Sept. and Nov.
- SWEEP for Wellswood is June 1st. Start preparing now!



- We are looking for a neighbor to help us with some electrical work at the civic center. We need to install a motion light and move two security cameras. Please email us [here](#) if you are able to help out. Thank you!
- Have you seen the new paint job inside the hall? It looks great and we are ready to host your party!

EXCITING NEWS!

2020 Community Grant

We were approved for another community grant for this year!

Here is what the grant will cover:

- *Community Painted Mural on the west side of the Civic Center above the herb garden
- *A lending library box (and national registry online for our box)
- *Brand new wheelchair ramp and rails to the civic center
- *Birdhouse kits for a gardening craft class

Stay tuned for details and how you can participate!

Upcoming Events



Friday February 14th



Wellswood EATS

Thursday February



Saturday March 7th

Parents night out

5:30 pm - 11 pm

GS Troop #2515 (7th grade/13 yrs old) have proudly completed their CPR/First Aid certification and are holding a fundraiser at the Wellswood Civic Center. Leave the kiddos with us and enjoy a nice Valentine's Dinner!

\$5/child per hour

Email us [here](#) for more information or to RSVP (troop leaders will be present throughout the event)

****Space is limited****

20th

EATS Italian Menu

5 pm - 7 pm

Place your order [online](#)
Entree Meal: \$8
Quattro fromaggio chicken parmesan over spaghetti with sauteed Italian vegetables with balsamic glaze
Salad Meal: \$8
Garlic and herb marinated steak over mixed greens with ripe tomato, grated parmesan, red onion, pepperocini and black olives served with a basil balsamic vinaigrette
Dessert: \$4
Tiramisu

Spring Flea Market and Community Garage Sale

8 am - 12 pm

Need to clean out your house or attic after the holidays?
Tables are available \$10 each for flea market email us [here](#) to RSVP
Hosting a yard sale at your house?
[email](#) us your address and we will put you on the map
Don't forget we will have omelets and cuban coffee available at the center for purchase while shopping and be sure to preorder your Cuban Sandwich [here](#)!

From the Garden

A little something for our pollinator friends.

Thanks to the Wellswood Civic Association, We are helping to support our bees and butterflies with our 2019 Butterfly Garden and Herb Garden. Both gardens are doing quite well. You know, you are welcome to come get herbs from the herb garden, right? The basil is outstanding! There is lots of sage and oregano. The thyme and parsley are coming along. The little gnome that Sharon Tagle put in the garden has stayed on guard for the entire 6 months. He is too cute. I have seen several butterflies making use of the flowers and the monarch caterpillars totally ate all the leaves off of our milkweed.

Kitty Wallace



Crime Watch Corner

As we begin this new year, let's be crime free in 2020!!! It will take everyone in Wellswood to be engaged and aware of suspicious activity. Here are a few ways you can do your part:

- TPD Non-emergency number [813 231-6130](tel:8132316130). Program this number for speed dial on land lines and on your cell phones. When you see something suspicious, report it and make sure to get as many details of suspicious characters and events.
- Keep your cars locked up, this is the # 1 reason for incidents in our community. Practice it and tell your neighbors so that this year we can prevent these occurrences in 2020.
- In addition to locking car doors, make sure that your possessions are safely secured, for example stow away bicycles, toys and other property within closed fences/garages. Remember criminals are all about crimes of opportunity.
- Use the following TPD program website: <https://www.tampagov.net/police/programs> - this is were you can report

many various things: vacation service, register your cameras, within the service category at the top menu you can report street lights out, traffic concerns, pot holes, etc

Remember this is our Wellswood community where today there is very little crime and we would like to keep it that way!!

Sonia Diaz: Crime Watch Captain

Legal News

Beginning July 1, 2019, Florida made it a primary offense to text and drive. What does this mean for drivers? Law enforcement can now stop a driver if they are seen texting while driving. Florida Statute §316.305 makes it a moving violation to operate a motor vehicle while typing into, sending, or reading data on a wireless communication device. A motor vehicle that is stationary is not subject to the prohibition of this law, except for a motor vehicle in an active school or work zone. Translation: a driver is permitted to text and/or read data while stopped at a red light or stop sign so long as the driver is stationary. The penalties for texting while driving so long as you are not the at fault driver in a crash are 3 points and fines and costs totaling approximately \$123 for a first offense. If you are pulled over for texting while driving, law enforcement does not have the right to search your cell phone and he/she must inform you of this and other rights. Law enforcement may not confiscate and hold your phone while awaiting the issuance of a search warrant. In the event of a crash involving death or serious bodily injury, law enforcement may obtain the billing records from the driver's cell phone company. So put down that phone and put both hands on the wheel because no message is worth the price of your life.

Michelle Lambo



What are your rights regarding texting while driving?

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