**Maintenance**

by David Yoder

Your HDOA Maintenance Committee has been very busy since the last issue of *Inside the Gates*. Addressing Hurricane Matthew damage and repaving some community roads have been our top priorities.

You’re all aware of the damage caused by Hurricane Matthew on October 6th and 7th. Hammock Dunes was very well-prepared for the storm as a result of original construction planning and construction as well as ongoing maintenance, tree pruning and dune fertilization. Relatively little damage was done to our residential properties, but a great deal of dune damage, ocean side beach walkover damage and beach erosion occurred. The dunes, which belong to the HDOA, did do their job and protected almost all seaside properties from damage.

Immediately after the storm, a committee was formed to determine repairs and replenishment needs for the beach, dunes and walkovers. That committee, led by David Eckert, Mike Gill and Bruce Aiello, has been very busy determining damage, funding methods and state, county and U.S. government requirements and possible financial assistance. A well-attended Town Hall meeting for property owners was held on November 14th to bring residents up to speed on the progress to date. There are two extensive documents about the status and plans for restoration of the beach, dunes and walkovers on our community website. By the time this issue of *Inside the Gates* is printed, one large community walkover should have been restored. (MARY--- I WOULD MAKE SURE THIS IS THE CASE BEFORE THIS IS PUBLISHED)

As a part of the Hammock Dunes Capital Improvement Plan, roads were repaved in Casa Bella and the Granada Estates neighborhood inside the North Gate. Any broken curbs were also repaired as a part of the project.

The large, bronze statue of a blue heron that graces our Main Gate entrance has been placed back in its correct position. It is on loan from notable local sculptor, Paul Baliker.

Security fencing has continued to be extended and upgraded, especially near the Main Gate. Painting and maintenance of street lights and landscape lighting is continuing.

Landscape refreshing and, in many cases, simplification to a more open and modern feel, is ongoing. Hurricane Matthew helped with the removal of any weak limbs or trees.

You are invited to see full detailed Maintenance Committee reports from monthly Board of Administrators meetings. The minutes of all these meetings can be seen on the “old” Hammock Dunes website: [www.hammockdunesoa.com](http://www.hammockdunesoa.com/).

Othermembers of our hard-working committee are Bill Apsey, Bob Bagdon, Rory Burke, George Kupfrain, Gary Hoerle and Marge Rooyakkers, along with Travis Houk and Carsten Georg from Southern States Management Group.

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Hammock Dunes was one of the fortunate oceanfront communities that survived Hurricane Matthew without much damage. We were able to prepare and secure our structures and take direction from our local law enforcement officials. Most importantly of all, our residents, employees and their families were safe and unharmed.

On behalf of the HDOA, we would like to extend our gratitude to all of the volunteers who came out and worked so hard collecting debris off of the golf course.

We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful, well-built community. It sure was a wise decision purchasing in Hammock Dunes!

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Possible titles for Kim Laxton’s article:

The Hammock Dunes Club… New Year, New Opportunities

The Hammock Dunes Club… New Opportunities in 2017

The Hammock Dunes Club… Excited for 2017!