

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ELW CLUSTER IV VILLAS:

Meeting 9/14/2026

1. I am concerned about the growth of Hydrilla in our lakes. My concern is twofold; it is ugly and makes the lakes look dirty & if it continues to grow uncontrolled in our lakes, it will overtake and kill out any natural water plants that are there, and when that occurs, it will reduce the amount of oxygen in our lakes thus creating another fish kill situation. I have already requested that Ardea increase treatments, and am asking Peggy to convey this same concern to them again. I saw Lake Doctors here on 8/31 doing a spray, but it was very minimal and did not get near the edges where the growth is taking over.
2. ELWCA has sent out a notice re: the U-Turn signs being covered on Tampa Rd at the Sunflower entrance. U-turn signage on Tampa Road is temporarily bagged to allow U-turns for the duration of the Bayside Blvd detour. This is part of the ongoing drainage improvements to Curlew Road (SR 586) from Countryside Boulevard to Tampa Road in Pinellas County. Once Bayside Boulevard re-opens, the bags over the U-turn signage will be removed.
3. Sidewalk replacement has begun in Cluster IV. Please be patient with this process. It should be completed within the next week or so.
4. I once again implore our residents to use covered trash receptacles, especially if you are going to put your trash out the night before pickup. There is a resident on Poole Place that has had their container overturned by critters for the last couple of pick ups and because there is no lid, the contents are spread around as the animals and birds feast upon the scraps. Very unsightly and this should stop immediately. I suggest buying a new container with a lid and wheels to all residents who might need one. It is a great investment for you to make to keep your community looking good.
5. Many areas of our lawns look "diseased" and when the mowers turn, the roots cannot hold and this is creating areas of lawn that are going to need attention. We are still awaiting sod replacement in many areas (it has been too hot to install so far) and I have contacted Redtree to investigate and apply insect control treatments where necessary. We may have to add to the sod replacement plan as a result of this damage.
6. We will be discussing installation of bat houses in and around our cluster. This will hopefully give the bats a place to sleep without going under our siding.
7. The treasurer and I have gone over a tentative budget for 2027, and there will be a budget meeting either in Oct. or November to review. A copy of this will be sent to you all once the board has approved and finalized this budget for next year.

Cathy McCarthy

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