



Greetings from Grenelefe!

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your families. This truly is the most wonderful time of the year! Try to slow things down, and renew your spirit. Focus on what is important and you will find that the details will take care of themselves.

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

-Norman Vincent Peale

The Association's annual meeting for 2016 was held on November 5th. There was not an election due to the fact that no one new submitted their name to be on the board. The board members whose two-year terms were ending will serve for another two years. These board members included John Rasmussen, Byron Smith, Earl Monari, Glenn Norton and Tom Leiser. The board members held an organizational meeting immediately following the annual meeting and decided the following slate of officers would serve in 2017: John Rasmussen, president; Glenn Norton, vice president; Randy Kuhl, treasurer; and Bryon Smith, secretary. All the board members are serving two-year staggered terms (approved at the 2011 annual meeting).

The board meetings for 2017 have been preset in an effort to let owners who want to attend be able to mark their calendars in advance. The 2017 board meetings will be February 2nd, June 1st, September 7th and November 2nd. The annual meeting is scheduled for November 4th.

There is a group of owner volunteers dedicated to beautifying Grenelefe. Some of the work they have done has involved clearing out islands of unwanted tree species that are invasive, such as Brazilian pepper trees and potato vines. This will allow the preferred species of trees to fill in and flourish in these areas. Other projects have included planting flowers, shrubs and bushes at various entrances to the property and the tees on the golf courses. If you have a green thumb and you enjoy being involved, send an e-mail to the following: grenevols@yahoo.com.

If you are looking for a social connection, the Grenelefe Homeowner's Association (not the Condominium Association) has welcomed Condominium owners to join their group. The Homeowner's Association (Arrowhead Lakes, Aspenwood, Club Estates. Country

Homes and Grenelefe Estates) has a directory and also sponsors four or five social events throughout the year. You will receive newsletters as well as a homeowner's directory. The fee is \$30 per year. If you are interested in joining, mail a check to Grenelefe Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 5192, Haines City, FL 33845. This is a great way to get connected with others in the community.

The Association pressure washes our buildings on an 8-month cycle. Part of the pressure washing includes the patios and balconies. Your patio and balcony are considered limited common area because that area serves only your condominium, thus the reason you are able to keep your personal items out in these areas. When we pressure wash a building, we first put a notice on the doors of all the units of that building giving the occupants time to prepare for this service. Part of this preparation is the removal of all of your personal items on the patios and balconies. This includes everything, even your potted plants. For liability reasons, the Association staff cannot handle your personal property when it is in your limited common area. If you are a seasonal owner and you do not want us to skip your patio or balcony, you may wish to bring your personal items inside before you leave. Unfortunately, if the Association must skip a patio or balcony, we cannot come back at a later date just to do that area of the building because it throws off the schedule and causes owners in other buildings to be delayed in getting their buildings washed.

I want to remind you about our website at www.grenelefecondominium.com. There is a wealth of information that we have put up on the site for you. There is also an area where units can be listed for rent or sale. This is a great way to get your contact information out there for potential renters or buyers or to look for yourself. All of the board meeting minutes are posted on the site, along with the condominium rules and regulations. The website is a great way to stay connected with what is happening with your association.

The entire Grenelefe Condominium Association staff sends you warm holiday wishes, and as always, it is a pleasure for us to serve you. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Chris Gourdie
General Manager