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Hi Neighbors,

The BOD hopes everyone is having a nice summer. I am writing to update everyone on some Neighborhood Developments.

#### Public Works:

The Patched Section of Atlantic View Dr. has now been completed with asphalt. I wish to thank Lou Mazzeo, who took the initiative as a resident and contacted the city about the patch. His actions as a resident and taxpayer were able to move this project up on the cities To Do list. Rather than being in queue, which is what I was told, it became a priority.

There are several streetlights currently out and one missing its top cover. The city and FPU have been contacted and we are hoping to have them fixed within the next couple of weeks. If you would like to report it as well and maybe get them to move it up in the queue, you can report it to The City's Public Works Dept: 904-310-3321 or FPU: 904-261-3663.

When a board/committee member asks you as owners to contact the city or a state dept., it's not because we are lazy and want to pass the work on. It's because YOU as residents, taxpayers and voters, have a voice that will be noticed. We are also working to have a place on the website where owners will be able to easily access information on contacts for neighborhood issues that require city/state services. If you feel there's a contact the community could benefit from having, email me the request and it will be considered.

In the last several years, a lot has changed in our community. We saw a boom in new ownership and owners who retired moved here permanently. Personal responsibilities for volunteers, both board and committee, have also changed as well. We have seen more people wanting to be involved in different things in the community. Please consider volunteering to help us continue as a thriving, warm and welcoming community. It takes a village!

#### Landscaping/Pond Committee:

1. Landscaping: After careful review and discussion of our community's current needs we will be contracting landscaping and sprinkler maintenance and the front entrance restoration with Stone Fish Properties. This process, much to our dismay, was hindered by the unexpected severe drought we have experienced this year. The board felt it would not be fiscally prudent to move forward with planting until such time as the weather conditions and county water restrictions were more optimal for survival. Working with the contractor our current plan is to start maintenance services beginning in August and to evaluate for best planting of the front entrance, possibly August or September. I have attached the current plan for planting with this letter.

2. Pond Issues: Several owners have expressed concern about the condition of our pond. We had Lake Doctor come out to evaluate and treat on June 9, 2026. Evaluations showed the water level is lower causing growth

in and around the pond. However, the overall health of the water is good. The new growth was treated, and we were instructed to reach out to them if we did not see significant improvement within 2-3 weeks, for a repeated evaluation and possible treatment. We have requested and are currently scheduled for the re-evaluation to be completed. Hopefully, the recent rain will help resolve some of the issues naturally.

3. Landscape/Pond Committee Chairman: As most of you are aware, the board has been asking for volunteers for this committee for years. Ian Parrish, I believe at least 5 years ago now, stepped up and volunteered. His willingness to do anything that was needed to care for our community property and pond soon led to him being asked to chair the committee. Since becoming chairman he has streamlined and developed processes, educated himself on pond management, worked to get our community involved in different programs and better contracts, which ultimately saved the community money. He has worked to pass his knowledge on to the community and most recently working with a landscape architect and contractors to develop a plan for our front entrance area. The board and community will always be appreciative of the efforts Ian has put into this and other projects.

Several months ago, Kendall Parsons expressed an interest in getting involved with Landscaping. Noting the personal, professional and community responsibilities placed on Ian over the last several years, the board with Kendall's approval felt now would be a good time for Ian to step back on the community responsibilities. This was presented to Ian, and he worked with Kendall to develop a plan for transition. At the June Business Meeting, with a plan, contractor and several months of Ian and Kendall working together, the board discussed and approved Kendall as Landscaping/Pond Chairman. So please welcome him and maybe even offer some help as he takes on this role. The board looks forward to working with him.

**Shout Outs:** The board would like to recognize some of our neighbors:

Ian Parrish: For going above and beyond for years.

Kendall Parsons: For taking the lead on overseeing the issues with the pond and working with our vendor to get it back to pre-drought condition.

Paula Harding: For donating the use of her kayak to anyone interested in helping with the testing of our pond water.

Matt Whitehead: Who has become our newest member on the landscape/pond committee. Matt, single handed, removed most if not all the vines growing on the tree/ bushes in the Front Entrance community areas of Atlantic View Dr. & New York Ave. Matt is a welcomed addition to the team.

Finally: Several of the owners who live directly on the pond, you know who you are: When issues with the pond started to arise, these neighbors who live at various locations directly on the pond, were asked if they would be willing to simply observe the progress being made with resolving concerns and let us know what they observed. This has helped in determining course of action.

Thank you so very much, all of you. It does take a village to make a neighborhood and not just a community.

**Next BOD Business Meeting:** Wednesday September 2, 2026 @ 5:00 pm. Location: Westrock, 1200 Franklin St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Sincerely,  
*Brenda Singer*  
*President*