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A Word From Our President

We are half way through 2022 and WOW has it is flown by. We hope that everyone is staying safe, healthy and cool. We are going to have more heat waves this year, make sure to take care of yourself, your neighbors and outside pets.

It has been 5 years since we had an aggressive hurricane and we are over DUE! Please be prepared and look out for one another.

Some items to keep in mind when prepping for a power outage:

- An emergency food and water supply.
- An emergency medicine supply.
- Emergency power sources such as flashlights (don't forget extra batteries).
- Safety and personal items.
- Important documents, including medical documents, wills, passports, and personal identification.
- A fire extinguisher.

Our feral cat situation is way out of control here in the neighborhood. If you would like more information to trap/spay/neuter and vaccination, please visit <https://www.shelteringhands.org>.

FLP would like to thank all of the volunteers who continue to make this a better place to live and thrive. If you would like to get involved in your community, please email kfisher@cdsorlando.com.

Notes from the Tractor Seat

Just a brief note from an operator's perspective. These past two years has seen its share of turmoil outside of the park which makes our home here all the more precious. We have not escaped entirely unscathed having lost several longtime residents. On a more positive note, the park has been able to welcome a number of new homeowners who continue the current trend towards property improvement. We in FLP are a diverse group but all are connected by our internal road system (rudimentary as it is). In the spirit of incremental improvements, the Board and road crew continue to address problem areas on the two miles of perimeter road with excursions into the connecting lanes and roads as time and funds allow. Sand is the biggest problem with standing water a close second. In response, we have been forming drainage ditches as well as purchasing and spreading truck loads of clay. The work is deliberate and methodical partly because the roads were not originally engineered for elevation and drainage. The changes are done in half steps so we can observe the results without creating a bigger problem than we are trying to solve. We promote the things that work and discard that which doesn't. For those of you who would like to aid in this effort, the following would be most appreciated:

1. Do 15mph or less on park roads. There are dozens of blind corners and cross-roads, dirt/sand provides very little purchase in emergency stops.
2. Avoid or ease through sandy areas. Spinning your tires only makes the problem worse.
3. When passing a working tractor, make sure the operator sees you before