

Dear Craft Farms Owners,

We have observed a number of driveways that have been stained, etched, and/or painted a different color or texture from the original approved design. As you know, any modification to the exterior of your residence requires approval from the Architectural and Modification Review Committee (AMRC) before work commences. Only a few of the residents have requested approval. We are requesting that all residents that have made changes to their driveways submit either your “Approved Modification Request”, or a “Request for Approval”. The AMRC will evaluate each request and provide the post construction approval, or identify changes you must make to obtain approval.

Residents that made changes to their driveways and walkways will be contacted by the AMRC in the near future to insure the covenants are enforced. Just a word about the Architectural/Modification Review Committee. It is a committee made up of a chairman and six members, all of whom are your neighbors. Their charge is to insure residents comply with our covenants that you agreed to when you purchased your home. In doing so, the committee helps to maintain the value of everyone’s home and the general appeal of Craft Farms as an attractive place to live. Please give these people that give generously of them time and talent, your cooperation, as this is not an easy job. Their work is a necessary endeavor.

Also, with regard to your residence, please take a look at your mailboxes and make the necessary repairs, cleaning and painting. Visitors to your home get their first impression of your residence from your mailbox, as it has your street number on it. Contact your Village Representative if you need to replace a broken piece on a “signature” mailbox. He or she may be able to find a replacement part from our inventories.

A few additional comments regarding our covenants:

- The voting season is approaching. Please observe our covenants prohibiting campaign signs on property, including mailboxes, and common areas
- Common areas, lawns, or empty lots are not to be used as parking areas for vehicles of any kind
- Construction and landscaping equipment must be stored in garages
- Clippings or small refuse should be bagged to facilitate pick up. Do not place these items on vacant lots as it probably will not be picked up at collection time and detracts from the beauty of your neighborhood. The City of Gulf Shores picks up large items and brush on Thursdays or Fridays
- Owners must pick up after their dogs. Vacant lots should not be used for your dog’s deposits. This poses a health problem
- Garage sales, Estate sales, yard sales, or similar activities are prohibited

A few neighborhood items:

- If you are not receiving e-mails from West Beach, please contact them with a current e-mail address

- If you have recently moved into Craft Farms and have not been provided with a set of covenants for your village, you can contact your Village Representative to obtain a copy.
- Cypress Bend Village – the signature trees will be pruned to raise the canopies and the anchor wires and stakes will be removed at the same time

On another note, Honours Golf has advised the Board that they will be decreasing the amount of dues they will be paying into the P.O.A. There are no legal requirements for them to pay dues. Because of this decrease in dues, the Board will be undertaking a study over the next four months to try to minimize costs and prevent a dues increase this year.

Sincerely,

Larry O'Brien, President
Craft Farms P.O.A.