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## AED Donated For Pool Cabana

The Automatic External Defibrillator and Stop the Bleed Kit, which were donated by residents Jack and Karen King, have been installed at the pool.

Every year, more than 1,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a healthcare settings daily. Having the right equipment available can mean the difference between life and death for these individuals. Thanks to the generosity of the Kings, Whisper Dunes now has a Philips HeartStart OnSite AED. This device enables a good samaritan to assist someone experiencing cardiac arrest.

In addition, the Kings have also

donated a Stop the Bleed kit. This kit can help a bystander control severe bleeding caused by an injury.

While the AED is easy to use and provides step-by-step instructions for proper use, you also can watch a brief online video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zw78XnpjAGU>

Information about the Stop the Bleed kit can be found at <https://www.stopthebleed.org/training/online-course/>.

If you notice that either the AED or the Stop the Bleed kit has been accessed, please notify Rizzetta or a Board member so it can be restocked properly.



## Newsletter Distribution Method Changing in March

The Whisper Dunes Newsletter is in no way affiliated with the Whisper Dunes Homeowners Association, the Board of Directors or Rizzetta & Co. As such, the method of distribution will be changing beginning with the March edition.

If you would like to continue to receive the Whisper Dunes Newsletter, please send an email to [whisperdunesnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:whisperdunesnewsletter@gmail.com). Once received, you will get a return email that says Confirmed.

It's that simple. The newsletter will continue to be distributed via email as a pdf document, but it no longer will be made available by Rizzetta and will not be posted at the mail kiosks.

Don't miss out on any of the happenings in the Whisper Dunes community. Sign up today.

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# Board Meeting Recap

Here is a look at the items addressed by the Whisper Dunes Homeowners Association Board of Directors at its meeting in January.

## Attendance:

*Present: David Bickham, Connie Houk, Linda Lee, Phil Staggs and Brian Thompson*

### 1. Old Business

- Mr. Thompson reported the painting project involving the Beazer Townhomes and Beazer Villas was in the final punchout stage and was expected to be completed by the third week in January.
- The donated Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and Stop the Blood Kit have been received, and the Board voted on where these items will be located. The Maintenance Committee will install the AED in the pool cabana. Ron Pezley of the Maintenance Committee has hung the AED to the right of the mirror in the cabana.
- Mrs. Houk reported the pressure washing project was wrapping up and was expected to be complete by mid-January.
- The Scope of Work is being finalized for the painting/repair of the cabana fascia. It was decided to tweak the scope of work to include replacement of the gutters rather than taking them down and then putting them back up.
- Mr. Staggs reported that no bids have been received from concrete companies for the concrete repair in the neighborhood. It was decided to widen the search to include general maintenance contractors familiar with this type of work.
- Two prices for replacement water fountains in the cabana were viewed. Katom Restaurant Supply had a price of \$1,763.68 for a set of water fountains - one with a water bottle refill station and one without. The same units cost \$1,574.32 at Home Depot. More research is being conducted to determine if any additional costs will be involved in the replacement process, and the Board will revised the topic at its February meeting.
- The Board discussed bids received for the clearing project of the common area at the northwest corner of Sand Oak Boulevard. The bids range from \$6,500 to \$8,800. The Board tabled this issue until the February meeting.
- The Corporate Transparency Act has been blocked by a US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Arguments are expected to be heard at the end of March. The Board is keeping an eye on this development to determine the need for filing this information.



### 2. New Business

- The Board received a bid from Pool Pros in the amount of \$55 per visit, which comes to \$880 per month, to blow off the pool deck. The Board decided against accepting this bid.
- The Board approved the purchase of replacement numbers for the mailboxes in the amount of \$68. Mr. Pezeley and his wife, Leslie, will apply the numbers.
- Two bids were received to perform a Reserve Study during the 2025 year. The Board voted to accept the bid from Reserve Study Institute in the amount of \$6,750.
- The Board discussed the situation regarding the planting of two sable palm trees along Sand Oak Boulevard next to 200 Laurel Oak. After the oak tree was removed, it was determined there is no irrigation system to the area in which the new palm trees will be planted. The Board received two bids from BrightView to run irrigation to this area. The first involved tapping into the system at 200 Laurel Oak with a bubbler system. The cost of this would be \$237.77 and would require the homeowner to pay for the water being used. This option was refused by the homeowner. The second option was to trench a new line under the sidewalk to tap into the HOA's system at a cost of \$1,549.24. The Board tabled the issue until the February meeting.
- **The February Board of Directors meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the Panama City Beach City Council Chambers.**

**Note: This is a summation of the Board meeting and does not reflect the official minutes of the meeting. The Board will vote to approve the official minutes at the Feb. 12 meeting.**

## Correction

*In the January issue of the Whisper Dunes Newsletter, it was incorrectly stated that the resident offering to arrange for palm tree debooting and pine tree trimming at the cabana did not supply the required insurance and bond information for the vendor they were offering to use. This information was provided to the Board. We regret the error.*



# How Will the Landscaping Respond to the Snow and Ice?

If you had winter storm and historic snow on your 2025 Bingo card, please raise your hand! As a long-time Panhandle resident, I know that I personally was not prepared for the recent weather event. Even though it was accurately forecasted, it was just hard to believe that the Panhandle and Gulf Coast area would receive that much snowfall. But now that the snowmen have all melted away, what does that mean for our local landscapes?

This is the third winter in a row that has produced significant freezing temperatures. What is unique about the recent snowstorm is how low the temperature stayed for multiple days. That quite often can be more harmful than just a low temperature. But the snow cover we experienced is a bit of a wildcard, as it can act as an insulation blanket for plant

material and turf. So, we may have to wait a bit longer to see the total effects of the freezing event.

We do know that succulent material like Mexican petunias, banana plants and lantana will most likely have suffered tissue damage down to the ground level. You can already see that in the community. Normally, these plants can recover by pushing out new growth when the weather warms up. Historically, we have seen issues in the neighborhood with some lantana plants not surviving significantly cold weather.

Sabal palms are very cold hardy and should not have suffered any damage, but if anyone still has queen palms, these may have suffered damage. We have seen those failures during the past two winters.

Whisper Dunes hosts three different turf types, and they are



all in full dormancy now. Winter kill is always a possibility with warm season grasses that endure long-lasting cold weather. But this is where the snow cover may be more help than harmful. It may have kept the turf moist and somewhat insulated from the frigid air temperatures.

The best plan of action is to give the plants time to recover and not make any hasty decisions on what has died or needs to be replaced. Cutting back dead or damaged plant tissue is always the first instinct, but that dead tissue can often act as an insulator to the crown and root system of the affected plants. So, we try to wait until the end of winter to start cutting out dead or damaged leaf tissue.

We will continue to monitor the landscape conditions and provide an update in the March newsletter. We should have a better understanding of the damage by then.

***Craig Conner is the Operations Manager for BrightView Landscaping Services.***





# Homeowners Responsible for Keeping Their Driveways, Sidewalks Clean

Did you know that cleaning your driveway and sidewalk is your responsibility?

Pressure washing coordinated by the HOA does not include driveways and sidewalks. These areas - in both the multi-family and single-family sides of the neighborhood - are the responsibility of the homeowners. Beginning in March, notices will go out to homes in need of driveway and/or sidewalk cleaning, and the owners will be required to arrange for the work to be done. The goal is to have all pressure washing completed by the end of April.



## UPCOMING DATES

**February 1 - 28**

Black History Month

**February 2**

Groundhog Day

**February 4**

World Cancer Day

**February 8 - 9**

PCB Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival  
Aaron Bessant Park

**February 9**

Super Bowl LIX

**February 12**

HOA Board of Directors Meeting  
4:30 p.m. • PCB City Hall

**February 13**

PCB City Council Meeting  
6 p.m. • PCB City Hall

**February 14**

Valentine's Day

**February 14 - 15**

PCB Mardi Gras & Music Festival  
Pier Park

**February 17**

Presidents' Day

**February 27**

PCB City Council Meeting  
9 a.m. • PCB City Hall

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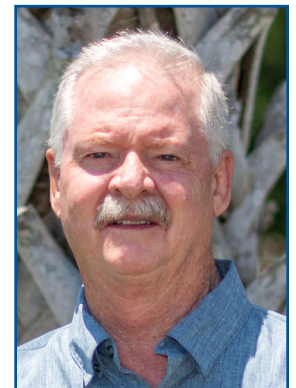
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