

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Thursday, August 3rd at 7pm.** at the Ocean View Methodist Church, 701 Ocean Drive, Juno Beach, on the Lower-Level Multi-Purpose Room.

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Open meeting
2. Approval of minutes from July meeting
3. President's Report
4. Old Business: Update on Seacoast Board Meeting and Next Steps
 - Possible Covenant Amendments
 - Outstanding issues
5. Treasurer's report
6. Committee reports
 - Architectural
 - Covenants
 - Social
 - Crime Watch
 - Landscape
 - Communications
7. New business
8. Adjourn

Seacoast Water Main Replacement and Sewer Update

The Seacoast Utility Authority Board agreed to eliminate Low-Pressure Sewer Lines from their water main replacement project to allow Juno Isles to pursue gravity flow sewers. At their June meeting they deleted Low-Pressure Sewer Lines from their Phase I project **west** of Ellison Wilson Road scheduled to begin in late 2023 or early 2024. At their July Board meeting they eliminated the Low-Pressure Sewer Lines from their Phase 2 water main replacement project **east** of Ellison Wilson Road.

On July 12th, several officers and members of the board met with County Commissioner Marino, Assistant County Administrator Patrick Rutter, and Deputy County Engineer Joanne Keller to brief them on the status of our discussions with Seacoast on the sewer project and to solicit the County's assistance in having a gravity flow sewer system installed. They shared a draft of an ordinance that will be presented to the County Commission later this year to re-establish a program that could be used to have a gravity flow sewer system installed and would allow the costs to be placed on the tax rolls with payments by the property owners to be made over a 20-year period. This will be a multi-year process and there are many hurdles to overcome.

When I addressed the Seacoast Board at both of these meetings, I requested to have Juno Isles removed from the Seacoast Low-Pressure Sewer Master Plan due to residents' concerns that having such a sewer line next to their house eventually could be used to force connection to the system. The Board did not remove us due to the Chairman's belief that we should remain within the plan until such time as a gravity flow system was going to be built. What Seacoast did was to modify the procedure they would use if someone within Juno Isles were to ask for sewer service now. Seacoast would provide that customer with a complete summary of program costs and requirements, **but also provide the customer notice that before proceeding, Seacoast staff will notify the Juno Isles Civic Association of the request and place it on a Seacoast Board meeting agenda for public comment and Board consideration before the service agreement can be signed. Any Juno Isles low pressure sewer service request will be reviewed publicly before Seacoast agrees to provide service.**

So, the Low-pressure Sewer line will not be installed, we will continue to work with the County on a gravity flow system and will keep you informed.

Jim Jackson, JICA President



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