

# Greetings from ELW Cluster IV Board of Directors!

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2023

## NEXT MEETING

Feb. meeting Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Our next regular meeting will be on Monday March 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID is 816 6592 8497  
The password is available on our website:  
[www.elwcluster4.org](http://www.elwcluster4.org)

## ALLIGATORS

We have received incident reports from the roving security force that there have been repeated instances of children taunting alligators in ponds near their home in Cluster IV. I want to remind all our residents that alligators are a protected species in Florida. Please make sure that you are following proper protocol with regards to this wild animal. These are not pets and should be treated with the respect that you would give any other predatory animal in the wild.

Just because they are living in your backyard does not make them tame. Never allow small children to play unattended near water nor throw things at them; they may think you are throwing food & this action may cause them to associate humans with food and they will lose their natural fear and shyness when around humans.

Please see below:

Remember that in Florida, it is illegal to kill or harass alligators; alligators may only be harvested under special licenses and permits issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. If you have a nuisance alligator in your area, contact the FWC office or call 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286).

## RODENTS & POSSIBLE CAR DAMAGE

Some of your neighbors have experienced damage to wiring harnesses and computer components in their cars due to squirrels or other rodents. This is a pretty common occurrence nowadays according to Car & Driver, see excerpt below:

Some believe the culprit could be modern car wiring or, more specifically, the soy-based insulation used to wrap it. This insulation can be an irresistible treat for rats, mice, squirrels, and even rabbits. The issue has become so widespread that several class-action lawsuits have been levied at automakers, with some of the highest-profile cases involving Honda and Toyota.

The board would like to remind everyone to be aware of this and if you have a car that might be susceptible and attractive to this sort of chewing by a squirrel, please do some research on what you might be able to do to help prevent this from happening. Here is a website that I found that might be helpful:

<https://www.howtopreventratsfromeatingcarwires.com>

Of course, keeping your carport clean of any debris & putting your trash out in a closed container for pickup are always helpful in order to keep critters of all kinds away.

## COMMUNICATION WITH OUR MANAGEMENT COMPANY

When making a call to our management company or a board member to discuss something or to report a maintenance issue, I want to remind you to be courteous and professional in your demeanor.

### IF YOU NEED TO REPORT A MAINTENANCE ISSUE, PLEASE CONTACT:

Use the maintenance request in the owners portal for quickest response.

Kari Lopez - Service Coordinator (813) 433-2000 Ext. 2026; Fax (813) 433-2040; [KLopez@mgmt-assoc.com](mailto:KLopez@mgmt-assoc.com) In emergencies please contact Peggy Semsey, 813-433-2008.

## A LITTLE HUMOR

JUST TWO MORE  
PAYMENTS AND IT'S  
ALL MINE



If you have photos you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please send a copy to the HOA President via:  
[President@elwcluster4.org](mailto:President@elwcluster4.org)

Be Responsible Pet Owners Please be courteous and pick up after your pets. This should include cleanup on your lot as well as cleanup in the common areas of our community.

ONE OTHER REMINDER RE: PET WASTE. PLEASE GUIDE YOUR ANIMALS TO EITHER YOUR YARD OR COMMON GROUNDS TO DO THEIR BUSINESS. ALLOWING YOUR ANIMAL TO USE ANOTHER PERSONS PROPERTY IS VERY DISCOURTEOUS TO THE PROPERTY OWNER.

Please remember that the best time to put your trash out for pickup is the morning of pickup (Tuesday or Friday). This will help prevent trash spills & a critter invasion of your tasty garbage.

Thanks for your continued support!  
ELW Cluster IV Board of Directors

## Board Members 2023

Cathy McCarthy President  
Frank Clarke VP & Secretary  
Jill Bartholomy Treasurer  
Andrea Cooley  
Steve Rogers



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