

# Greetings from ELW Cluster IV Board of Directors!

## NEXT MEETING

The board is meeting on September 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm. The next meeting is October 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm unless otherwise indicated. We will continue to use Microsoft Teams Meeting.

**Meeting ID is 296 778 359 041** The password is available on our website:

[www.elwcluster4.org](http://www.elwcluster4.org)

## TRASH CAN STORAGE

Please make sure that your trash cans are stored properly within your storage shed during the week. Our trash is picked up on Tuesday & Friday & it is Cluster IV policy that all trash cans must be stored within your shed on non trash pick up days. During my walks I have noticed many people ignoring this & leaving their cans out all the time, most notably on the northern section of Tads Trail & Evelyn Ct. The photo below was taken after our Friday pickup. I am certain that all neighbors would appreciate storing this mess inside your shed as is expected.



**Violation letters will begin to be delivered for offenders.**

## SIDEWALK DRAINAGE

The experiment with the drainage cuts along S. Woodlands appears to have been a success! Drainage in front of the homes at 600-620 S. Woodlands Dr. has improved greatly, even after the heavy rains we have been getting. We are working with the vendor for ELWCA who made the current cuts to make more cuts along S. Woodlands Dr. We hope to make them permanent drainage sluices by pouring concrete inside the cuts. ELWCA has also marked some areas for replacement. We are hoping to see this work done as soon as is possible.

## FISH KILL IN THE PONDS/LAKES

Many of you have noticed the large amount of dead fish floating in our ponds/lakes. We have spoken with Lake Brothers, the company that maintains the ponds/lakes in East Lake Woodlands, and this is their analysis:

"With the high heat followed by the rains, you're experiencing "pond turnover". Many lakes inside ELW are currently experiencing fish kills due to stratification. Pond turnovers occur after heavy rains or strong cold fronts. Aeration systems are the best way to proactively prevent fish kills." We have asked them to request adding aeration to the effected areas, but as experienced in the past, Ardea Country Club has not been a good partner regarding doing anything besides what is required by law with these ponds, so I do not expect any action to be taken on their part.

When Lake Doctors was asked about removal of the dead fish, they responded that there were too many areas within Pinellas & Hillsborough county for them to effectively remove them. "They'll be decomposed and eaten by wildlife before we could get out there" was the exact quote. I & my neighbor have personally removed some near our homes due to the rank odor emanating from this decay, & we have also watched as the vultures have feasted on many.

**IF YOU NEED TO REPORT A MAINTENANCE ISSUE, PLEASE CONTACT & PROVIDE PHOTOS TO:**

Eileen Shires - Service Coordinator (813) 433-2000 Ext. 2026;

[eshires@mgmt-assoc.com](mailto:eshires@mgmt-assoc.com)

**In emergencies ONLY please contact** Peggy Semsey, 813-433-2008.

EMAILING or CALLING PEGGY WILL BE THE **SLOWEST RESPONSE TIME** FOR YOUR REQUESTS, PORTAL REQUESTS PUT A TIME STAMP ON YOUR REQUESTS & WORK ORDERS ARE SENT OUT TO OUR CONTRACTORS QUICKLY, IF THAT IS WHAT IS NEEDED.

## SEPTEMBER 2025



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

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 2025

Cathy McCarthy - President  
Frank Clarke - Vice President/  
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Jill Bartholmey - Treasurer  
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Steve Rogers - Director at Large



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