

WEST SHORE VILLAGE NEWS JUNE 2021

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REACH OUT/STAY IN TOUCH

There are lots of ways to communicate with your WSV community:

Our Facebook page, which allows residents to talk to each other: West Shore Village Boca Bay Residents; [facebook.com/groups/westshorebocabay](https://www.facebook.com/groups/westshorebocabay)

Website: [westshorevillage.net](https://www.westshorevillage.net), which we encourage you to visit often to keep up with official WSV information.

Email: wsvbb1@gmail.com sends your queries to the board of directors.

Ask your Village directors, whose contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.

Television: Check out our security and community TV channels by punching in 732 and 733 on your remote.

To receive timely emails about community happenings, send your email to wsvbb1@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list.

Our list of residents: On [westshorevillage.net](https://www.westshorevillage.net) click on the Members tab in the top menu and type in the password. You'll find names, addresses, phone numbers and emails.

To reach WSV's management company, Resource Property Management, visit [resourcepropertymgmt.com](https://www.resourcepropertymgmt.com) or call RPM's West Shore Village manager April Neary at (727) 864-0004 x2212.



MEMORIAL DAY FUN

Around 50 people attended the WSV Memorial Day social by the pool. It was wonderful to see so many residents, family members and friends coming out to enjoy the sunny day. There was socializing on land and in the pool, and of course, there was an abundance of food and beverages. Kudos to Dennee Gray and those who helped her: they put on yet another successful WSV social event.

(Photos and text by Carl Mastaglio)



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FROM OUR CREW

Hello Everybody,

I just got back from some time off and it is just as dry as before I left. We need some rain as our sprinkler system cannot keep up without it.

The guys did a great job looking after everything while I was gone and hardly missed me, but I'm back now so "break is over." 🤖

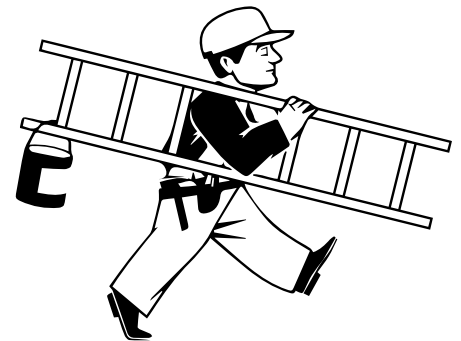
The calendar has us in June and that means hurricane season is back. NOW is the time to prepare for hurricanes. Remember: Much of West Shore Village has to be evacuated due to its proximity to the water. You must make arrangements well beforehand to have somewhere else to go since there is no shelter here. Check your FEMA flood zone and your evacuation zone on your county property records. Our maintenance staff will be back to work as soon as it's safe.

I could give you a list of stuff but Pinellas County has a really good website for information. Go to PinellasCounty.org, then to Hurricane Preparedness Guide for all your information. You can also pick up a copy of the Hurricane Preparedness Guide at the WSV Clubhouse.

Do not wait for the hurricane to be coming because by then you will be hard pressed to get even the most basic food and supplies. You should have enough to get by on your own with no power, water or outside food for a minimum of 5 to 7 days. We live on the coast and almost everything shuts down. So be prepared.

If we can be of any help, contact us in the usual way.

Joe & Staff



LANDSCAPING CHANGES NEED PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL

An increasing number of residents have been making landscaping additions that have not been approved by the WSV Board of Directors.

Of particular concern are plants that are incompatible with our area, invasive species, and plants placed in an area with insufficient irrigation.

WSV Grounds Supervisor David and his crew are often the first to notice these issues. The Board has asked David to post a notice-of-violation form on the door of residents who have unapproved plantings. The Board hopes that by providing this information early on, residents can fix a problem quickly.

Please remember that all landscaping, plantings or other landscaping changes by owners must be approved by the Board of Directors before they can proceed.

Please consult SECTION 8 - LANDSCAPING of the WSV Rule Book before you start your project! The Rule Book, as well as applications for landscaping/planting and applications for installations, alterations, or improvements can be found on the West Shore Village website <http://www.westshorevillage.net>. You also can ask your village director for copies.

NEW RESIDENT PROFILE: ANGELA AND MICHAEL WATKINS

We're sending a belated "Welcome to the Hood" to Michael and Angela Watkins, who moved to West Shore Village 5 in November 2019 only to be socially waylaid by the pandemic.

Michael and Angela have been married for 36 years and are both retired from years of Wisconsin employment. After first retiring to Sturgeon Bay, aka the Cape Cod of Wisconsin, they decided to make the permanent move to Florida after 20 years of vacationing at St. Pete Beach. The reason? The cold, of course!

Finding West Shore Village by accident, they describe it as "a haven" during the pandemic and say they love everything about living here. They're joined by Charlee Girl, an 8-year old Yorkie they take everywhere by stroller or bike trailer.

Best friends? Neighbors Sally and Richard. Recommended place to eat? Taphouse 400 on the St. Pete Pier. Favorite place to hang out? Their own patio, as long as beer, wine and music are present. Favorite activities? They're selling their boat so they can travel more: either to "Florida on a tank of gas" or to various states across the country.

Aside from his new participation in the "cutthroat sport of shuffleboard," Michael says they lead a pretty boring life, but it sure sounds great! Welcome, welcome, welcome to Michael, Angela and Charlee Girl!

By Connie Nye



New(ish) West Shore Village residents Michael and Angela Watkins with Charlee Girl.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Ryan Marth, 3281-E, Village 2, graduated from USF on May 8 with an MBA. His family put this sign on his garage.

- The grandson of Bob and Sue Devaney (V4), David Adams, graduated from Flagler University in May. We are so very proud of him!
- Please notify the WSV Communications Committee if you are moving away from our community. Your friends will want to know so they can say goodbye.
- A reminder from Village 4 Director Dick Mayberry: Don't forget to close your garage doors! Things periodically go missing from open garages. Make sure it doesn't happen to you.

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Karen Thompson, a 16-year West Shore Village resident, took this photo of our flag and the sunset (and her old villa) the night before she and her husband Larry moved from St. Petersburg to Maine, where they are originally from. "As we drove through the gate we stopped to take this beautiful picture of what had been out home for the last 16 years," Karen said. "We were taken by the sun just setting and our beautiful flag waving. ... We feel very fortunate to have settled in West Shore Village, and we have met so many wonderful friends and enjoyed watching the community grow and thrive. We look forward to returning for a visit next January."



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UPDATE ON POSSIBLE “WSV CARING NEIGHBORS” PROGRAM

Six people met on Thursday, May 13 for about an hour and a half to discuss how the community could help address the needs of WSV residents who need assistance with daily tasks or with accessing food and medical care: Bill Adams, Celia Blaszczykiewicz, Sue Devaney, Carl Mastaglio, Helen Simon and Angela Watkins.

This summary includes, in no particular order, things the group agreed on:

A considerable number of people are living alone in WSV, many of whom are elderly or ill.

We need a mechanism for people who want help to ask for it, and for getting help for people who need it but are unable to advocate for themselves or are resistant to intervention by outsiders.

We need to respect the privacy and independence of individuals in need. Information on specific individuals would only be shared with others in WSV on an as-needed basis.

It's very difficult to help people who refuse help but really need it.

Many people are already taking care of others in WSV. Some have tried to help needy residents but later been kicked out or accused of stealing.

Other residents have started helping a needy resident only to find themselves suddenly responsible for someone who takes up a lot of their time. Individuals shouldn't have to bear the burden of caring for neighbors alone.

Caregiving is A LOT of work.

In developing a program to help our most vulnerable neighbors we need to make sure to protect West Shore Village in general and individual residents in particular from potential legal liability.

Not helping needy neighbors in itself could present a liability if their homes attract rodents or pests that spread to other units.

It would be relatively easy to implement a mechanism whereby residents could notify others if they need help, including putting a sign or colored flag in their window.

It's challenging to get access to the home of someone who is resistant to help. One way might be to offer to fix small things, check the smoke alarms or change lightbulbs. The person doing the repairs could then assess the resident's situation.

Village directors should play an active role in monitoring the needs of their residents.

Our group of volunteers would need a centralized organizational structure. One or two residents would be charged with receiving reports from village directors and members of the community about residents in need. They would decide what steps to take next. In cases where residents needed extensive intervention, they would ask government agencies, non-profits or churches to come in. One resource we can maximize is 211, which provides links to social services.

Less intensive services could be provided within the community via separate groups, each headed by a resident volunteer manager. One resident would head our maintenance volunteers, another would manage food distribution, another would manage social interactions, another would manage trips to the supermarket or pharmacy, etc.

The individual in need would have to sign a document authorizing a WSV resident to receive private information about them from government agencies. That resident would then agree to coordinate calls from the various agencies dealing with that individual.

Once we start helping someone, we have to continue to help them.

We will need to raise money for potential extraordinary expenses residents in need might encounter, such as a veterinary visit, pet food or toiletries.

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UPDATE ON POSSIBLE “WSV CARING NEIGHBORS” PROGRAM *(continued)*

We need to maximize every means of communication available to ensure everyone receives information about available services: the newsletter, email, Facebook, our television channels, posters, word of mouth, personal contact.

We need to educate all members of WSV about the need to look out for their neighbors and to report it to someone.

Reinstating a welcome committee would educate newcomers about our mechanisms for looking out for our needy residents.


The group concluded by suggesting that residents in need be surveyed about what kind of help they might want.

Next step:

The group's suggestions were passed on to the WSV Board of Directors. The Board forwarded the information to Resource Property Management's April Neary, who was to pass it on to the community's attorney to evaluate what can be done without incurring legal liability.

By Helen Simon

RESOURCES FOR ADULTS 55+



THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO – PINELLAS

CALL: (727)-217-8111 OR TOLL FREE 1-800-963-5337

The Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas is a non-profit organization that has been serving seniors and individuals with disabilities in Pinellas and Pasco County since 1974. This organization provides an initial entry point for all aging adults and caregivers by coordinating with a network of partners and providers to better meet the needs of our aging population.

DISABILITY ACHIEVEMENT CENTER


Call: (727) 539-7550 or email: info@myDACIL.org

The Disability Achievement Center is a non-residential resource center that serves people of all ages with a disability. As a center for independent living, their goal is to assist in overcoming barriers individuals face that prevent them from being as independent as possible. The Disability Achievement Center, provides information, training, mentoring, advocacy, and transition services. In addition, durable medical equipment and incontinence supplies are offered free of charge to those whom are unable to afford such items. Finally, assistance can be provided for making minor home improvements that improve an individual's level of safety with items such as: grab bars, handrails, and ramps. The Disability Achievement Center prides itself on their commitment to assist individuals with disabilities in becoming more independent and achieving the personal goals he or she has set for themselves.

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG SUNSHINE CENTER

Call: (727)-893-7101

The Sunshine Center is a nationally accredited multi-service center where adults ages 55+ can gather for a variety of recreational, social and educational programming. The center offers a nice mix of small group activities such as gardening, table tennis, creative writing, combined with large group activities like exercise classes, tai chi, and fall prevention programs. The center provides a welcoming, safe environment for anyone interested in taking part in the group atmosphere.



Submitted by Brian Distelweig.

MAKE FRIENDS, DO GOOD, HAVE FUN AT ST. PETE WOMAN'S CLUB

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club is a great place to do something for your community as well as make new friends. The club is keeping up with fun social activities for the summer, including mahjonn, bridge, game day, bunco, book club and Ladies Night Out. The general meetings resume in September.

If you haven't checked out the club, it's well worth it: www.stpetersburgwomansclub.org or visit their Facebook page. Located on beautiful Snell Isle, the club is now taking applications for membership. Annual dues are \$50. For information call President Cathy Allen at 863-602-4294 or visit the website.

By Sue Devaney

A PESKY POOP PROBLEM



Too many residents are not picking up after their dogs. PLEASE: be considerate of others. It's not fair to non-dog owners and to other dog owners, many of whom end up doing your work for the benefit of the general community. You know who you are. Be a responsible pet owner. Pay attention to your dog and pick it up!

WEST SHORE VILLAGE STRONG

The epidemic has been tough on all of us. The club house was closed for activities, a wise move, but it left a lot of us bored.

Finally, as residents are being vaccinated, we are able to start congregating again, enjoying each other and the fresh air. Thankfully, we have fine leaders who have taken it upon themselves to find us outdoor activities. Pickleball, shuffleboard, get-togethers at the pool are some of the good times we have been able to enjoy.

With the situation improving, we can look forward to the club house reopening. One of the new activities I would like to add is a Ladies Day on Wednesdays. A meeting is being planned to discuss suggestions for activities.

By Celia Blaszczykiewicz

NEW SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY TO REPLACE ACE HARDWARE, STORAGE

A new active senior living community is coming soon to the Skyway Marina District. On April 30, Sarasota-based LifeStar Living closed on a 5.25-acre property at 4595 34th Street South for \$9 million. The site is currently home to a self-storage facility and an Ace Hardware.

"We are very excited about closing on this prized location in St. Petersburg," said LifeStar President and CEO Joel Anderson. "The Skyway Marina District is situated within so many convenient lifestyle opportunities that make St. Petersburg a special place to live, and a perfect location for LifeStar's flagship property."

The first phase of the Manhattan is estimated to cost \$125 million and will comprise over 80 condo-style homes with modern coastal finishes. Each unit will include 1,050 to 2,600 square feet of living space.

The nine-story building will feature high-end amenities and services, including indoor and outdoor dining venues, an outdoor pool, nature paths, a fitness center and spa, 24-hour security, valet services, and priority access to healthcare services that includes assisted living and memory care. The new resort-style membership-based community will provide benefits and boutique healthcare to its members, such as co-working spaces and flexible common areas for residents to gather and socialize with a view of Boca Ciega Bay.

Construction of phase one of The Manhattan is expected to begin in early 2022. Phase two will include additional residential units and resort-style amenities. There is no timeline for when phase two will begin construction. "We are excited to bring a new style of design and more modern approach in services in a post-pandemic era that fits the growing demands of today and tomorrow's retirees to enjoy life to its fullest and have the greatest peace of mind," Anderson said.

The Manhattan is just the latest development underway in the Skyway Marina District, which is currently experiencing a building boom. Pre-leasing began this month for Marina Walk, a 245-unit apartment community located just south of The Manhattan. Additionally, Starbucks and Tropical Smoothie Café will be opening alongside Marina Walk in an outparcel building fronting 34th Street South.

The Addison Skyway Marina, a 308-unit luxury apartment community, and Sur Club, a 296-unit resort-style apartment complex, are also under construction. Skyway Lofts, an affordable housing community, broke ground last year and will bring another 65 units to the neighborhood in 2022.

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WSV BOARD MINUTES

PRELIMINARY COPY – TO BE APPROVED AT THE BOARD MEETING

**West Shore Village Master Corporation, Inc.
3250 40th St S St. Petersburg FL 33711
MEETING MINUTES: SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING VIA ZOOM
May 13, 2021**

Present, by Village and Function:

1		5	Ted Allen (President), Karen Moore
2	Chuck Feltes (Vice President), Anthony Bonanni	6	Linda McLean (Secretary)
3	Dick Breton, Kathy Sullivan	7	Rita Vine, Director at Large
4	Richard Tichy (Treasurer), Dick Mayberry	8	

All Attended via ZOOM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Allen at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present and proof of notice of the meeting was provided.

New Business:

1. **Appointment of Appeals Committee:** Vice-President Feltes explained that President Allen had suspended the Arbitration Committee in March as he wanted to review the committee's function and rename it to the Appeals Committee before he made any member appointments to the newly renamed Committee. The named appointees to the Appeals Committee are Yvonne Tanis, Ed Cosma, and Bill Zalesky. MOTION was made by Feltes to accept the renamed Appeals Committee and its appointees to the Committee, seconded by Sullivan. The vote was unanimous to approve.
2. **Appointment of Jere Lepley as Director of Village 1:** Director Kelemen has recommended the nomination of Jere Lepley to fill the vacancy of the late Joe Klein. It was explained that, in accordance with our Master Documents, Jere will fill this Director position for the remaining time of the unexpired term. Motion was made by Feltes to confirm the Director Village 1 appointment and seconded by Bonanni. The vote was unanimous to approve.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION to adjourn was made by Vine, seconded by Mayberry. The vote was unanimous to approve. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Submitted By Linda Kennedy-McLean, Secretary

TUESDAY WORKSHOP SUMMARIES

May 4, 2021

Maintenance reports

- The Association will provide a tablet for David to keep accurate records and pictures of areas that need some work. Chuck will follow up.
- Haskell and Pestguard completed tenting of all 3 buildings (3255, 3268 and 3255).
- All work on the water leak in Village 2 was completed on Thursday, April 29, 2021.
- Golf Cart #1 has been repaired and is back in WSV.
- Only a few toilets still need to be checked for leaks.
- Unit 3203B, Village 4, still has a rat issue that will require removing a wall in the living room area. This building had rat problems in February 2020. Pestguard Commercial Services dealt with the rats at that time and the attic was subsequently cleaned and insulation replaced.
- Roof bid specifications include a self-adhering polymer membrane as per the new building code and an optional bid for adding hurricane clips. The clips may add \$8,000 to \$10,000 per building to the cost of each roof replacement project. That would not be a viable option for our Association.

Discussion

- Discussed 2 violation reports and 1 previous violation notice; violation report forms will be sent to Becky at RPM.

May 11, 2021

Maintenance Reports

- Spraying for weeds.
- Working on sprinklers, resetting the timers, etc. This is an extensive job involving both maintenance and landscaping staff.
- David forwarded to April a copy of the previous bid for oak tree removal totalling \$3,595.00.
- Chuck is still trying to get a tablet for David to keep accurate records and pictures of areas that need work.
- A few toilets still need to be checked for leaks.
- Rodents in #3203B, Village 4: Joe removed another rat. Hopefully there will be no need to remove a wall in the living room area, as Joe planned previously.
- There is still an outstanding issue of a sidewalk repair/replacement in Village 6, #3143. Sidewalk replacement in Village 2, #3223 was completed in March.
- Joe will be on vacation May 20-June 2

Discussion

- There will be a special board meeting Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 pm. Agenda will include reappointing an Appeals Committee (previously Arbitration Committee) and filling a vacant position of a director in Village 1 for the remaining unexpired term of 2021/22. In accordance with our Master Documents, the remaining director in the village nominates the successor. M. Kelemen is nominating Jere Lepley.
- M. Kelemen agreed to represent Village 1 as a member of the Budget Committee.
- Water consumption is still high. The water, sewer and trash expenses for the first 2 months of this fiscal year are over budget by \$3,740.
- Ted Allen reiterated the previous decision to limit participation at Tuesday workshop Zoom meetings.

May 18, 2021

Maintenance Reports

- Almost done spraying for weeds.
- David will now have a tablet available to facilitate his grounds work.
- Painting projects: There are 9 buildings to be painted. None of these are in Village 5, as the Village doesn't have sufficient reserves for painting and roofing projects at the same time.
- PAINTING: Owners of the buildings to be painted do not need to do anything other than park their cars away from the buildings. When cleaning the surface of the building some of the spray may get into the garage. Therefore the cars should be moved out and parked away as well. Owners will be notified of the painting schedule.
- Roof bids expected tomorrow. There are 8 buildings included in the current roof replacements.
- The old poolside tables are on the back porch of the club house and available to be picked up by anyone who wants them.
- Ted will contact Spectrum to request moving the WiFi router from the clubhouse equipment room to the library.
- David will supervise both the maintenance and landscaping crews during Joe's vacation.

Discussion

- Discussed the possibility of making the clubhouse available for Social Club events. Chuck will email residents that

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TUESDAY WORKSHOP SUMMARIES *(continued)*

they may use the clubhouse at their own risk and that wearing a mask is recommended. April said RPM is still closed to visitors and employees who aren't fully vaccinated must wear masks in the building.

- Ted will meet with owners regarding paver bricks installed in the common area next to their lanai.
- It is no longer cost effective to keep George Reese's part-time position. Due to budget constraints, this position is being eliminated.

May 25, 2021

Maintenance Reports

- Discussed birds attacking a resident in Village 4. These are mockingbirds nesting in a tree near Building 3219. They are federally protected species and our maintenance staff is not allowed to disturb their nesting area. Linda Delaney complimented David and Jeff for their quick response to the owner's problem. She will help the affected resident get her mail for the time being.
- Unit 3222 (V 2) and the workshop have termites and will be tented.
- A unit in building 3210 (V 3) was scheduled for termite spot treatment June 1 but spot treatment is not being effective in this case. Considering that the spot treatment costs \$500 and that this is a second recurrence of termites in the same unit in one year, the unit will have to be tented as well.
- Chuck will inform April of the need to get bids to tent these three buildings (3222, 3210 and the workshop). It is expected that the tenting will be done in 6 to 8 weeks.
- David and staff continue repairing sprinklers, adjusting timers, realigning sprinkler heads, cleaning filters, etc.
- Our maintenance staff is off on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day so trash will be picked up the following day (Tuesday, June 1).

Discussion

- There seems to be a dying tree with branches hanging over Unit 3312 (V5). To be followed up.
- Homeowners planning to install a new fence around their patio must submit a Homeowner Installation, Alteration or Improvement Form.
- Old tables from the pool area are still on the back porch of the Clubhouse and are available to anyone who wants them. They will remain there for two more weeks and then junked.
- Following Ted's request to move the WiFi router from the clubhouse equipment room to the library, a Spectrum technician is coming on Wednesday, May 26th.
- Ted met with owners in Village 5 regarding paver bricks installed in the common area next to their lanai. They agreed to reduce the overall size, and the excess pavers have been removed.

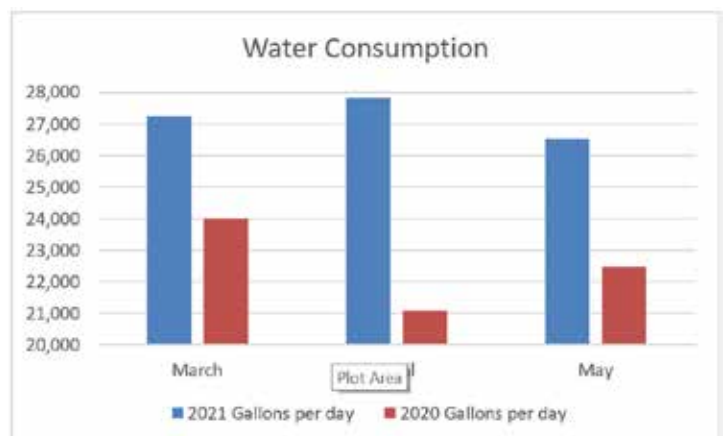
GOOD AND BAD NEWS ON THE WATER-USE FRONT

The average daily water consumption dropped by 4.5% from April to May, most likely as a result of the seasonal exodus of snowbirds. The bad news is that our May 2021 usage was still 18% higher than in May 2020. The May 2021 invoice for water, sewer and trash was \$19,425.50.

The following tables and graph show the consumption for the past three months compared with the same period in 2020. The last table shows the actual amounts paid for the first three months of this fiscal year.

Month	March	April	May
2021 Gallons per day	27,247	27,806	26,541
2020 Gallons per day	23,993	21,090	22,486
% increase 2021/2020	13.56%	31.85%	18.03%

City of St. Petersburg Total Charges for Water, Sewer and Trash				
Service Period		Days	Total Invoice Amount	Invoice Amount per Day
From	To			
2-23-2021	3-25-2021	30	\$20,056.86	\$668.56
3-25-2021	4-26-2021	32	\$21,015.14	\$656.72
4-26-2021	5-25-2021	29	\$19,425.50	\$669.84



Richard Tichy, Treasurer WSV

REAL ESTATE CORNER

Information in the Real Estate Corner is from MLS listings, courtesy of Smith & Associates as of 5/26/2021.



FOR SALE

3281 38th Way S #C	2BR/2.5BA Townhouse	1,180 sq. feet	\$2,900
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UNDER CONTRACT

3234 40th Way S #C	2BR/2.5BA Townhouse	1,180 sq. feet	\$215,000
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SOLD: LAST 6 MONTHS

5/10/2021	3276 38th Way S #A	2BR/2BA Villa	1,170 sq. feet	\$215,000
4/14/2021	3217 40th Lane S #A	2BR/2BA Villa		\$182,000
3/31/2021	3217 40th Lane S #C	1BR/1BA Villa		\$126,000
2/26/2021	3348 38th Way S #B	2BR/2.5BA Town House		\$205,000
2/19/2021	3275 37th Way S #B	2BR/2.5BA Townhouse	1,180 sq. feet	\$210,000

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Have you ever wished that you could use a 110-volt AC-powered appliance in your automobile? Things like a computer, portable DVD player, non-USB charger, etc. Wouldn't it also be nice to have USB charging ports and a voltage readout of your car's electrical system? Well a company known as BMK Bluemickey has just such a device. The BMK 200W Car Power Inverter takes 12 volts DC, the electrical power your car produces via its battery and generator/alternator, and converts it to 110 volts AC at a maximum load of 200 watts. While I don't have an oscilloscope to check the output, it does appear to be a pure AC sine wave. Sine waves, as opposed to a square waves, are the AC electrical current standard that sound and video equipment needs to prevent interference such as hum and video noise bars. This unit will power virtually anything that is under 200 watts of energy consumption. It's important to check the wattage power consumption found on the label affixed to the device(s) you are powering. Most audio, video, laptops and charging equipment falls well below the 200-watt maximum draw allowed. You never want to exceed this wattage amount as it will blow a fuse in the unit or car's fuse block and could burn out the inverter. In fact, it's probably a good practice not to exceed 90% (180-watts) of the published rating as some devices may not have an accurate wattage-consumption rating. In addition to the two standard AC ground sockets found on the top of the inverter, you will also find four 6.2A USB ports on one edge. These ports can power or charge USB devices such as smartphones and headsets. An internal cooling fan is part of the design. In addition, the BMK POWER INVERTER features a handy LCD digital power readout above the two AC power outlets. This readout shows the actual DC power output of your car's electrical system. It displays continuously so will display this even when nothing is plugged into the outlets or ports. It's a handy way to monitor your battery's charged capacity.

The inverter uses a 15A fused cigarette lighter plug that plugs into your cigarette lighter. I found the BMK POWER INVERTER to work well with many different devices that meet the power specifications. If your center console allows something to be hooked on to it, affixing the 3M Command small clear wire wall hooks to the inverter and hanging the inverter on the console is a neat way to place it.

GADGETEER's RATING: ★★★★★ \$24.00 <https://amazn.to/32N464H>

