

# AVANT GARDE NEWS

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For those that have lived in Avant Garde for over ten years:

Avant Garde News is back.

For those that have not lived in Avant Garde for over ten years:

Avant Garde News is here.

It's an informative newsletter that makes some people smile. Some ignore it. Some use it to lite the fireplace. Whatever you think it's good for, we're okay with that.

***IT'S BACK***

## **Reminisce with me for a moment...**

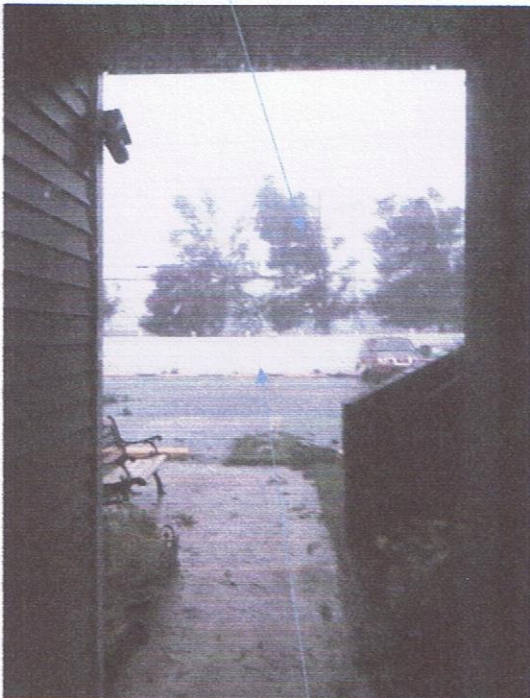
Those wonderful words, "There's a category 2 hurricane coming". How about "There's a category 5 hurricane coming"!

Some of our residents started preparing for the storm. They went around the complex cleaning out drains that were long over due.



**Then came the storm!**

**Now you see trees and fence**



**Now you don't!**



**Both the tree and the fence are gone!**

## WHAT'S UP LAWN CARE

Robbie and his crew gave us back our streets.

We could drive again!

We started looking like a civilized neighborhood again!



**VELOCITY CAME WITH THEIR TRUCKS FULL OF TOOLS AND TARPS,  
AND LIFTS. THE ROOFS AND SIDES OF OUR BUILDINGS GOT  
COVERED.**



**Our beautiful fountain and pools looked like cesspools.**



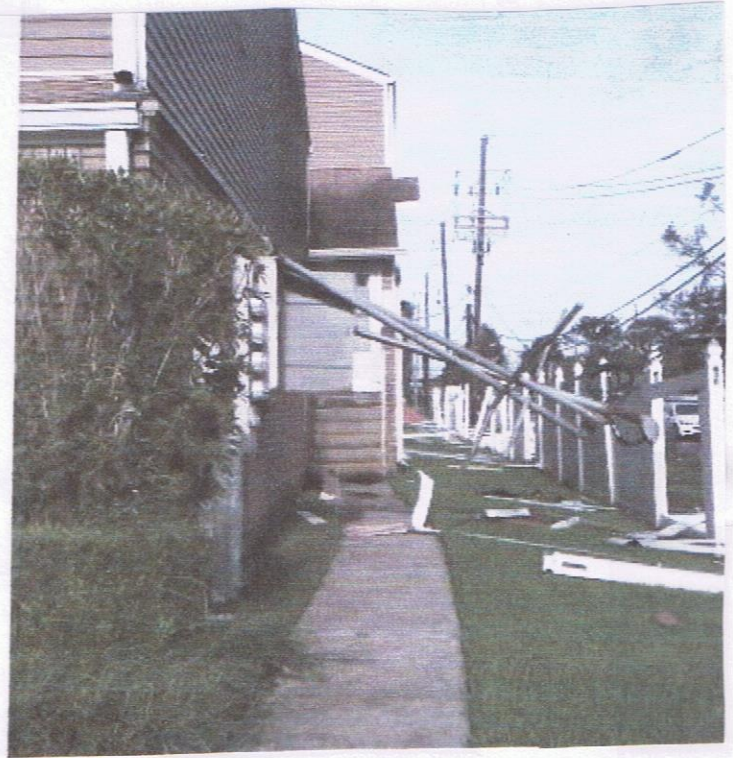
*Now thanks to Bret Davis of 504 Pools LLC, they're swimmable again. The hot tub still needs a little background work, but thanks to Bret, it's usable too.*



**Neighbors helped neighbors.**

## **GraciHart Electric!**

**It took only two to three weeks, but they did it...**



**They gave us the power !**

## HURRICANE IDA

Like all hurricanes, there's always a story! Well, ours is still on-going. Little by little we are shaping up. Our heroes came to the rescue one behind the other. First What's Up Lawn Care cleared the debris from our streets. They came back and little by little they removed all the fallen trees. Velocity Group covered our roofs and siding with tarps to protect us from the weather. GraciHart Electric took care of our electrical problems. And lastly, 504 Pools LLC cleaned our pools and hot tub to the sparkly you see today.

The Velocity Services Group has moved into our Fiesta Room and are "kicking butt and taking care of business." We have several buildings that have received shingles and are ready for siding... which by the way is changing colors. Our shingles are Titan Thunderstorm Gray, and our siding is going to be Timberlake Stonecrest (which is a gray). We will no longer be Avant Garde Brown! We will be Avant Garde Gray and we will have paint to compliment.

A common question is, "Do we know which building is next?" Sorry but we don't. We find out when Mitch Foor comes into the office and says, "Send out a notice to building xxxx. We'll start them tomorrow." Sometimes they finish a building early and start the next one before we get a notice! At any rate, they are moving right along.

Just for your information, besides readying the buildings for new shingles and siding, The Velocity Services Group is also replacing the old and worn partial board trying to hold the siding now, with plywood. Now the nails in the siding will actually have something to adhere to. Also, any rotten or termite damage is being replaced with 2x4's and/or plywood.

Another common question is, "Are the dues going up?" Good question. We are still negotiating with the insurance company. We're high and they're low...Surprised??? We're pushing for someplace above the middle. Until something is definite, we just sit and wait. Don't lose too much sleep, we do have a dollar or two in the bank. Every month when you pay your dues, some of that goes into a "Siding Fund", a "Roofing Fund", and an "Emergency Fund". Saving a little here and there does pay off.

Well, hopefully by the next newsletter I'll have more definite information to share... GOOD definite information.





## WEBSITE

Has anyone looked for the website lately? "It aint there no more". The website, for some reason, has gone away. We are working on a new website. It will take us a little while to get it working, but we'll get it. If you have any suggestions as to what you might like to see on our new website, send them to [condos.avantgarde@gmail.com](mailto:condos.avantgarde@gmail.com) and we'll consider them.



## ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting was a success. We had 38 homeowners present plus guests and 141 votes represented, making a quorum. Mr Michael Woods from Velocity gave an update and answered questions. Ms. Mindy Lane presented the Financials and answered questions. We elected two new members to the Board: Amy Jarratt and Kevin Kratzberg. The dog weight at maturity is still 35 pounds. We were short just a few "yes" votes to pass the removal of the limit. Maybe next year!

After the meeting everyone enjoyed comradery, finger sandwiches, fresh fruit, and refreshments. Residents and company view our sponsors displays and taking names and numbers. A few had hand outs. We drew tickets for several door prizes. All in all, it was a good time.



## DUMPSTERS

Funny thing about dumpsters. Everyone comments on other's unwanted stuff, and how they leave things around the dumpster or throw things in that don't belong. Then one day they find out that they are just as guilty when faced with a dilemma.

Good example: Your kids give you a new chair for Father's Day. All set up and it looks good. NOW, what do you do with the old one? Hummm, I know, I'll wait until after dark and everyone is sleeping, and I'll sneak over and set it next to the dumpster like everyone else does. Then it will be the complex's problem to solve. Wrong!

The dumpster won't take it. So the complex must hire someone to haul it away. I can see what you're thinking, "They haul it away and the problem is solved." Wrong Again!

Think to yourself about how many times you have seen beds, washers, refrigerators, dishwashers, large toys, bicycles, chairs, tables, lamps, automobile parts, buckets with oil, tires, bushes, etc etc etc next to the dumpster. That's how many times we paid someone to haul them away. Now add up all those charges. That will contribute to how much your dues will go up next year! Not only will you pay for your chair to be hauled away, but you're going to pay for everyone else's stuff too. Now whose problem is it??? RIGHT!

The best thing to do is ask the company where you bought it, to haul away the old one. If they won't, call a charity store.





## **DOG POOP**

Everyone hates dog poop! It's ugly, stinky, icky to pick up, but it's something that has to happen. The dog has to poop.

Now, the owner knew when they got that dog that the dog is gonna have to poop. And, the owner knew that when the dog pooped, they would have to pick it up. So what's the big deal???? As Nike would say, "JUST DO IT" ... the dog did!

On the other hand, when you see it on the ground, or worse yet, step in it.....you know someone didn't "JUST DO IT", only the dog DID IT, and that aint right.

Here's an idea: Next time you see someone's dog DOING IT, but the walker is not DOING IT, whip out that cell phone you paid too much for, and take a picture. Take a picture of the owner, the dog, or both. Send it to the office ([condos.avantgarde@gmail.com](mailto:condos.avantgarde@gmail.com)) and we'll DO IT.



## **WATER TURN OFF**

When the water is off, so am I. That hot shower in the morning wakes me up. I follow it with a fresh cup of coffee and two soft boiled eggs. I throw the dishes in the sink and quickly wash them up and I'm on my way. What a great day it gonna be! \*%\$#@^! In case you don't know what that is, it's what I just said when I turned on the facet and nothing came out! No water!

Unfortunately we had two water turn offs in the last two weeks. We had one really major leak that the residents in building 18/19 called "Avant Garde Falls". Mr Marvin of Gresse Plumbing and his helpers took care of that on December 30. They came back to fix the leak in the pavilion on January 6. Very soon, one more time, we turn the water off to fix a BIG leak underground by building 1. The office will publish a date as soon as we have one. After that, hopefully the water will be ON for a long long time. Thank you everyone for your patience.