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ILLEGAL VISITORS ARE FLOODING OUR COMMUNITY

Several calls have been received at the KCVA Administration Office concerning the tremendous amount of iguanas that are flooding the streets and yards at the single family homes. I am sure others abound in other sub-association areas. They called asking how they could get rid of them or destroy them, so we researched the internet and found a very interesting article that follows below:

By Phil Autelitano (Source: Internet)

It's an epidemic! Iguanas have invaded South Florida and there's no end in sight. They're everywhere-taking over backyards, defecating in swimming pools, eating our flowers and fruits, destroying landscaping, seawalls and foundations, stinking up the place and spreading harmful bacteria in the process.

Your first thought might be to kill them. Iguanas aren't endangered or "protected" under Florida law, except under anti-cruelty laws, so whatever you do, it has to be quick and painless. You can't shoot them, because in most Florida cities and towns, it's illegal to discharge a firearm within their limits. Whatever you do, you're then left with having to remove the dead beasts from your backyard and dispose of them properly. (You can't just toss them in a canal, that's illegal, too.)

You could build walls, or use bird spikes (which really have no effect on iguanas' armor plated skin), maybe some poison, though I haven't found one that works, and even if it did, you're still left with dead iguanas in your yard, or dead iguanas somewhere nearby stinking up your yard.

Bottom line, it's a problem we, here in South Florida, just can't seem to get rid of and until someone, somewhere, figures out a way to eradicate Florida of iguanas, the only "solution" to the problem is CONTROL.

Here are ten ways to control the pesky iguana problem plaguing your backyard:

1. Do not leave food out, unattended. A bowl of fruit on the patio table unless you're sitting there eating it, is not a good idea. Leftovers from a party should not be allowed to sit. Clean up your dinner mess right away. Iguanas are mainly herbivores but that doesn't mean they won't smell something good and want to eat it. They will TRY anything.
2. Rid your lawn of dropped fruits. Iguanas love fruit. Even more so, they love low-hanging fruit, or fruit that's easy to get to. If you have fruit trees or avocado trees, etc., take the time to pick up your yard and dispose of any dropped fruit. (If it's good, keep it for yourself. If not, discard into a closed container/garbage can). Keep a lid on it. Iguanas will dig into your garbage looking for food. Keep a lid on your garbage can. Some iguanas are smart enough to lift that lid and slide in. So either put your garbage cans in a place they can't get to, or put a cinder block on your can lid.
3. Do not leave pet food out. Iguanas have been known to eat pet food. If you're putting a bowl of dog food or a plate of cat food out for your pets, you're inviting

iguanas into your yard. Instead, feed your pets inside.

4. Fill iguana holes. Iguanas like to dig. Wherever you see a hole, fill it. Best during the day when they're out roaming. Don't just fill it with dirt though. Stuff rocks into the hole first, then fill it with dirt and top it with sod. The iguana may return to dig again, but he won't dig through large rocks. Any iguanas in the hole, won't either. They'll either dig another route out, or die in the hole. Eggs are less likely to hatch, too. (Sorry.)
5. Do NOT feed the iguanas. It probably goes without saying, but the more you feed them, the more they will return. Don't be friendly with them.
6. Protect trees to prevent climbing. You can wrap trees with sheet metal guards, 18-36" inches from the base to prevent climbing. The slippery metal makes trees difficult to climb.
7. Wire netting around plants. You can use wire netting, cages or screens to prevent iguanas from entering plants and shrubs. As the plants and shrubs grow, the netting becomes less obvious but is still effective.
8. Spray them with water. When you see an iguana in the yard, spray them with the hose. They also hate loud noises. Constant harassment can keep them from returning. Keep your yard clean. Excessive overgrowth or thickets are great places for iguanas to hide. Those areas should be cleaned out. Also, stacks of lumber or building materials, an overturned canoe, any other places under which iguanas can hide should be removed.
9. Mulch piles. Consider dumping a pile of mulch into an out of the way corner of your yard. Iguanas like to dig to nest, but prefer to dig where it's softest and easiest. Rather than digging at the foundation of your home, this may encourage them to dig in the mulch. When you notice a hole, check for eggs. Discard any eggs in a sealed plastic bag. Use an iguana repellent. There aren't very many products out there for alleviating the nuisance iguana problem, and most of them don't work anyway.
10. The only product proven to work is IGUANA GONE All-Natural Iguana Repellent (@IguanaGone). It's safe and easy to apply, no harmful chemicals or pesticides, it doesn't KILL iguanas (so there are no stinky dead iguanas to worry about), it just keeps them away. You can buy IGUANA GONE at www.iguanagone.com.

Hopefully these tips help keep your iguana problems to a minimum.

KCVA GOALS

- Keep the village safe.
- Comply with the Rules & Regulations.
- Respond to requests and complaints in a timely manner.
- Improve communication within our community.
- Maintain an appealing standard to the neighborhood.

Reminders

- Lock your house.
- Lock your car.
- Close garage door.
- Drive safe.
- Use the leash while walking your dog.
- Do not park in the grass, or block a sidewalk, or the traffic in the street.



KCVA ID CARD - Requested at all facilities

Do you have your ID card? If you still don't have yours, now is the time to make an appointment. Kings Creek Village Association and its Sub-Associations require a valid KCVA ID card for use at all recreational and pool facilities. To make an appointment, call the KCVA Management Office:

Phone: (305) 279-2101, Mon.-Fri.
By appointment only until further notice.

KCVA Management Office is located at:
8333 SW 81st Avenue
Miami, FL 33143



Please remember that our facilities are waiting for you, including our spectacular Clubhouse. Take care of them and have fun.



SECURITY GUARD

They are scheduled to be on watch on the property 24 hours, seven days a week. To reach a guard call: (305) 733-7467. In an emergency always dial 911. Non-emergency police number is (305) 476-5423. Be sure to tell the operator that you live in Kings Creek Village because that will help in locating your residence.



SAFETY:

- Do not leave packages, money, or valuable items in plain sight in your car.
- Be aware of your surroundings, and be especially careful at ATMs.
- Allow extra time to get to where you are going.
- Lock your doors.

Watch Orders

The Kings Creek Village Association reminds you that when you are going out of town, arrangements should be made to secure your residence. Make sure that the newspaper delivery has been suspended and the postal service will hold your mail (when necessary).

The Kings Creek Village Association can also put a “watch” on your residence. Police officers will be advised that you are away and keep an additional alertness on your property. Watch orders must be requested in writing; we need your name, telephone number in case of emergency, and the day you will be returning.

No Soliciting

Please advise solicitors that they are not permitted to distribute flyers in Kings Creek. Don't open your door to strangers. Contact the KCVA Management Office, 305-279-2101 to report incidents.

Lost and Found

If you **find** something, you can come to the KCVA Management Office (which is on the first floor of the Community Building), and give it to us. Usually we keep the found items at least for one month.

If you **lost** something, you can come to the KCVA Management Office, and ask if we have your lost item.

Pet owners

Please clean up after your pets in the common areas. Pick up your animal's waste & dispose of it properly in a plastic bag. Be considerate of your neighbors and do not allow your pet to go onto private property.

KINGS CREEK VILLAGE RESIDENTS

Come and enjoy many of the Kings Creek Recreational Amenities!



Come and soak some rays at our swimming pool. A perfect place to cool down after those hot Sunshine state days.

Work up a sweat at our Tennis, Racquet or Basketball Courts, and with our newly renovated lights you can continue to play even after the sun goes down.



With two playgrounds, kids of all ages can join in on the fun, while mom and dad relax.



The Jewel of Kings Creek Village



Please call or come by the KCVA Management Office for pricing or any other inquiries.



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is a serious crime that can harm our environment and make our neighborhoods look bad. Don't try to confront an illegal dumper. Instead, write down details of the incident if you witness it, such as a description of the vehicle, vehicle markings or a license tag number.

To report an illegal dumping site on public or private property:

- Report it online at: <http://www.miamidade.gov/311direct/#!/greetings>
- Call 3-1-1
- Residents of Miami-Dade County are able to report neighborhood problems and code violations using 311Direct, a mobile application. 311Direct can be downloaded for free in the iTunes store for Apple users or in the Google Play store for Android users.

You can watch a video here: <https://youtu.be/OjMCe2nq6MY>

If you witness an illegal dumping incident in progress, call 911.

Avoid illegal dumping

Dumping things like tires, debris, old furniture and hazardous materials not only harms the environment and lowers property values, but results in millions of dollars spent on enforcement and cleanup costs.

If Miami-Dade County provides waste service to your residence, consider your options instead of dumping materials illegally:

- Request a Bulky Waste Pickup
- Deliver your items to a Trash & Recycling Center
- Visit a Home Chemical Collection Center

Private contractors can pay a per-ton disposal fee to have materials delivered to Miami-Dade County sites.

Read the Illegal Dumping brochure(s):

English	Espanol	Kreyol
http://www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste/library/brochures/illegal-dumping-english.pdf	http://www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste/library/brochures/illegal-dumping-spanish.pdf	http://www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste/library/brochures/illegal-dumping-kreyol.pdf

ILLEGAL DUMPING

IS NOT A VICTIMLESS CRIME

IT'S A SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME THAT IMPACTS THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Grass Clippings:

Bag them or recycle them... just don't blow them away!



For more information about this topic or other Public Works and Waste Management Department topics, visit our website at: www.miamidade.gov/publicworks or call 3-1-1.

Drive Safe



We would like to remind everyone that school is back in session and to please be more cautious when driving as there will be more kids crossing the streets trying to get home.

For the parents, we have included the school calendar for all Miami-Dade Public Schools. You can see which days your children will have off. We hope to see you with them enjoying our facilities!



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY



JULY 2023				
M	T	W	T	F
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31				

AUGUST 2023				
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SEPTEMBER 2023				
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OCTOBER 2023				
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NOVEMBER 2023				
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JANUARY 2024				
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JUNE 2024				
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	New Teachers Report
	Teacher Planning Day
	District-wide Professional Development Day
	Legal Holiday (12 month)
	Recess Day (10 month)

	Recess Day
	Beg/End of Grading Period
	Legal Holiday
	Available to opt
	Teacher Planning Day available to opt

DAYS IN GRADING PERIOD	
1 - 49	
2 - 41	
3 - 50	
4 - 40	

For information on employee opt days, please refer to the back of calendar.



Here's Some Fun Facts About Chocolate To Help You Celebrate National Chocolate Day on October 28!

- White Chocolate Is Not Chocolate
- White chocolate does not contain cocoa solids but it does however contain cocoa butter
- Hot Chocolate was the first chocolate treat
 - Cacao was once used as currency
 - Napoleon loved chocolate
 - Milk Chocolate was invented in Switzerland
 - Making Chocolate Is Hard Work
- Takes over 400 beans to make a single pound of chocolate
- Despite being natively found in Mexico and Central America, Most Chocolate is now Grown In Africa.
 - Cacao tree can live to be 200 years old
- Chocolate is the only edible substance to melt at around 93 degrees Fahrenheit, which is just below human body temperature.
That's why chocolate melts so easily on your tongue!



Halloween Fun Facts

- Trick-or-treating evolved from the ancient Celtic tradition of putting out treats and food to placate spirits who roamed the streets at Samhain, a sacred festival that marked the end of the Celtic calendar year.
- Ireland is typically believed to be the birthplace of Halloween.
- According to tradition, if a person wears his or her clothes inside out and then walks backwards on Halloween, he or she will see a witch at midnight.
- Dressing up as ghouls and skeletons originated from the ancient Celtic tradition of townspeople disguising themselves as demons and spirits. The Celts believed that disguising themselves this way would allow them to escape the notice of the real spirits wandering the streets during Samhain.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Here at King's Creek Village Association we are wishing everyone a happy and safe thanksgiving.

We hope you and your families have a wonderful time!



Everyone likes to be festive, but please remember not to get in a vehicle that will be driven by someone that has been drinking.



Happy Holidays!



Here at King's Creek Village Association we are wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

We also hope to see you and your families enjoying our facilities!



Everyone likes to be festive, but please remember not to get in a vehicle that will be driven by anyone that has been drinking.

We would also like to remind you that fireworks are not allowed in the community.



It's time to say goodbye to the year 2023 that was filled with a lot of happy and sorrowful moments in every one of our lives. People all around the world are now eager to unfold a new chapter in their lives with enthusiasm and hope.

New Year 2024 is here. The celebration will start on New Year's Eve, December 31st, 2023. Be sure to greet all your friends and family for the arrival of 2024.

