

VOICE OF THE VILLAS

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SPECIAL

My name is Sam De Angelo. I am a resident of the Villas of Chestnut Creek, a current Board member of the Villas HOA, and Past President.

I am shocked and appalled by the decision of the CCMA Boards decision to not reimburse our HOA for the removal of a downed tree in lake 9 from Hurricane Ian. The decision to remove the tree was made by our HOA after considering a number of factors.

First, we were advised that the CCMA had no funds to pay for removal. Being members of the CCMA we thought we would assist our neighbor association by having the tree removed completely and hauled away so as not to make an already dangerous road condition with debris even worse. We did so at a savings of \$4,900.00 as I believe the CCMA was quoted \$8,400.00 for the same job. In addition we were told it would be months before CCMA would have funds to attempt removal. This was an untenable situation as the degrading tree and stench was more than our residents could bear. We took the action that the CCMA could not take. It was a decision that was made out of the need to expedite removal and in my opinion in accordance with the emergency authorization that Ch720 allows during such conditions.

Instead of receiving a thank you from the Board of the CCMA we received a slap in the face and frankly total ingratitude by the very Board that we thought we were helping. Perhaps protocol was not followed but we were faced with extenuating circumstances that should have allowed some leniency from business as usual protocols.

We, as an HOA, are responsible to our homeowners to make the best decisions we can for their comfort, safety and quiet enjoyment of their properties. The CCMA likewise is responsible to us as members for the same. We are all volunteer board members not totalitarian entities. We expect consideration and cooperation.

I respectfully request that the Board reconsider our request for reimbursement in light of the facts which I have presented in this email.

Respectfully,

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