

ISLAND PARK WOODLANDS HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER | 2016

2014-2016 IPW HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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HOA DUES ARE TO BE PAID BY: JUNE 1ST only \$120 ANNUALLY

To continue to keep our HOA dues low, we do not send out invoices, so please be responsible and mail your HOA dues each year to us at:

IPW HOA 16960 Alico Mission Way Suite #102-105 Fort Myers, FL 33908

June is Voting Month

We are in need of new Members & Volunteers!

I have to tell you that since joining and stepping up I have had a fun time being involved with the neighborhood projects and events.

Each June we elect either 3 or 4 new board members. This year 3 board members are up for renewal: James McCord, Nancy Blakely & Gary Baker. Gary Baker's name has been removed from the ballet due to them moving out of the neighborhood. BUT we do have several people that have graciously added their names to the ballot this year!

Won't you think about putting your name in the ring?

Ten Reasons To Volunteer To Serve On Your Homeowner's Association Board

There are many reasons why homeowners volunteer to be a part of your Board of Directors. Below are 10 reasons to Volunteer for your Board of Directors. Our community is constantly looking for dedicated and talented homeowners to join our Board of Directors.

- 1. To protect your property values and maintain the quality of life you expect in your community.
- 2. To correct a problem within your community. Perhaps speeding cars, noise, pets, etc are issues, or maintenance that has been neglected.
- 3. To give back to your community and neighbors.
- 4. To be sociable, meet your neighbors, and make friends.
- 5. To advance your career and build your personal resume by including your leadership capacity and community volunteer service.
- 6. To have fun accomplishing things around your community together with your neighbors. Being on the Board doesn't always have to be negative.
- 7. To get educated on the many facets of running a community association such as; the many laws and regulations, maintenance and repair, and understanding financials.
- 8. To express yourself and be creative while offering your opinion on solutions to your communities day to day concerns.
- 9. To earn recognition from your peers for your contributions to the community.
- 10. To advance the 'givers gain' mentality of improving society as a whole while assisting your neighbors throughout the community.

As you can see, joining your Community Association Board of Directors can be rewarding in many ways. Give it a try!

Keep in mind, you aren't running for a specific office, you are simply saying that you want to be a board member and help out. After election takes place the current board of directors (newly added too) choose officers. If you are elected, you will serve a 2 year term.

Welcome To Our Newest Residents!

Sending a warm welcome to our newest residents! We are so happy you have decided to make Island Park Woodlands your new home.

<u>BIRNAM WOOD LANE</u>: Greg & Michelle Wieg | 6012 Chad & Lyndee Carhart | 6025 • Terry & Lizbeth Drake, Sr. | 6048

BOAT CLUB DRIVE: Laurent Begue | 17509 • Bret & Christina Anderson | 17659

LAKE GRASMERE: Scott & Jordenne Godwin | 6016 • Sam & Andrea Burnett | 6028 • Daniel & Carolina Beard | 6021 Javier & Shannon Spirgatis | 6022

MACBETH LANE: Victor & Jill Dombrowski | 6073 • JNL Renovations, LLC | 6067

MOORFIELD: Beth Grace | 17585

PARK ROAD: Dion Beg | 6064 • Ashley Jennings | 6198

<u>PERTHSHIRE LANE</u>: Catherine Kepich | 6012 • Stephanie & Ched Chase | 6031 • Derek & Leslie Jones | 6042 Michael & April Wilson | 6054 • Lori & Jon Thomas | 6048

TAYLOR DRIVE: Alysha & Mark Yimin | 17543 • Matt & Kim Turner | 17553

Current Homes For Sale

We thought it would be a good idea to list the homes in our neighborhood that are currently for sale. Did you know that we have several neighbors where the parents and their grown children each own a home in the Woodlands? What a better way to ensure our neighborhood remains safe!

17561 Blackfriar Drive | 17660 Taylor Drive | 17683 Boat Club (Bernie) | 6043 MacBeth & 6061 MacBeth

(All home have a status of Pending at this time. Homes are selling fast here! :))

To All Pet Owners

There are a lot of dog walkers in our community. Most of them live here, but some of them don't. We need to get the word out there to all dog owners, please LEASH your dog at all times. Whether walking on the street or in your front yard.

As a dog owner, I'd like to share the following reasons to leash your dog (as published by the Dog Scouts of America):

- 1. It's the law! In many areas, dogs must be on a leash.
- 2. Aggressive Dogs. Just because your dog is friendly does not mean that the dog he's meeting is nice.
- 3. Fearful People. Many people of all ages are afraid of dogs. Not only is it rude to allow your dog to frighten people, it could cost you.
- 4. Poisons. Your dog could get into something poisonous like antifreeze or neighbors trash that could have contaminants.
- 5. Chasing. When your dogs are in their own front yard and not leashed and people, or people with their leashed dogs are walking by, they don't want to get chased down by your unleashed dog in the yard.
- 6. Mind of their Own. Dogs have a mind of their own and even a well-trained dog can choose to disregard your "come" call or known "boundaries".
- 7. Small Dog = Prey. Many small dogs have been killed by bigger dogs or wild life because they are seen as a prey animal.
- 8. All Dogs Can Bite. Without a leash, you have no control over the situations your dog could get into.

Leashing your do is the responsible thing to do. The people you see on the news with dogs that caused horrific situations never expected that they would be in that situation. No one expects to be the owner of a dog that causes a death or that gets killed or that bites someone. However, you can greatly reduce your chances of that happening if you act responsibly and as an ambassador for good dogs everywhere. Keep your dog and others safe by keeping a leash on while they are out of the home. Thank you.





Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Leo Lorden, reported the following at our December 2nd HOA Meeting:

 Bank Account Balance:
 \$28,082.51

 Past Dues:
 \$ 5,280.00

Please help us by paying your dues on time. For those behind, please contact us to make payment arrangements to get caught up as soon as possible.

Neighbor News

On the Mend ...

Chris Rossey (Boat Club Dr.) is getting back on his feet after hip surgery.

Welcome New Baby ...

Big welcome to baby Xavier Axsom (October, 2015), son of one of our newest residents, Shannon & Javier Spirgatis (Lake Grasmere). Congratulations!

If you know of any neighbor in our community who is ill or has passed away, please contact us via email at info@IPWHOA.org or contact one of the board members so we can reach out to the families to see how we can be of help.

We also like to send Congratulations on milestones as well! (Baby's, Grand babies, Anniversary's, Milestone Birthdays, etc.)

Annual HOA Picnic

We had a great turn out for our picnic. This year we had an Ice Cream truck that was a huge hit! PLUS new game, JENGA, built for HOA by Dennis Mikosz (MacBeth). The evening was followed with a bon fire, s'mores and good music and fun! More pictures can be seen on our Facebook page.

2016-2017 HOA Fees Due

It's that time of year again – our \$120 annual HOA fees are due by June 1st. You can mail your check to the HOA address on the front or you can bring to the HOA Annual Meeting which is being held on June 4th at 9A in the common area.

Bring a chair, your ballot and your check. The meeting should only last about 30 minutes.

Our New Fish Cleaning Station

Thank you to The Woodland neighbors that helped with making our HOA fish cleaning table a reality!!! Great job Andrew K., Russell A., & Chad "The Handy Man"!!! Another great benefit for our community!

We did look at the expense to put in a fresh water station, but Lee Utilities wanted \$3,500 for a water meter! So we felt the hand pumped from the canal would do the trick!

The labor was free to the HOA, we just paid the cost of materials which came to about \$675.



Parking on the Streets

According to the HOA By Laws and Deed of Restrictions, all vehicles and boats must be parked in drive way or on the side of the home. Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not park your vehicles or boats overnight on the street.



ОРСОМІИС ВОАRD МЕЕТІИСS:



Meetings start at 7:00p sharp (unless otherwise noted)! Doors will be closed at start of meeting to eliminate disruptions, so be 5 minutes early please. Dates subject to change.

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June 4 | Common Area (end of Boat Club by Ramp/Tennis Court)

September 6 | Lorden's House | 17536 Taylor Dr

December 6 | Tunis House | 17508 Boat Club Dr

AUL ADB meetings are open to all residents that are members in good standing of the association. If you are unsure of your status, please contact us at info@ipwhoa.org with your name, phone number and address and we can confirm your status.

PLEASE MAIL BEFORE JUNE 4, 2016 (or bring to HOA meeting June 4 - 9AM)

YOUR 2016 - 2018 ISLAND PARK WOODLANDS HOA BOARD MEMBER BALLOT ENCLOSED

Island Park Woodlands Board of Directors Ballot for service from June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2018

Place an X in front of each name you wish to vote for to serve on the board of directors. Please vote for only 3.

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Chad "The Handy Man" & "Brew Master" Carhart

James McCord

Russell Arrington

_____Nancy Blakely

Michael Koch

_ Michelle Christiansen

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