

PPCA President's Message May 2023

Greetings neighbors:

Hope all is well with everyone on the eve of the Island's great tradition of Shrimp Fest.

Your board has been busy at our quarterly meetings discussing a range of issues from trees to lawn care to finances. A quick summary:

- Thanks to the good work of Patti Millage we are on budget so far this year and our reserve is building.
- At the last meeting we voted to raise dues by 5% in the next February cycle. We have some concerns on inflation and building our reserve account. Your board has the right to increase dues up to 5%.
- We had an interesting presentation by Lynda Bell - CommuniTree - Keep Nassau Beautiful group in January. They have a program to participate in 50% of the cost of tree replacement which is great. The meeting was well attended with Wendy Burdick, Margaret Kirkland, Kris Nichols, John Baker& Erin Connell.
- Larry Rogers has been busy with new signage projects, gate work, and an investigation into the strange death of two trees at the entrance. He has researched the lawn and pond chemicals and to date we still don't know what caused this to happen. He also looked at alternate lawn care companies and the decision was made to stick with Trim ALL. The big boys are not interested and the small ones are too risky.
- Our terrific Welcome Chair Barb Anderson has been busy with a lot of new neighbors and has posted up this information as she gets it. More on this later.
- Ara Tremblay has dealt with a few minor covenant issues as he always does.
- Patti Wright continues doing a great job on our minutes - no easy task. Each meeting requires a board approval of the minutes which then get posted up on the website after approval.
- Our unofficial "Mayor" Charlie Sciarini is always busy feeling the pulse of our hood and providing generous doggie treats. Also my number one source of neighborhood information!

Our ARB, so capably run by long time resident Charlies Carroll, has two new members on the board. We welcome Michael Burdick, 1396 MSC and Bill Stroud, 1381 PPD. Great picks and we now have all corners of PPCA covered. Big thanks to Lori Placido for her long service on the ARB and Joe Quattlebaum who recently moved to CO.

Regarding our beautiful trees, we had a very close call when a huge oak tree came down about a month ago from high winds. The large six foot diameter tree seriously penetrated the Brand house at 1392 HPT and came within a few feet of killing one of the residents. We love our trees but they can pose a real danger. We wish the Brands well in their recovery process.

One of the ways to mitigate this risk is to have a licensed tree arborist inspect your trees on a regular basis to spot problems ahead of time. To this end, Wendy Burdick is talking to several tree companies to see if we can get a PPCA discount on tree inspections. More on this later.

The other thing to remember is Nassau County has serious new tree regulations and they must approve any tree removal. There are serious fines involved for this also. While our ARB can offer tree removal guidelines the final approval rests with Nassau County.

On the subject of new residents, I believe we have turned over more homes in the last 18 months than I can remember. We have bid farewell to a lot of special old friends and have gained a lot of great new neighbors. We continue to be one of the most desirable neighborhoods on the island!

One of the latest is the return of Randal and Donna Smith who have purchased the marsh home of Bruce and Maria Kabath 1260 HPT. The Smith's lived across the street for years and relocated to Cincinnati for Randal's job promotion. They said they would return and they will in a few years. In the meantime they will rent the home. Good news also is that the Kabath's are still on the island having moved to Amelia Park.

Big thanks to Mark and Julie Eby who hosted a great "driveway party" welcoming Randal and Donna. Great turnout I always enjoy these functions (we have a lot of them) because it brings us together. Neighbors meeting neighbors socially is always a good thing and makes PPCA a great place to be.

Our latest new home is being finished up to be occupied by Jason & Jill Alznauer, son of George and Chris Alznauer. Alznauers rule!

Rumor is our one empty lot at 1236 HPT, owned by Scott and Tricia Adams, is in the early stages of a new home design. We look forward to their new home and in the meantime enjoy the spectacular sunset views:)

My unofficial dog census thinks we have picked up 10 new doggies in our home turnover giving us for sure more dogs than houses. What's a neighborhood without our furry friends!

Speaking of dogs, I have to relate this story. New residents Donn & Lisa Haviland of 1383 MCS have a beautiful new Ridgeback puppy - Big OBI. For those that don't know Donn, is a master beer brewer who has won several awards statewide for his marvelous new brews. Yes we make great beer on MSC. Living next door we have another great couple - Mark and Suzanne Oreszko with two beautiful golden Doodles. And their names are - BARLEY AND HOPS. No you can't make this stuff up!

Pick your vendors carefully. We recently had two incidents involving pine straw vendors. Pine Straw Plus, a GA company, crashed our front entrance gate by tailgating in. We caught them and for several months tried to get reimbursed for

the damage, but no response. We had another resident who was purchased pine straw from a door knocker for "X" ". They then asked if they wanted installation, they said yes and after an hour wanted "5X". They were able to negotiate it down but the lesson is - beware of scammers.

We are also a "NO SOLICITATION" neighborhood, which is clearly marked at our entrance,

Special thanks again to Erin Connell & Peter Umberger of 1231 HPT who have generously donated two new live oak trees at our front entrance area. They also installed the trees with the help of Larry Rogers. This was posted out to all but deserves another mention here.

Enjoy Shrimp Fest - a great 8 Flags Amelia Island event!

Best regards,

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