



Highlights of November 9th 2015 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1.00 p.m. All Directors were present except for Nick Alemaghides. The Minutes of the October 12th, 2015 Board Meeting were approved.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

President Marlene Winchester was pleased to report that Nick Alemaghides was back and was gradually improving. She also said that she had regretfully accepted the resignation from the Board of Frankie Rambo and thanked Frankie for her recent contribution to the community. Marlene then recommended the appointment of Judy Michel as our Director at Large, to which the Board agreed. Judy has kindly agreed to complete Frankie's term of office.

Marlene requests that anyone interested in joining the Board should submit a resume and contact any Board Member. A nominating Committee will be set up before next February's Annual Meeting.

On a matter of general interest – Marlene said she had recently calculated that out of our 194 units, 130 are owned by single people. Also that while 110 owners are on Autopay (the vastly preferred method), there are still 84 owners paying by Coupon, which generates a lot of extra work, especially when payments are made erratically or are delayed.

Owners – please switch to Autopay if you possibly can!

Vice President/Director of Roads & Grounds, Frank Ferreri, requests that while Nick Alemaghides has health issues, any owners with questions related to their buildings should please call our dedicated telephone number – 727-808-2101 while continuing to submit a written Work Request and, please, not call Nick at his home number.

Problems with leaking roofs continue and any new leaks should be reported via a written Work Request. We are working with GAF to resolve this situation.

The dumping of plant debris on the area at the back of Briar Patch persists. Frank points out that this is an offense which carries a Fine from the City of \$550.

Secretary/Treasurer, Claire Phillips reported that all bills are paid and up to date. Our bank account balances are as follows: Operating a/c: \$68,373.88; Special Projects a/c: \$8,908.87; Reserve a/c: \$88,518.80.

Work is already underway to update our records for the year end as we have a lot of new owners.

Joan McArdle's very popular Christmas Party is scheduled for December 6th, so the decorating of the pool area and elsewhere will take place on Saturday, November 28th between 9 – 9.30 a.m. Volunteers to assist will be greatly appreciated!

Director of Clubhouse, Bonnie Baisley, reported that the refurbishment of the Men's Room was nearly complete. However, the project had been severely interrupted because our contractor, Anthony LaRocca, had been badly bitten by a raccoon which was being fed by one of our owners!

Bonnie also said that someone had badly defaced one of the Notices displayed on the Board in the pool area which was not only unsightly but interfering with Association affairs.

Director of Pool, Ron Jazwa, reported that the Pool had received a replacement pump this month. Otherwise all was well. The pool cover had not been introduced yet because it had been so unseasonably warm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joan McArdle wished to report that the proposed catered Thanksgiving Dinner would NOT take place because too few people had signed up for it.

However, there will be a Christmas Party in the Clubhouse at 3 p.m. on December 6th, which will be

free to all attending Owners. Participants are invited to bring Finger Food (only) in the way of appetizers or other small items to add to her Joan's Buffet.

Joan said that she was also planning a Spring time dinner, to be held before our snowbirds leave us. In addition to the food there will be Music by Shelley – an event which was recently enjoyed by everyone, with requests for a repeat performance. Bonnie Baisley proposed a \$100 donation from the Association towards the Spring time dinner, which Ron Jazwa seconded.

A few Owners had queries, during which it was confirmed:

Trees that are too close to Electrical company or Cable company wiring should be reported to the City and/or Cable or Electrical company concerned so that they can arrange for the trees to be trimmed. This is not a situation which our Association can handle.

Any Owner wishing to determine the Flood Elevation of their property should arrange and pay for a Surveyor's Report.

Owners are responsible for the power washing of driveways. (Anthony LaRocca charges \$25 for this.)

Don't forget that this is the ideal time to have your rooftops and gutters cleaned.

Additional Note: The incident of a well-fed raccoon biting one of our contractors forces us to highlight that this is serious problem and one which we must eliminate in Briar Patch. To quote from the current Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission:

Problem raccoons are usually the result of chronic feeding by humans. They will seek to move closer to their food source – your house. Once they take up residence in your attic or outhouse they can become very destructive and are difficult to remove...It is illegal to place or offer food or garbage in any way that it attracts raccoons and creates a public nuisance;

We have had two raccoons removed from Briar Patch this last month. PLEASE DO NOT FEED RACCOONS. They are generally rabid and create a hazard for you and your neighbors.

DATES TO REMEMBER

RECYCLING DATES: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month – put out containers the night before. Remember – No more Bluebags.

**November 25th
December 9th
December 23rd**

TRASH COLLECTION

Every Thursday and Monday – Put on your curb the night before and kindly remove within 24 hours.

POOL AND CLUBHOUSE CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Saturday, November 28th, 9 – 9.30 a.m.

Volunteers welcomed!

(We hope you like our improved decorations this year!)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Sunday, December 6th, 3 p.m. Free to Owners.
Finger Food donations welcomed.**

NEWSFLASH!

The Board Meeting for December has been cancelled because the date it would fall on is too close to Christmas. There will also not be any December Newsletter.

We wish all of our owners the Best of Holidays and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Board of Directors