

#### **Helpful Information**

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Gate Access for Guests/Vendors
Please register name and opt-in for
texts/email alerts at gateaccess.net

**Clubhouse and Carmel Pool Hours** Open 7 days a week Dawn to Dusk

Clubhouse Hours 6:00 am - 11:00 pm

Fitness Center Hours Open 7 days a week 6:00 am- 11:00 pm



Did you know?

According to Redbook Magazine, Fall was once called "harvest'? Fall is the only time of year with two names: spring, summer, and winter each only have one name, while fall is also known as autumn. The season once had a third name as well—in 12th- and 13th-century Middle English, fall was called "haerfest," which was the act of taking in crops. Eventually, it was known as "harvest" because the full moon closest to the autumn equinox is called the harvest moon.

After fall was known as "harvest," it eventually came to be called "autumn". In the early 1600's, people started moving into cities, and use of the term "harvest" lessened. They started saying "fall of the leaf" to refer to the 3rd season of the year, because the leaves would fall from the trees. Over time, "fall of the leaf" was shortened to "fall," and it stuck.

# **Hello Grand Isles Residents!**

We held a Board Meeting on September 30th. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. All five Board members were in attendance. We waived the reading of the last meeting's minutes and the president signed the last meeting's minutes. Treasurer Alan Apfel gave the Treasurer's Report. We gave an update on projects that are or will take place yet this year. They are as follows:

- The sidewalk repair project will hopefully be complete in the next two to three weeks for this year.
- Holiday lights will be installed by the vendor in October; we will turn them on November 15th.
- The new streetlight has been recently installed by FPL at our main intersection of the community and is a nice addition.
- Earlier this year, FPL installed new brighter LED streetlights; those still waiting on blackout panels to be installed should see that done in the next two weeks.
- New basketball backboards and hoops and nets will be installed in the next week.
- A new lake fountain will be installed where the current one is; then, our current fountain will be reinstalled at the lake north of the back entrance/exit (between Harbor Cove and Carmel) in late October.
- New flowers will be planted during the first two weeks of October.
- Palm trees will be trimmed for the second time this year and hardwood trees will be trimmed starting the week of October 11th.
- Fertilizer, pesticide, herbicide applications will take place the week of October 18th.
- We have permit approval to remove six trees that are dead or dying and replace them with new trees.
- Our second mulch installation for the year is scheduled to begin on November 4th. After that, our common area sidewalks will be pressure cleaned.
- Our landscape beautification project we have been writing about will finally begin in October.
- And, finally, in November we are going to install new gate control towers at the front gate, both the resident side and visitor side. The inconvenience should be minimal. All of this should wrap up our 2021 projects.

#### Welcome New Volunteers

The Board approved adding several residents to our volunteer list. They are Tannia Carmichael, Dori Johannson, Ana Hornby, and Alla & François Grafman. These residents live in Carmel, Harbor Cove, and Sausalito.

Thank you all for stepping up to make your community a better place. We can always use more volunteers. Let us know what your interests are, and we'll find a fit for you.

#### **Trick or Treating**

After a full discussion and to assist those participating in Halloween this year, the Board established Grand Isles Trick or Treating to take place on October 31st from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

#### **Annual Holiday Party**

Our annual Holiday Party is officially scheduled for Sunday, December 12th, from 12 noon to 3:00 PM. Volunteers will be serving free food and there will be many activities available for the children. It is a well-attended event that takes place at the Clubhouse parking lot and the grassy area east of the clubhouse. More information will be in the next month's newsletter.



Resident Art Jacobs has again agreed to coordinate our annual Grand Isles Garage Sale scheduled for Sunday, November 7th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. In the past, we have had from 60 to 90 residents reserve space to sell their treasures. Only Grand Isles residents may reserve a space to sell, but we will promote the event and I'm told that, in the past, as many as 1,000 people have come to buy. The back gates will be unavailable from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM that day. Two additional pages of information on this event are included in this mailing

#### Fitness Center Rules

We have had several complaints from adults that use the gym that kids and teens are being very noisy and disrespectful to the people who are there to work out. We have had to replace a huge mirror recently and had the walls repainted likely because kids are dropping/throwing weights around and causing damage.

#### Fitness Center Rules (continued)

Our rules are posted stating that no one under the age of 12 is allowed at all, and no one 16 or under can use the gym without adult supervision. Adults are complaining that these rules are violated on a daily basis. We do not have anyone to supervise the gym, thus the only resolution is to ask parents to please have a conversation about this matter with their kids. If you want your child under the age of 16 to use the gym, you must be with them. We can and will deactivate your fob if we find out who is causing the problems. Please help, as this should be handled by parents and not left to residents.

## Parking to be Enforced

This community has an ongoing problem with illegal parking. This is primarily at the clubhouse parking lot, in front of the Carmel pool, and at our back gate entrance. The back entrance issue is due to parents from other communities coming into Grand Isles to sit and wait for their middle school kids to walk into our community after school rather than using Lake Worth Road as the rest of the parents do. If you are letting your friends come in daily through our gate morning and night by abusing our gate access procedures for the main purpose of dropping off and/or picking up their kids, this has to stop. If we find out, and we can, we will deactivate your gate access if you are allowing this to take place. Because of these issues, the Board approved using "boots" on illegally parked cars. We approved a plan to use No Go Booting, Inc.; one month from now, we will start to use this company to boot illegally parked vehicles in the community. Grand Isles will not incur any cost or receive any compensation for this. The transaction is solely between the vehicle owner and No Go Booting, Inc.

#### Mailbox Maintenance

It has been brought to the Board's attention that we have dozens of mailboxes that are in need of improvement(s). The last community-wide effort to improve mailbox appearances was 2.5 years ago. We are giving everyone a month's notice that if your mailbox requires repair, contact "Beautiful Mailbox Company" (305-403-4820) if you need new numbers, flag, door, etc. Only Beautiful Mailbox's "numbers" are authorized for use so please don't purchase non-compliant numbers from somewhere else. After a month from this notice, you will receive a violation letter if your mailbox isn't up to community standards.

# **Budget News**

The Board reviewed and approved several Capital Improvement projects for the 2022 Budget. More information will be shared in the upcoming newsletters. This is the first step in the 2022 Budget process that will take place in October; the budget needs to be ready for our November Annual Membership Meeting.

#### Clubhouse Rentals

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the rentals of the clubhouse. After experiencing a variety of issues with recent parties, the Board has decided to honor all rentals received as of September 30th but, effective after that, we are going to alter our rental contract to address the issues that have surfaced going forward. Soon, a newly updated reservation contract will be posted on our website, as well as at our Property Manager's office.

#### **Accounts Receivables**

We reviewed the receivables account for owners' fees and associated items. Our outstanding balance is now down to \$9,500, with only three homeowners comprising most of that amount. A lot of effort, by several individuals, has contributed to getting this balance this low and we won't stop until we collect all monies due, or place a lien on a violator's house.

## **Upcoming Meeting Schedules**

It was decided that the next Board Meeting will be held on October 21st at 7 pm and our annual Membership Meeting will likely be November 18th. We will properly notify the community of these upcoming meetings.

# Casey's Column

Hello Grand Isles Residents! I am truly excited to be a part of your Community and have enjoyed meeting many of you so far. My office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM, closed from 12 PM-1 PM daily for lunch. There are times where I am out of office and on-site within the property and a sign will be posted on my door advising of the same.

Thank you & I look forward to working together!

Casey

#### In Closing

The Board wishes to tell all of you how pleased we are with our new Property Manager, Casey Aprea. She is doing a fine job and is a pleasure to work with. We have received nothing but positive feedback from our residents. If you haven't met Casey, please stop in or call to introduce yourself; you don't have to wait until you have an issue you would like her to handle for you.

Best Wishes,

Doug Stark, for the Grand Isles Board of Directors



# THE GRAND ISLES GARAGE SALE IS BACK!

Sunday NOVEMBER 7, 2021 from 8:00AM - 1:00PM

FREE SPACE(S) for Grand Isles Residents!

The Garage Sale will take place OUTSIDE OF THE BACK GATE, near our community's Carmel section.

Report to the check-in outside the back gate between 6:00AM and 7:00AM for your space assignment.

All vendors must have their vehicle(s) off the selling area by 7:30AM – no later. Selling will continue until 1:00PM and **only then** you can begin to pack up. Pack-up will begin at 1:00PM with your space left cleaned in the condition you found it in.

NO VEHICLES CAN ENTER THE SELLING AREA BETWEEN 7:30AM - 1:00PM.

If rain becomes a factor, then the decision to move forward with another date will be determined by the event coordinators, with the seller's input taken into account.

# FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE E-MAILED TO ALL SIGNED-UP SELLERS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

To apply, please read and sign bo	th of these pages.
Sign:	Date:

# 2021 GRAND ISLES GARAGE SALE SIGN – UP FORM

**SUNDAY, NOV. 7, 2021** FROM **8:00AM - 1:00PM** 

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Attn: Casey Aprea, Propert Grand Isles HOA Clubhous 11585 Lake Isles Dr., Wellin	se Office		
Email: grandislespm@gma	ail.com		

PLEASE SIGN/DATE BOTH PAGES AND GET THEM TO THE OFFICE ASAP!

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