



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?

Jan 15, 1967 – The first Super Bowl was simulcast on CBS and NBC. The National Football League (NFL) champion Green Bay Packers defeated the American Football League (AFL) champion Kansas City Chiefs by the score of 35-10.

Jan 19, 1977 Snow fell in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties when a strong arctic cold front swept the state.

January 25th is National Florida Day and is observed in recognition of Florida, the 27th state to join the USA.

Hello Grand Isles Residents!

Happy belated New Year to the Grand Isles residents!

After taking December off from having a Board meeting, we held our first Board meeting of 2022 on Thursday, January 20th, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

All Board members were in attendance. Our first order of business was to give two volunteers framed “Certificate of Appreciation” awards. The first was to recognize Maureen Walsh for her many years of volunteer service. The second was to recognize Alan Apfel for his many years of volunteering, including six years serving on our Board of Directors and he is currently our Treasurer. These individuals are our fifth and sixth volunteers we have given appreciation awards to. We currently have about 25 volunteers helping our HOA. Without them, we wouldn’t be able to have an HOA. We can always use more if you would like to help out.

Next, resident Karen Morris-Clarke, an original homeowner/resident spoke. Karen is running for the 2nd seat on the Village of Wellington Town Council. We enjoyed listening to her vision and priorities and encourage all residents to get involved in the upcoming election. The deadline to register to vote is February 7th and the in-person voting takes place on March 8th. Thank you, Karen, for attending our meeting and speaking with us.

Our year-end financial report is not yet ready; thus, we will review it at our next Board Meeting, which will be in February. We did an overview of our 2022 Budget. The main item is that the resident dues remain the same as last year. We were able to adjust our 2022 expenses to fit the same income without decreasing our Capital Budget or our effort to continue to build our cash-flow balance. Our 2022 Budget is posted on the Resident portal on our website; our Year-End Financials will be posted there as soon as we get them. Then, as always, our 2021 AUDIT will be posted when it is completed.

Everyone is aware of the impact Covid-19 has had on everything for the past two years. Our vendors have been experiencing staff health issues which have caused many things to be delayed. Our property manager, Casey was out for 2.5 weeks, our landscape company was hit hard for a while, our gate attendants have been sick, and several of our other vendors have experienced labor shortages. Please show some patience through these challenging times. The labor market is very tight right now. Everyone is looking for help.

Projects completed in the past six weeks have been: mulching and common-area sidewalks pressure sprayed, the lake fountains were installed, we had a great community holiday party event again, a well-attended family movie night, a fun holiday light/decoration contest and we completed our landscape projects for 2021.

Budgeted projects for early 2022 are: 1. Remodeling the Carmel pool bathrooms which is currently happening and may be completed by the time you get this letter.

Projects Continued

2. Tennis courts will be resurfaced soon.

3. 2022 border fencing and hedge projects will be done behind homes (who have already been notified); first about 500 feet of fence and hedge will be removed to the immediate east of our main entrance and replaced and then, about 1,650 ft. of hedge and fence replaced along the south side of Carmel and continuing along 120th street and stopping at the wildlife preserve. New fencing and clusia bushes will be installed. This is a very tight area and will be very labor intensive. Thus, it will be a slow process. Please be patient as this is badly needed and long overdue.

New Business

We have had phone and internet service from both AT&T and Comcast for years. We have negotiated with both and the board approved a two-year contract with Comcast only. We will get improved speed for our internet, which we need for our camera system, and at a significant cost reduction.

The Board approved 8 violations to be advanced to the Fining Committee for final review.

Golf Carts

The Village of Wellington has passed a new Golf Cart set of rules. Many residents have asked what Grand Isles is going to do regarding golf carts. Our insurance provider has urged us to adopt guidelines to limit the potential liability of golf cart accidents. Several golf cart accidents occur annually, some with fatalities and serious injuries.

In an effort to protect our community we have asked our law firm to draft some basic guidelines for our community and golf cart use within our community. The draft is attached for all to review. If anyone wishes to offer input, please do so before our next Board meeting as we will conduct another review and likely vote on a "Golf Cart Resolution" at that time.

Golf Carts Continued

Since we are not a golf course community, we are not considered a golf cart community. Many Wellington HOA's do not allow golf carts at all, but our by-laws do allow for golf carts. We do not want to eliminate golf carts, but we need to establish standards for their operation in our community. You can go to the Wellington website to read all about their new golf cart rules, set to begin in late March.

Social Committee Events

The board approved extending the Saturday morning Yoga classes for another eight weeks. Please go to our website to check on Social Committee activities which will be posted as they are firmed up. They are planning another "Family Movie Night" in February, another Sunday morning Mom's Stroller walk with the little ones, and a food truck event, celebrating Mardi Gras in late February. All of this will be communicated to you through all our normal avenues.

The Board will host a morning coffee for REALTORS in February. The primary purpose is to educate REALTORS about our community and our sale and rental requirements, so closings go as smoothly as possible. We expect a very good attendance for this meeting. If you are registered on our resident website as a REALTOR, you will receive an invitation; also, all REALTORS who have listed/sold or rented a property in Grand Isles in the past year will be invited.

In March, we would like to host a one-day basketball event on our new court (we have a resident with experience in doing these), providing we have enough interest. We have attached a signup sheet to this mailing. If you wish to participate, complete the signup sheet and return it to Casey at the office. All of our social activities have been approved by our insurance provider and we must follow their guidelines for coverage.

Gate Attendants Meeting

We conducted a training meeting with our Gate Attendants a week ago; this is an effort to make your and their experience as positive as possible. I won't bore you with all the details discussed. One thing that was brought up by the attendants was that certain residents and guests verbally abuse them for doing their jobs. This is unacceptable. The concern is that this behavior may cause our guards to walk off the job, then we will have no security; most residents here moved into Grand Isles because the entrance is manned by a human. These individuals are an integral part of our community. Employees are in high demand and we want to retain and preserve the current staff. Please treat them with common courtesy. If you have a gate attendant issue, please call or email our property manager as soon as possible.

Barcodes

Also, it was discussed that we have a lot of residents who do not have barcodes on their vehicles and then end up using the guest line. If you have lived in Grand Isles for at least three months and have any vehicles without a barcode we will give you a one-time-only opportunity to purchase barcodes for \$10. Of course, you will have to complete the paperwork and Casey will apply the barcode to the vehicle. This will happen for the month of March only, with no exceptions. It makes no sense that you can live in this community but won't pay for a barcode. Residents, please don't use the guest line. We have a front entrance lane and a back entrance for your use.

Thanks for reading.

Doug Stark and the Board of Directors

Casey's Column

Happy New Year, Grand Isles Residents! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season. As we start a fresh new year, I'd like to provide a few important reminders:

· Barcodes and Fobs are available at the Clubhouse Office and the only form of payment accepted is either a personal check or money order. We do not accept cash, debit/credit, Zelle or any other forms of payment. Please be sure to have your check or money order with you if you come to purchase a new Barcode or Fob. Also, if you are purchasing a new or replacement barcode, please be sure to bring your vehicle registration and the vehicle itself as I must apply the barcode to it. We cannot hand out barcodes.

· Our ACC Meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.; Your completed ACC packets are due the Friday before (no later than 12:00 p.m.) in order to be reviewed at the scheduled meeting. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that their vendor's license and insurance is correct and valid, as well as provide all the necessary copies of what is required.

Please note: I am unable to provide or make copies for homeowners for application items.

· We have a new garbage collection company and our pickup days have remained the same; Wednesday is the pickup day for household trash and recycling and Saturday is the pickup day for household trash, vegetation and bulk trash. It appears that this new company arrives earlier in the day than the previous one had, so please make sure that you put your items out the night before pickup or as early as possible the morning of. Should you miss the trash collection, please do not leave your items on the street to wait for next week's pick up – please call the Village of Wellington to schedule a special pick up at 561-791-4003. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. Casey

How Decals Age

Barcode Automation, inc. (BAI) Readers operate by projecting a laser onto a decal and collecting the laser reflection. As decals age, their ability to reflect laser light will drop. To illustrate this, the images on the right show the progressive drop in decal reflectivity in a way that the human eye can see. **This is an analogy to assist in understanding what occurs as decals age, it is not an exact representation.** The example to the right shows how a new barcode decal would appear to the BAI reader. This decal will reflect the maximum laser light back to the reader and is very easy to read.

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After Two Years

As time passes, the decal will reflect less laser light back to the reader. At some point in the first two years of its life most decals will degrade to the point where only 75% of the laser will be reflected back to the BAI reader. Which decals will degrade first is impossible to predict, but decals that show excessive loss of reflection within two years of purchase will be replaced under warranty. BAI Readers have no problem reading decals with 75% reflectivity.

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After Four Years

When most decals are around four years old they will only reflect half of the laser light back to the BAI reader. With a decal that has degraded to this level there can be problems reading it. Vehicle speed and distance from the reader will have a big influence on whether the decal will be read. If a four year old decal does not read reliably, the best course of action is to replace it. BAI recommends replacing decals at four years to avoid reading problems.

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After Five Years

At five years of age most decals are at the end of their effective lifespan. Some decals will continue to read reliably and give no trouble, but there is no way to predict which ones will work beyond the five year mark. When an older decal becomes unreliable, the best course of action is to replace it.

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GRAND ISLES MASTER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

GOLF CART OPERATION RULES

Effective Date:

PURPOSE

Golf carts are a convenient method of transportation. Though they may be seen as fun, golf carts are vehicles requiring the exercise of due care and without which they too often cause extensive injury, property damage and even death.

In the interest of the safety and wellbeing of our treasured residents and guests of the Grand Isles Community, the following golf cart rules have been specially tailored to our community, following the Village of Wellington's Golf Cart Ordinance 2021-10.

If you own or operate a golf cart in the Community, or permit another to operate a golf cart, be sure to strictly follow these rules as they are binding on Owners and their family members, invitees, occupants and guests. These rules are necessary to help ensure the safety of all community residents and guests. Your cooperation and thoughtfulness for the safety of your family and others is greatly appreciated by your neighbors.

1. LICENSING & REGISTRATION

- 1.1 Driver's license – Each driver must possess with them when operating a golf cart either a valid driver's license or a valid learner's permit. A driver with a learner's permit must be accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Driver's licenses and learner's permits must be produced upon request.
- 1.2 Registration – All golf carts must be registered with the Association. Applications can be obtained from the Association's website or the property manager. No golf cart may be operated without an Association registration decal prominently affixed on the front of the golf cart.

2. OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 Owner responsibility – A golf cart owner must ensure the safe and proper operation of their golf cart and must ensure the operator of their golf cart has a valid driver's license or, if with a licensed adult, a valid learner's permit.

2.2 Unattended children – Children under age 12 must not be left unattended in a golf cart.

3. OPERATION

3.1 Operation – Owners and operators must maintain and operate their golf carts in a safe, prudent manner in accordance with all local, state, and federal government laws, regulations, ordinances and rules.

3.2 Hours of operation – Golf carts may be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset, unless the golf cart is equipped with operational headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

3.3 Equipment – Golf carts must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices on both the front and rear.

3.4 Traffic rules – Operators must strictly follow all road, traffic, street and pathway signs, be aware of the rules of the road and obey the rules, including always driving on the far right of the road.

3.5 Speed limit – The speed limit for golf carts is 25 miles per hour.

3.6 Occupancy – Occupancy is limited to the number of seats permanently installed by the golf cart manufacturer.

3.7 Storage – Golf carts must be stored inside of the owner’s garage and out of sight when not in use.

ENFORCEMENT

Violations of these Rules may subject the violator (whether an Owner, tenant, family member, invitee, occupant or guest) to a civil citation or uniform traffic citation issued by the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, as well as fining and suspension of rights penalties. Please forward all non-emergency golf cart incidents and rule violations to the Palm Beach County Sherriff’s department at (561) 688-5447. **IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911.**



Hello Grand Isles Residents,

We would like to hold a social competition on our newly renovated basketball courts.

The Mission: Be Social, Have Fun, Stay Healthy Mentally and Physically, Be Competitive yet Respectful.

Our goal with this survey is to gauge interest in any or all of the following, for a possible event in March. Just fill out and drop off at the clubhouse. Depending on interest levels, we would likely break up age groups and also possibly have an "Open" division.

Your Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender (Optional): _____ Height: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Best contact method (Circle One): Text / Email / Phone

Ability (Circle/Cross out whatever you think applies) 1) Beginner / Novice 2) Average 3) Play (Well) Regularly

Games/Contests and Interest Levels (just check off what you're interested in and assign an interest level to what you're most interested in (1 being highest; 5 being lowest – You can mark equal interest levels).

3 on 3 Half Court Games:

Games to 15 with 3's and 2's; Must win by 2; Game over at 21 max. Interest Level: _____

I can bring my own team:

1) Name 1: _____ Age: _____

2) Name 2: _____ Age: _____

3) Name 3: _____ Age: _____

2 on 2 Half Court Games:

Games to 15 with 3's and 2's; Must win by 2; Game over at 21 max. Interest Level: _____

I can bring my own team:

1) Name 1: _____ Age: _____

2) Name 2: _____ Age: _____

Free Throw Shooting:

Simple Count of Free Throws Made (Total Attempts will depend on # of participants) Interest Level: _____

3 Point Shooting:

Number of 3 Point shots made in 45 or 60 Seconds; Likely 2 people shagging balls for shooter. Interest Level: _____

45 Seconds to Shoot:

Earn points for various locations made in 60 seconds Interest Level: _____

1 point for a layup; 2 for an 8'; 3 for 15' (Free Throw); 5 for 3-point range

Locations will be marked with chalk circles and shooter must shag their own ball

If you have any questions, please contact our Property Manager, Casey Aperia, at 561-333-5253 or grandislespm@gmail.com and she will be happy to get back with you.