#### **Community Contacts**

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#### **GUEST ACCESS**

**Gatehouse** (561) 333-0728

Online Guest Registration
www.gateaccess.net
Opt-in for text and email alerts

#### AMENITIES

Grand Isles Clubhouse & Fitness Center Hours

Open 7 Days a Week, 6:00AM - 10:00PM

#### Carmel Clubhouse & Pool Hours

Open 7 Days a Week, Dawn to Dusk

#### **EMERGENCY**

**PBSO Non-Emergency** (561) 688-3400



See you at the next board meeting!

Thursday, November 13th, 6:00PM, at the Clubhouse

#### A Fresh Look for Our Newsletter is Just Beginning!

You may notice a few changes starting to appear in the Grand Isles newsletters — **and this is just the beginning**! We're working on ways to make it easier to read, more engaging, and helpful for everyone in the community.

More updates are on the way, and we'd love your input. If you have ideas or suggestions just reach out to <a href="Shayda Ebrahimi">Shayda Ebrahimi</a> in our property management office—we're all ears!

#### Welcome New Neighbors!

The Grand Isles community is excited to announce our <u>New Neighbor November</u> Social Event! To date, 31 new families have moved into our community. That's just over 5% of our total 611 total homes!

We're thrilled to welcome all our new residents to the Grand Isles community. Whether you moved in last month or earlier this year, we invite you to join us for an informal meet-and-greet immediately following our November Board Meeting.

#### **Event Details:**

- When: Following the upcoming board meeting on Thursday, November 13th, 6:00PM
- **Who**: All 2025 new residents, Board Members, and other neighbors
- What: Light networking and socializing

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Meet your board members face-to-face
- Connect with fellow neighbors
- Ask questions about the community
- Learn about upcoming events and activities
- Get to know the people who make Grand Isles special

Moving to a new community can feel overwhelming, and we want you to feel right at home. Whether you have questions about HOA

policies, want to know the best local spots, or simply want to put faces to names, this casual gathering is the perfect setting. No RSVP required—just bring yourself and a smile! We look forward to meeting you and officially welcoming you to our wonderful Grand Isles community.

For more information, please contact the our Property Manager, Jorge Toro, at (561) 426-7494 or by email at <u>jtoro@grsmgt.com</u>.

Welcome home to Grand Isles!

#### Revised 2025 HOA Board Meeting Calendar

Take Note! The schedule for our remaining 2025 HOA meetings is a little different from the usual schedule of the third Thursday of the month:

- Thursday, December 4th, 7:00PM: Budget-Focused Meeting
- Monday, December 15th, 7:00PM: Annual Meeting



# Different Celebrations, Shared Joy, One Community.



As 2025 comes to a close, our neighborhood lights up with celebrations big and small. It's the season for gratitude, joy, and traditions that remind us how lucky we are to share this community together.

Here are just a few holidays and observances that brighten the months ahead:

- November 27: Thanksgiving Day a time to gather, reflect, and give thanks
- **December 14–22: Hanukkah** eight nights of light, family, and tradition
- December 25: Christmas Day celebrating peace, joy, and goodwill
- December 26-January 1: Kwanzaa honoring African-American heritage and unity

If you'd like to explore even more cultural celebrations, check out Seramount's (<u>Diversity Holiday</u> <u>Calendar & Heritage Months</u>.

However you celebrate, may your days be merry, your nights be bright, and your season filled with warmth, laughter, and love.

Stay tuned for more information on what's planned at Grand Isles!

# Launching In November: Annual Grand Isles Toys For Tots Campaign



<u>For over 5 years</u>, Grand Isles has hosted a Toys For Tots campaign to spread joy and support local families, and this year is no different—donate new, unwrapped toys at the designated collection spot in the clubhouse until Monday, December 15th.

#### **About Toys for Tots:**

Each year from October through December, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's **Toys for Tots Program** collects new, unwrapped toys to bring joy to children in need within their own communities. The program's mission is simple yet powerful—to ensure every child experiences the magic of Christmas and the warmth of community.

More than just gifts, these toys deliver a message of hope and encouragement, helping young people grow into responsible, caring, and engaged citizens.

#### This Year's Campaign Details:

- Launch: November 20th
- Toy Bin Location: Grand Isles Clubhouse
- Donation Criteria: New and unwrapped toys, excluding realistic looking weapons
  and gifts with food. Toys For Tots generally assists children up to age 12 years of
  age, with the age group exptended to 14-16 in some local communities.

Learn more about the local **West Palm Beach Toys for Tots** chapter through their **website**.

Imagine the look of joy on a child's face when they receive a toy from our campaign. Let's work together to reach as many children as possible!

### Calling All Volunteers — Holiday Fun at Grand Isles!

The holiday season is just around the corner, and our Social Committee is busy planning festive events for our community. To make this year extra special, we're inviting residents to volunteer and be part of the magic!

#### Why Volunteer?

- · Meet your neighbors and strengthen community connections
- Be part of the joy by helping create memorable celebrations
- · Develop new skills in event planning and organization
- · Give back while having fun!

#### Sample Volunteer Opportunities

- Assisting with decorating the clubhouse and common areas
- Helping to plan activities for kids and families
- Greeting guests and supporting event set-up/clean-up
- Contributing ideas for holiday treats, music, and games

**Interested?** No matter your availability, there's a way to pitch in. Even a few hours make a big difference! Contact the **Social Committee** at **GrandIslesEvents@gmail.com** and let us know how you'd like to help.

Together, let's make this holiday season at Grand Isles one to remember!



# HOA Board Meetings: It's All About Community Connections

#### Meet Your Neighbors

Our board meetings are where familiar faces become friends. Whether you've just moved in or have been here for years, these gatherings provide a relaxed setting to meet the people who live around you. You'll be surprised how quickly a simple introduction can turn into lasting neighborhood friendships.

#### For Working Parents

We know the juggling act of managing a career and family. Our meetings have become an unexpected networking hub for working parents who understand the challenges and triumphs of balancing it all. Share tips, exchange resources, and connect with others who get it.

#### **Family Connections**

Looking for playdate opportunities for your kids? Wondering which families have children around the same age? Board meetings are where these connections happen naturally. Parents regularly exchange contact information and set up activities for their children – turning neighbors into extended family.

#### Resource Exchange

From recommending a great babysitter to sharing information about local services, schools, or activities, our meetings are invaluable for the exchange of community knowledge. Someone always knows the answer to that question you've been wondering about!

**Professional Networking Opportunities** Grand Isles is home to a diverse group of professionals across various industries. Our board meetings provide an organic setting to make valuable business connections right in your own neighborhood. Residents have discovered new clients, formed business partnerships, learned about career opportunities, and found professional services they needed - all while getting to know their neighbors. Whether you're an entrepreneur, looking to expand your professional network, or exploring new career paths, you'll find the professional connections at our meetings to be surprisingly valuable. It's networking without the formality, building professional relationships that are rooted in community.

### Why Attend Our Monthy HOA Board Meetings? More Reasons Than You Think!

We know life gets busy, and adding another meeting to your calendar might seem like just one more thing to do. But our monthly board meetings offer something special that goes far beyond the agenda items – they're about building the connections that make Grand Isles feel like home.

#### Your Pathway to Getting More Involved

Our board meetings also serve as a pipeline for future leadership opportunities. Whether you're interested in joining a committee or considering a board position down the road, attending meetings is the perfect way to:

- Learn how the HOA operates
- Understand the issues and opportunities in our community
- Meet current board members and committee chairs
- Discover where your skills and interests might be a great fit
- See firsthand how you can make a difference in Grand Isles

Many of our current board members and committee volunteers started by simply attending a meeting or two. There's no pressure – just come, observe, ask questions, and see where your interest takes you.

# We're Making Meetings Better: We Are Listening!



We've heard your feedback, and we're committed to respecting your time!

#### **More Efficient Meetings**

The board is actively working to create **more efficient meetings** that stay on schedule and don't run longer than necessary. We're focused on keeping discussions productive while ensuring **everyone's voice is heard**.

#### **Improved Listening Experience on Zoom**

We're also **upgrading our technology** to improve the experience for both in-person and remote attendees. New microphones are being added to enhance audio quality for those joining via Zoom, so everyone can hear clearly and participate fully, no matter where they're joining from. Our goal is to make attending meetings as convenient and worthwhile as possible for your busy schedule.

#### **Embracing Family Time**

Don't put your family time on hold. **Children are welcome** – we want to make it easy for everyone to attend! There is plenty of seating and table space for homework.

If there is anything else we can do to see you at our next meeting, please contact our Property Manager, Jorge Toro, at (561) 426-7494 or email at <a href="mailto:jtoro@grsmgt.com">jtoro@grsmgt.com</a>.

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#### **GI Archive**

Key posts from previous newsletters, still relevant, for your radar.



#### Stay Connected with Grand Isles on Facebook

Did you know our community has its own official Facebook page?

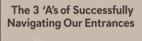
Follow <u>Grand Isles at Wellington</u> to stay up to date with neighborhood news, upcoming events, board updates, photos, and helpful reminders.

It's also a great place to share ideas, celebrate community moments, and connect with neighbors—whether you're looking for the next social event, a friendly recommendation, or just a little local inspiration.

Join today and enjoy all the benefits of connecting with your community!

# Stay Cool, Stay Calm—Don't Break the Security Arm!

Every month, Grand Isles averages three incidents of residents hitting and damaging the security arms at our front and back gates—that's over 30 incidents every year.





Approach slowly



Avoid being distracted by children, pets, and cell phones



Allow the gates to fully raise and lower before advancing

Let's protect our entrances!

# Help Your Neighbors with Their Home Improvement Goals at Grand Isles!

The Grand Isles HOA Board of Directors is actively seeking volunteers to join the Architectural Control Committee (ACC).

The ACC is responsible for reviewing resident requests for change(s) to the exterior of resident home/property such as: repainting the body and trim of the house, installing new roof tiles, adding hedges and so much more.

Your participation on the ACC helps Grand Isles to:

- Maintain Community Standards: To ensure that all exterior modifications align
  with the HOA and the Village of Wellington's design guidelines, governing
  documents, and policies
- **Preserve Property Values:** By enforcing consistent architectural and aesthetic standards, the committee helps protect and potentially increase the value of properties within the community
- Timely Review and Approve Requests: The committee reviews homeowner submissions for changes such as exterior paint, roofing, landscaping, gutters, lighting, and fencing, and approves them based on established guidelines
- **Promote Fairness and Consistency:** To ensure all homeowners are treated equally and fairly, avoiding arbitrary decisions and maintaining a cohesive neighborhood appearance
- **Support the Board of Directors**: The committee acts in an advisory capacity to the HOA board, providing recommendations and helping enforce architectural policies

#### **Time Commitment**

As an ACC member, you can anticipate generally no more than one in-person meeting per month along with several email messages to discuss homeowner applications for approval. Most of the work done by the committee is through our email approval process.

#### **Personal Benefits of Joining**

The ACC is a fantastic way to:

- Meet other members of the Grand Isles community that you might not otherwise meet
- Learn more about all that's involved in the management of our community, including how the board functions
- Learn more about Palm Beach County and the Village of Wellington laws and policies
- More directly participate in the aesthetic experience of our neighbors and visitors

If you have interest in joining or would like to meet with a member the ACC leadership to learn more, please contact our Property Manager, Jorge Toro, at (561) 426-7494 or email at <a href="mailto:jtoro@grsmgt.com">jtoro@grsmgt.com</a>.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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