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Board of Directors' Corner

WELCOME BACK to our seasonal residents!!

The November Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, November 14th at 10:30 AM (please note: this date differs from our normal schedule). At the November meeting we will have a presentation outlining the operating & reserve budget projection for 2026 and the status of the Special Assessment projects and funding.

The Annual Meeting of the membership is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 PM. We know it took a while for some of you to receive your first notice but if we don't know when you plan to return, we don't know where to send it.

The candidate forms required submittal by Oct. 31 and since receiving three (3) candidate forms for the three (3) open positions there will be no need for an election.

You will receive your official Annual Meeting information in mid-November. This packet will include your meeting agenda and Proxy. Please complete and return your Proxy in advance in order to establish a 30% quorum which is required in order to hold the meeting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management and Indian River County are a bit overwhelmed right now with the new Universal cart distribution, but they are taking exchange orders and following up eventually.

If you want to make a change to any of your cart sizes, or return any of the carts, you will need to get on the list.

The alternative cart sizes are:

35 gal - 65 gal - 95 gal

Contact information for Waste Management:

•Solid Waste Director: Himanshu Mehta
(hmehta@indianriver.gov) 772-226-3211.

•Recycle Coordinator: Sue Flak
(sflak@indianriver.gov) 772-226-3206.



ENTRY SYSTEM

Finally, a new up-to-date entry system and we hope that everyone has perfected the options.

When using the display you are on camera. The main menu asks you to make a selection from 2 options:

1. Are you calling a resident
2. Are you using an entry code

1. If you select "calling a resident" then the directory of residents will appear. You can type their last name, or the first letter of their last name, or scroll the entire directory. You will find a number associated with that resident and when you punch in that code it will call the resident. This will call your landline or your cell number, whatever we have on record. Once you distinguish that you are receiving a call from the entrance, you will then push "9" on your phone and the gate will swing open. You can hear the gate signal the opening.

2. If you select "using a code number" then a number pad will appear and you input your 4-digit assigned entry code. Once you put in your entry code you must hit ENTER which is at the bottom of the number pad.

Try practicing both options so that you can then instruct your guests. If you've forgotten your code number, or have any questions, reach out to the office.

The same contractor code is still in the system.

We will also be installing new cameras at the entrance and then at the swimming pool. These will be updated cameras with more capabilities and better clarity.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to turn your clocks back!

Sunday, November 2nd

--**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** I am writing the clippings at the same time I am putting the final touches on this year's Halloween party. I am excited to report that our Halloween numbers have never been as high as they are this year but even more excited that some of our new residents are attending the party. As tradition has it, Maryland Chicken will be catering with Old Hippies providing the music. I can hardly wait to see all the costumes -- remember you will be the judges.

UPCOMING NEWS

--**BINGO:** Bingo dates for Nov. will be the 5th & 19. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at 6:30.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** We are working on our location for November 12 as this newsletter goes to the press. If you would like to participate contact Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868 to reserve a seat.

Preliminary reservations will be made the first week of November-we will need a final count by Nov. 11 at 4 PM.

Please consider joining us! We always have a great time, sharing good food and wonderful conversation.

--**SOUP with FRIENDS:** Soup with Friends will be held again this year for Garden Grove residents at the clubhouse on Wednesday, November 5 between 11:30-1:30. Residents have signed up to make soup so please help us help the Samaritan House by stopping by the clubhouse and purchasing a bowl of soup for \$5 or a quart for \$15. We will also have pottery bowls for sale for \$20 made by the potters of Vero Beach. All the proceeds will go to the Samaritan House.

**If you signed up to make a soup please try and have your soup at the clubhouse by 11:15.

--**PAINTING with BOB ROSS:** Jerry Tierman has taken the time to put together an afternoon of painting. This will take place on Nov. 7. You already had to make arrangements with Jerry to attend but if you should have questions feel free to give him a call at 573 480 7459.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** Nov. 10 is our next social club meeting; **take note** this is a Monday instead of our usual Tuesday mornings since on Tuesday Nov. 11, many people are attending the presentation at Grove Isle.

We will be electing officers for 2026 at the Nov 10 meeting.

--**UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:** With the holiday season and busy schedules we have decided to move our first BBQ fundraiser to January 14, giving us plenty of time to get things in order. You will be able to order a hamburger (or turkey burger)/hotdog accompanied with chips, cookie, and beverage. You can eat at the clubhouse or get a to-go box. The committee is still working out the final details but the fundraisers proceeds will be going to JR ROTC at Vero Beach high school. JR ROTC is an opportunity to attract Air Force JR ROTC cadets to the field of Aviation through Embry-Riddle's ground school and small UAS certificate programs, with the hope of getting high schoolers interested in an aviation career while becoming young leaders in their communities and for our country.

Watch your mailbox for flyer.

--**THEATER GOERS:** We are going to the first production of the 2025-2026 Riverside Theater on October 30 at 2 PM. The first play is Little House of Horrors. If you are interested in joining and going to the pre-play lunch, contact Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868.

The other three shows are as follows (January 22) A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder; (March 12) Jesus Christ Superstar and (April 30) 9 to 5.

--**RESERVATIONS:** As hard as it is to believe we will be taking reservations on Wednesday Nov. 12 for both Thanksgiving dinner & Christmas Dinner Dance. At this time, we do not have the Christmas dinner dance price. We will have a flyer out by Nov. 8 with all the details. I just wanted you to be able to save the date (s) *Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Nov. 27. We will have a cut off of 50 people. *Christmas Dinner Dance will be Friday, December 12 with a cut-off of 120 people. Garden Grove will have first priority, if room allows we will have a designated time to sign up guests. Dinner will be catered by Wild Thyme and music provided by Shepard -N-Green. No jeans or shorts are allowed -dinner dress attire. At the time of sign-up we will accept one check for both. If you have a certain group of people you would like to sit with please ask them ahead of time and let us know at sign-up, also let us know if you have any special needs. --**THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Bring a dish to share. We will want to know at sign up what you are bringing so we have a little of everything (1st year we were low on a few things)

The cost will be \$8.00 PP

If you think you are going to attend please call Collette Wilkinson 978 578 0209

--**TREE TRIMMING & CLUBHOUSE DECORATING:** We will discuss the date and time at the next social club meeting. Watch your mailbox for details--better yet come to the November meeting.

--**BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:** The Nov. Birthday celebration will be November 30 @ 1:30-2:30.



HUMOR:

-WHAT DO YOU CALL A BELT MADE OF WATCHES?

-A WAIST OF TIME



DECEMBER:

-BINGO 3 & 17
-BAKE SALE / MARKET PLACE 10
-ANNUAL MEETING 10
-CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE 12
-GOLF CART/CAR PARADE 14
-NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 31



