



PIRATES' COVE NEWS

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PIRATES COVE HOA

Fall 2020



Annual Meeting & Board Election

The Annual Meeting and Election for the Board of Directors will be held virtually on January 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. This year we will be filling two (2) open positions for the Pirates' Cove Board of Directors.

The business functions of the annual meeting- election of directors, approval of last year's minutes, etc.-will be conducted after the virtual meeting via mail ballot.

You will receive details via US mail in early December.

Parking Lottery

In order to provide equal opportunity for all townhome owners in Pirates' Cove, the six recreational vehicle spaces in the Bay Drive overflow parking are assigned to townhome owners by lottery. There is no charge for using one of these assigned spaces, according to board policy 008, adopted 2/11/2019.

- Each townhome owner may apply for one RV space only.
- The lottery will be held on the first Monday in February if more than 6 applications are received.
- Lottery winners will take possession of their space on March 1, for one year.
- Winners will be assigned a specific space; only the registered vehicle may occupy the space.

Those interested should send in their name, address, and license plate and registration information for the RV/trailer/boat to the management company by Jan 31, 2021.

Welcome, Scott!

We are happy to introduce our newest board member, who is stepping into the vacant single family home seat. Please join us in welcoming Scott Gerstl, who resides on Chesapeake Lane.

Committee Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers who have the time, knowledge, or passion to help keep Pirates Cove sustainable. The Audit, Amenities, Grounds, Maintenance, Townhome Steering and Architecture Committees need volunteers. Please contact Lisa Jamison at marooned.matey@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

What's New

- ❖ Raleigh Paving completed re-paving walkways to clubhouse and restriping Bay & Barbary
- ❖ New replacement storage shed at clubhouse/pool
- ❖ Alpha & Omega awarded contract to provide an assessment of the Pirates Cove pool deck and retaining wall assessment for future maintenance and improvements
- ❖ Continued discussion with Town of Cary on acceptance of private streets
- ❖ Blackhawk Tree Services completed all tree trimming & removal in townhome community
- ❖ Gutter cleaning contract approved for townhomes and will be completed in December
- ❖ Awarded bid to CTI for drainage project on Bay Dr.
- ❖ 2021 Budget adopted
- ❖ Violation notices are being actively executed with follow up notices as needed
- ❖ 2019 Financial Audit available on Caliber website

Loose Leaf Collection

Remember to set leaves out correctly for pickup:

- ❖ Place at curb and out of street by 7 a.m.
- ❖ Avoid covering sidewalks, storm drains, water meters, fire hydrants and sewer clean-outs
- ❖ Keep piles at a distance from mail boxes and parked cars
- ❖ Keep trash, large stones and other debris out of leaf piles

Year-Round Alternatives:

Leaves in reusable containers or brown paper bags may be placed curbside for weekly yard waste collection. Yard waste can also be taken, at no charge, to the [Citizen's Convenience Center](#) at 313 N. Dixon Ave. Or, consider adding your leaves to a home compost pile.

Guidelines for Safe Holiday Gatherings



Residents are encouraged to follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for healthy and safe holiday gatherings. Many traditional indoor holiday activities can pose a higher risk for spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Before you celebrate, refer to the CDC website for a list of low, moderate, and high risk activities for gatherings and other fall and winter holiday celebrations at www.cdc.gov/. Remember, during any celebration, wear a mask around people who do not live in your household, and wash or sanitize hands regularly.

Amenities



After closing down the pool for the season, the amenities committee has stored all of the pool furniture in the newly renovated, and now weathertight, shed for winter protection. The committee is working on getting many of the stained chaise lounges refinished as well as purchasing additional upright chairs to make a full set at each table. Also, the committee has been discussing plans for some park upgrades for the community.

New storage shed installed on November 18.

Architecture

Benefits of an Architectural Review

The Architectural Control Committee is an integral part of our home owners association. Without it, we couldn't enforce the standards of our community. Some of the benefits of a consistent process include:

- ❖ Standardized approvals for homeowners
- ❖ Consistent look & feel throughout the community
- ❖ Property values that are better maintained and protected

This committee is in dire need of volunteers! Time commitment is small, impact is large. Email marooned.matey@gmail.com if you're interested.

Grounds



Accomplishments

- ❖ Preparation of 2021 Proposed Grounds Budget including collaboration with Amenities and Maintenance Committees.
- ❖ Responding to inquiries and recommendations from homeowners regarding grounds and landscaping needs.
- ❖ Tree maintenance project for Bay Drive and Barbary Court completed October 2 and Collington Drive on October 29. Excellent outcome by vendor Blackhawk.
- ❖ Basic property tree trimming will also be done by Blackhawk on February 2, 2021. Clubhouse parking lot will need to close parking areas to all traffic as well as the Sports Court drive area.
- ❖ Pathways projects for Collington Drive and Bay Drive have been completed.
- ❖ Drainage and erosion abatement in Townhome and Basic areas continues.
- ❖ 715 Collington provided resident consult in October. Drain is buried and full of silt. Drain located in the parking area has been paved over. One bid received. Two additional bids to be sought. (2021)
- ❖ 201-211 Bay Drive Water, Drainage and Erosion project is scheduled to begin on December 11. All homeowners involved in the project will be contacted directly with details.
- ❖ Communicating regularly with Elite Scape owner and team leaders to ensure contract compliance.
- ❖ Sports Court gravel replenishment at driveway entrance completed.
- ❖ Pathway gravel replenishment - Newport/Collington completed.
- ❖ Continue discussion and review of Collington , Bay Drive and Barbary Court erosion issues.

Continuing walkabouts by the committee members and community residents to stay abreast of items for grounds maintenance attention. Advocating for Pirates' Cove residents to be a part of the Grounds Committee. We are all volunteers, and we add energy to the community, contribute to the beautification of the neighborhood, and have an opportunity to gain personal satisfaction and contentment through engagement in the community



Maintenance



The maintenance committee is collaborating with CAS and Atlantis Painting & Contracting to kick-off the 2021 siding/painting project. The first 25 units include 201-211 Bay, 213-225 Bay, 1200-1206 Collington, 1208-1214 Collington, 1216- 1222 Collington. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin on January 4th with the siding removal. Homeowners will be notified with detailed information and opportunities to choose their paint colors.

General maintenance work continues, including general light pole repairs and minor roofing fixes. The committee has identified the most urgent sidewalk repair areas and is currently seeking bids. Maintenance and Grounds committees are working together to seek solutions and bids for the failing timber wall on Bay and Bay.

The committee has identified a number of front yard lights that burn continuously. We need information from the homeowners to identify which breaker controls the power to the light to resolve the problem. If your townhome front yard light falls into this category, please contact the maintenance committee at maintenance@piratescovehoa.net.

Special Thank You to all our Committee Volunteers for your dedication and service to our community in 2020.

SPECIAL THANKS

