

# PIRATES' COVE NEWS

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PIRATES COVE HOA

Summer 2020

## From The Board



#### **Board Seat Vacancies**

The decisions affecting Pirates' Cove Community are made by a Board of Directors. The only requirement is residence in our community, and the time investment depends on your level/areas of interest. You will have input in the budget process, make decisions regarding issues of non-compliance and violations, review contracts and delinquencies, generate resolutions and oversee our committees. The board comprises six Pirates' Cove residents, three from the townhomes and three from single family homes. There is currently one vacant seat from the single family homes. There will be two additional seats open

in January 2021 one from single family homes and one from townhomes. If you would like to join the board, please contact Lisa Jamison, Nomination Committee Chair, at <a href="mailto:marooned.matey@gmail.com">marooned.matey@gmail.com</a>.

### **Community Information**

We hope all of you and your families are well. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pirates' Cove HOA, CAS Property Management, and all of our vendors are following all Federal, State, and Local directives. As a reminder, tennis/basketball courts and clubhouse rentals are still closed due to state and county Covid-19 restrictions. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you again for your cooperation and stay safe and healthy.

All Pirates' Cove Board of Directors meetings continue to be held virtually, and we reserve the first half-hour of our monthly meetings to address any homeowner input we've received via email. Community news is communicated by e-blast and financials are posted monthly on Caliber. The 2019 financial audit of the Pirates' Cove HOA will be presented for board acceptance and approval on September 14 and pending approval, the audit will be posted to Caliber for the community to review.

#### What's New

- Successful community pool opening on June 12, 2020
- Pool policies and regulations update in summer of 2020
- TCR Rooter was contracted to jett and blow out all below grade drains in the Townhome community
- \* Raleigh Paving awarded contract to replace asphalt walkways from Seabrook Ave. to the pool, and to restripe & stencil Bay and Barbary; both projects to be completed in early September
- Blackhawk Tree Services awarded contract for tree trimming and removal in townhome community, work to be completed in October
- Preliminary 2021 budget preparation begins

- Pest Control contract awarded for Pirates Club Clubhouse
- 2019 Financial Audit complete

#### **Garbage Collection - Common Area**



The Town of Cary collects garbage and yard waste, and they have procedures that we are required to follow. You can find information about the procedures on the Towns website, <u>Garbage</u>, <u>Recycling & Yard Waste</u>.

Recycling is collected every other week for all Town of Cary solid waste customers and individually owned multi-family complexes. Place your recycling cart at the curb every other week on the same day as your garbage and yard waste collection.

The town also operates The Citizen's Convenience Center. It accepts residential solid waste, recycling and yard waste for proper disposal of anything you cannot fit into your carts. The website to find additional information about the convenience center is <a href="Citizen's Convenience Center">Citizen's Convenience Center</a>.

Follow the Towns guidelines and please use your recycling cart for your recyclable items. Respect your neighbors and don't place your garage or recycling items out prior to the designated pick-up schedule or outside of the designated spot for pick-up. It takes all of us to keep our community clean and safe.

# **Architecture**



#### It's as Easy as A B C

**A**sk the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) if your intended change or construction is within guidelines by submitting a request. Forms can be located on the Caliber portal.

**B**e approved. The ACC has 30 days after receipt of your request to provide their decision by approving or denying your request.

**C**ommence your project. Please remember construction or material delivery vehicles are not allowed to drive on common ground.

The ACC could use your help. Our Architectural Committee reviews and advises the board on exterior change requests coming from both detached and townhome owners. The process is completed online at committee members' convenience. Currently, the committee has two representatives from the townhome community and one from the detached community.

The ACC board needs more volunteers who want to get involved in the Pirates' Cove Community. Please contact Lisa Jamison at <a href="mailto:marrowed.matev@gmail.com">marrowed.matev@gmail.com</a> if you're interested in joining this committee.

### Grounds



The Grounds Committee continues to primarily communicate by phone, email and texts as we have honored the North Carolina Covid-19 policies. 2020 Grounds Committee members:

- Larry Heinsohn Barbary Court
- · Sandra Biggers Collington Drive
- Ellen Canavan Bay Drive
- · Susan Hester Barbary Court

#### Accomplishments to date include:

- ❖ Continuing communication with the board liaison Julia Ketchum, CAS property manager Jacob Hildebrand, homeowners from our community, members of other committees, and Elite Scape Inc. Landscape owner and team.
- Purchasing and tracking of pet waste station supplies for the neighborhood.
- ❖ Responding to inquiries and recommendations from homeowners regarding grounds and landscaping issues.
- ❖ Communicating regularly with Elite Scape management.
- ❖ Tree maintenance project for Bay Drive and Barbary Court approved and scheduled for October 1 −2, 2020. The Collington Drive project is scheduled for October 28-30, 2020.
- ❖ Working on community clean-up projects for all townhome areas.
- ❖ Liriope along the pathways to the pool and clubhouse from Seabrook Avenue will be offered to the community residents on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis prior to the pathways repaving project. Dates and parameters to be announced soon via e-Blast from CAS.
- ❖ Bamboo abatement behind 210-214 Bay Drive, and gravel replenishment of pathways behind 126-214 Bay Drive completed in August 2020.









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#### **Maintenance**



This summer, the Maintenance Committee worked with CAS Management to solicit bids for the painting and siding of the remaining 51 townhomes which are noted in the reserve study. The bid evaluation involved reviewing all bids submitted, meeting with each contractor to discuss the project, cost, and timeframe and identifying the most qualified contractor. Committee recommended that the board choose Atlantis for this

project, and their bid was approved on August 24, 2020. Due to the contractor's previous commitments, the work will not start until January 2021. This means no work will be taking place during the holidays but we will ask homeowners to take down lights and decorations immediately following Christmas. This slight delay will also allow time for owners to let renters know what will occur and when. The order in which each building will be done, along with approximate start times will be provided before work begins. Homeowners in these buildings will also be asked to choose from a list of approved paint colors in advance of the work.

Projects from the reserve study yet to be completed this year are townhome sidewalk repair and retaining wall replacement at the corner of Bay and Bay.

# **Townhome Steering**



We are happy to announce that we have lots of improvements coming soon!

TH Paint & Siding – We are truly excited that the next group of townhomes will be getting HardiePlank siding and fresh paint. During this very unusual time contractors are extremely busy and we are experiencing long wait periods for all work requirements.

Townhome Community Cleanup – Townhome Steering and Grounds Committee are working to schedule a community cleanup bringing volunteers together to clean, repair and improve public spaces and common areas. More information will be provided for a fall cleanup. This will help as we move forward with the final phase of siding work. Should you have any suggestions or recommendations please contact one of the townhome steering committee members.

## **Amenities**

Thank you everyone for following the sign up and attendance rules for the pool this summer. We consider it to have been a success given the current situation. We hope that everyone was able to use the pool as they wished.

Over the past few months, the amenities committee has purchased umbrellas and stands to use with the tables on the clubhouse deck. And we are ready to begin making some improvements to the

pathway between Collington Dr and Newport Circle. We are also beginning to plan out some improvements to the park/sports courts over



the next few years and we would appreciate any inputs the neighborhood might have. Please feel free to reach out to us at amenities@piratescovehoa.net.

Also, we would like to know if there are any licensed electricians in the neighborhood that might be willing to consult with us on some projects in the near future. If you are licensed and willing please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:amenities@piratescovehoa.net">amenities@piratescovehoa.net</a>.

A special **THANK YOU** to Ernie and Lisa Jamison for your time, vehicle and community service for the clean-up at the clubhouse.



