

Innerarity Island Vibes



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Members of the HOA have decided to start an island newsletter to better keep residents informed about events, activities and issues that are occurring at Innerarity Island.

First off we would like to welcome all new residents to the island! We hope you will love the peacefulness, wildlife, great people and the beauty of the island as much as we do.

As an informational source for new residents and a refresher for long term residents we ask you to visit our website at innerarityisland.org and review our covenants and bylaws. Several key items to remember are as follows:

1. Many members of the association have complained that the posted speed of 25 mph is not being observed. Please remember we have children, walkers, bikers and pets using our roadways. We remind you and your guests to observe the speed limits. Let's all work together to keep our island safe.
2. There have been a number of instances lately where residents have noted the feeding of wild and/or feral animals on the island. We ask that you do not feed or leave food outdoors for your pets and under no circumstances feed or attempt to feed the wild or feral animals.
3. Dogs unaccompanied by owner (handler) and not on a leash is a violation of the established leash laws. Please have your pet on a leash and pick up all "droppings" left by your pet while walking them in the neighborhood. Under no circumstances should a pet of any kind be allowed to roam freely.
4. All property owners are reminded that failure to maintain your property in a neat manner and in accordance with other properties in the neighborhood will result in maintenance of said lots by the Innerarity Island Association, for which a reasonable charge will be levied against the property owner. Lawn debris and trash in excess of that normally picked up by ECUA should not be placed on the right of way unless arrangements have been made with ECUA or other means to have it removed in a timely manner (within a few days).
5. All construction and renovations to properties are governed by our Covenants and Restrictions which require that written approval be received from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to the activity taking place. This obviously includes the construction of new homes but equally so renovations to property that include the building of fences, pools, decks, patios, driveways, terraces, walkways, attached structures etc. As you know our covenants and restrictions specifically prohibit outside storage buildings or utility trailers being used for that purpose. Also, the removal of trees

greater than 5" diameter at breast height requires approval. Failure to obtain prior approval, regardless of reason can result in an assessment on a per tree basis.

6. There are reports by association members concerning the parking of vehicles on the roadways or the Innerarity Island right-of-way. Only under emergency and very short term circumstances should any vehicle be parking on the road occur and the vehicles owner or driver must be available to move the vehicle on a short notice. Parking on the right-of-ways as a temporary means to accommodate house guests or others is certainly understandable and acceptable but should not be a parking spot for your daily vehicle..
7. Many members do not know where the right of way is. The major right of way is the first 10 feet to the street side of every lot on the island. This property is not the property of the lot owner. You can determine the location by noting the location of the utilities. Utility poles or boxes are always located on the right of way. Property owners should not place or plant anything in the right of ways other than 1 mailbox. Our roads are narrow and any plants or trees become an obstruction to visibility along the roads and are subject to required removal.

ISLAND UPDATES:

In 2017, Escambia County formally received over 100 residential Innerarity Island lots formerly owned by the Innerarity Island Development Corporation. The county has subsequently put a number of these lots up for auction with proceeds helping to defer the costs of upcoming sewer upgrades. At our 12/12/2017 annual meeting, association members formally requested that 69 of the Seascape lots not be auctioned, and instead be put in conservation. In the interim, the the HOA board would like to remind association members that motorized vehicles, dumping, camping, fires and other restricted activities are prohibited in the Seascape areas. Signage indicating these restrictions was approved by the board at the 4/8/2018 meeting. Signs were subsequently posted in accordance with the Florida statutes for no trespassing signs. (FL 810.011) Gates are also being ordered and will be installed where there used to be chains across the roads as a permanent closure to these roads for vehicles.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Gates will be open for the Island yard sale September 14th and 15th, 7a.m. to 5 p.m.. We are looking for volunteers to do signs and advertise. Please email the board at Innerarityislandhoa@gmail.com to volunteer.

Please join us for the Island picnic October 21st, 3pm to 6pm. Bring a dish to share and meet your fellow islanders at the community lot. If you would like to volunteer to help with the picnic planning and set up please contact Jennifer Fournier.

Our annual board meeting is December 3rd at 5pm at the church community center.

All of our board and committee members work hard to keep our island a safe place to live, raise a family, retire and enjoy life. We would like to thank everyone who volunteers for these positions for everything you do to make this island such a special place to live. Please get involved, and volunteer for some of these positions, we are always looking for residents to help.