

INSIDE MISTY OAKS

Misty Oaks Subdivision
End of Year Newsletter – December 2024
Website: www.mistyoaks-palmaire.com

As we end this crazy year, the Board thought it a good time to send a few Thank-You(s) and a few reminders for the new year.

THANK YOU

Thank you to anyone who has served on the Board over the years. While it is not always an easy job, it is critical to the beauty and value of our wonderful neighborhood. Volunteers are needed so please contact any Board member if you have any interest in serving in the future.

Thank you to Alina Jakubski for her years off volunteering to store, install and take down the front entrance holiday decorations. Many have assisted her through the years so thank you all. The new volunteer coordinator is Andrea LeBlanc. Thank you in advance Andrea and if anyone is willing to help her with the process, please contact someone on the Board.

Thank you to all the neighbors who helped others in the neighborhood during our active and messy hurricane season.

REMINDERS

- As hurricane debris is removed by the County, please try to gather the remnant debris in bags or cans so it does not make its way to other yards in the winds.
- Take down any plywood or other hurricane protection on the exterior of your home, per Article VI, 23.c.
- Assess your trees for dead limbs or broken limbs and remove this potential hazard for your sake and that of neighbors. There will be other storms so preparation in advance is wise.
- We have had several instances recently of dogs off-leash attacking other dogs. Please make sure your dog is controlled outside of your home.

- **The following is directly from Animal Ordinance 12-10**

Sec. 2-4-11: Dogs and Cats at Large; Direct Control; Exceptions

A. No dog or cat shall be “at large,” as defined by this Ordinance, upon any public property, street, or sidewalk, or on private property of another without the consent of the property owner. **AT LARGE** shall mean any dog or cat on the owner’s premises, not in the control of the owner or custodian; or any dog or cat off the premises of the owner or custodian and not under the physical control of the owner or custodian. Fines can be assessed

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- Please be aware of your “curb appeal” and keep sidewalks and flower beds trimmed and blown off.
- Empty pots in beds and lawns should contain plants or be removed.
- There has been speeding in the neighborhood. Please be aware the speed limit is 25mph and remind your contractors and visitors as well.
- Reminder there are periodic BYO beverage and BYO chair “Happy Hour” gatherings in our neighborhood. Notices are sent to the email addresses on file. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors better. Please try to support these events.
- Recent neighborhood garage sales have seen a drop off in participation. Unless we can see 10 or more homes interested, these will be eliminated as a neighborhood event. If the neighborhood garage sale events are eliminated then, as a resident, you can hold a maximum of 2 personal garage sales per year.
- Any exterior changes to your home that are visible to the public, must seek approval from the Board. Requirements are in the Deed Restrictions on the Misty Oaks website. The form (MOOA RfAM) is under DOCUMENTS and FORMS on the website, and it should be sent to Dick Farabaugh at dickfarabaugh@hotmail.com.
- Garage doors should be kept closed unless temporarily needed to be open for a project or yard work.
- Mailboxes must be maintained. Repair if broken; paint if needed. Replace it if unable to repair or clean up. See the website for acceptable replacements.
- Automobile repairs are not to take place in driveways or streets.
- Yard or other equipment and tools should be stored out of sight and not where visible to neighbors or the public.

Congratulations

Our neighbor, our former Treasurer, and Vice President of Construction for Manatee County Habitat for Humanity, **Steve Reinfeldt**, has been recognized “for his outstanding contributions to our community and the broader field of construction.” See this link for details:

<https://manateehabitat.org/celebrating-steve-reinfeldt-our-vice-president-of-constructions-remarkable-achievement/> When you see Steve congratulate him on receiving this coveted honor.

What’s Happened . . .

On December 5th we held the annual Homeowner’s meeting at Palm Aire Country Club. All of you were mailed an invitation to attend in person and asked to provide a Proxy vote on 3 issues. You were also asked to vote on the Board nominations for 3 seats on the Board for next year. Of the 65 homeowner Lots in Misty Oaks only about 15 were represented at the meeting...the Proxies we

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received, and votes totaled 43. **Some Good News** - The votes for the election of the Board were tallied and all 3 nominees were elected to continue their terms for at least 2 more years.

BUT!!!- the votes and proxies were tallied for the 3 items up for approval and we received 32 votes for approval and 11 votes for *not* approved! Since we must have a simple majority of all homeowners ($33+1=34$) to pass these issues the vote **FAILED by 2 votes**. . . so we need to make some suggested changes and vote again.

. . .and What's Next??

Since our By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, and Declarations of Restrictions must be revised to meet current state statutes, we will be revising those documents again. We will modify the verbiage to satisfy the objections brought up at the Annual Meeting and will again post the revisions on the website and seek input from the homeowners and take a vote to accept or reject each of these documents. This time it will be done through the email addresses we have on file with the vote done by return email and special or regularly scheduled ZOOM meeting so that those that wish can attend. **PLEASE be on the look out for these emails and PLEASE participate in the vote.**

Do You Have Something To Add?

Our Newsletter is not a regularly scheduled posting . . . but we would like it to be. If anyone in the neighborhood would like to volunteer to be the editor for our newsletter, please let one of the Board members know. We would like it to be at least a quarterly issue with any and all topics of interest to our group. It could not only have current Board news but could have 'tips and tricks' for any number of things, jokes, recipes, pool and lawn and garden topics, etc. If you feel your creative juices bubbling up with nowhere to go then this might be the opportunity you are looking for. It doesn't have to be one person either . . . a small group of creative people could be just what we need. Please volunteer if you have an interest.

Finally, please...please...please take an interest in and try to attend our Board meetings throughout the year. Each meeting date is posted by signage at the neighborhood entrance and the agenda and Zoom meeting link is available on the web site. Every item discussed throughout the year impacts each one of us and our property values. The Board exists to represent you. Feedback is needed all year and not just once a year or not at all.

The Board wishes you all a safe, joyous and blessed Holiday season.

2025 Board Members

Joe Morrison – President

Michael Regulbuto - Vice President

Linda Midyett – Secretary & Grievance Contact

Steve Digilio – Treasurer

Dick Farabaugh – Architectural Control Rep

Board Member's email addresses are available on the website