



**Catalina Isles/Skylark Estates
Homeowners Association Newsletter
October 2018**

Website: www.catalinaskylark.com Email: micatsky@gmail.com

Next General Meeting: **Thursday, October 11, 2018** Meet & Greet your neighbors;
Merritt Island Library **6:00 – 7:45 pm** Enjoy pizza from 6:00 – 6:15 pm

This meeting is open to all residents (owners and renters) in Catalina Isles/Skylark Estates

Featured Speaker: **Marine Resources Council – Indian River Lagoon Health Update**

The Indian River Lagoon is a resilient and transitional system that has changed over time, but we have altered it to a point where it is changing for the worse. The Marine Resources Council (MRC) is scientifically working to measure water quality and habitats in the lagoon, providing a baseline of ecosystem health and direction for improvement. Come hear their progress and how we can all help.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:	
Merritt Island Holiday Parade:	Sat. December 1 st 9:30 am until approximately 12:30 pm <i>The Brevard County Sheriff’s Office will close Courtenay Parkway (SR3) from Grove Boulevard to Merritt Avenue and Merritt Avenue east to Plumosa Avenue</i>
Merritt Island Boat Parade:	Sat. December 15 th Starts at Sykes Creek Parkway Bridge at 6:30 pm



’Tis the Season to be Thankful



Based on positive feedback from those that attended last year, we are planning to have our 2018 Annual Holiday Party on **Saturday, December 8th at the Brevard Veteran’s Memorial Center, from 6 to 8:30 pm.** There will be live music, a 50/50 raffle and fabulous door prizes!

Space is limited so please RSVP by November 10th. To help cover expenses, we are asking for a nominal fee as follows:

HOA members: \$5.00 per person

Non-members: \$15.00 per person

The HOA will be ordering BBQ from Sonny’s and we are asking each family to bring either a side dish or appetizer to share. The HOA Board of Directors will be furnishing desserts.

Please feel free to RSVP and pay on-line using either PayPal or a credit card via our website at

www.catalinaskylark.com OR complete the following form and mail to:

Catalina Isles/Skylark Estates HOA, P.O. Box 540401, Merritt Island, FL 32954-0401

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

OF ATTENDEES: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

(\$5.00 per person for HOA members; \$15.00 per person for non-members)

***WE HOPE YOU’LL JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR AN EVENING
OF FUN and HOLIDAY CHEER!***

SAVE MONEY, WATER and THE ENVIRONMENT

The City of Cocoa Utilities' Conservation is dedicated to educating its water consumers about ways that they can conserve water, save money and reduce water pollution. They offer customers two rebates that have been extended to September 2019: For customers with homes built before 1994, Cocoa offers a toilet rebate program for replacing 3.5 – 7 gallon-per-flush (GPF) toilets with 1.28 GPF or lower toilets. Cocoa offers a rain barrel rebate program to its customers to help offset the cost of purchasing or making rain barrels. Ph: (321) 433-8705 Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

<https://www.cocoaf1.org/255/Conservation>

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Irrigation guidelines START the first Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March

Irrigation is limited to no more than one day per week on scheduled days.

- Residential irrigation at odd numbered addresses or no addresses is allowed on Saturday if needed.
- Residential irrigation at even numbered addresses is allowed on Sunday if needed.
- Commercial irrigation is allowed on Tuesday if needed.

Irrigation is prohibited between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm






For more information visit: <https://www.cocoaf1.org/730/Irrigation-Guidelines>



HELP PREVENT UNNECESSARY FLOODING PROBLEMS

Please keep drainage inlets clear of palm fronds and other debris. While the public storm water system is designed and maintained to keep roads open and safe during rainfalls; private properties also receive a residual benefit because typically home properties drain into the city streets. If the drainage inlets near your home become clogged with debris, there is a greater potential of flooding.

WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY RECYCLING CART?

	Plastic Bottles and Containers - Beverage bottles and food containers (water and soda, yogurt and butter tubs). Dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner and similar items. Caps and pumps on can be left on. No straws.
	Cardboard, etc. - Milk & juice cartons, paper towel & toilet tissue rolls, paper-board food boxes and clean, dry, flattened corrugated cardboard boxes (no greasy pizza boxes).
	Aluminum cans, etc. - Aluminum, steel and tin cans, clean foil & aluminum food pans.
	Glass bottles & jars. - Clear and color glass bottles and jars. NO oven cookware, drinking glasses or ceramics.
	Paper - Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, paperback books, office paper, junk mail, envelopes, telephone books and paper bags.

Remember to lightly rinse all bottles and containers. NO plastic bags.

MUCK REMOVAL IN SYKES CREEK AND CANALS IS NOT EXPECTED TO GET TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD UNTIL THE FALL OF 2019

The exception is the inside canals of Montego Bay, Waikiki and Richland Ave as the equipment is too big to fit under the Richland Ave bridge. It is expected that the water in these canals will improve as Sykes Creek de-mucking progresses.

Muck comes from excess nitrogen and phosphorus from fertilizers, septic tanks, from soils, grass clippings, leaves and other organic matter entering the lagoon. Muck has built up in channels and deep pockets where it has reached depths of up to 15 feet! The muck is a problem as it increases turbidity, depletes oxygen, stores and releases nutrients, and smothers seagrass and other bottom-dwelling critters.

To learn more you can go to:

<https://www.brevardfl.gov//SaveOurLagoon/CitizenOversightCommittee>

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/NaturalResources/DredgingProjects>

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If you have questions, contact Matt Culver at Matt.Culver@brevardfl.gov

What can we do to help?

- 1 - Keep the fertilizer to a minimum.
- 2 - Make sure grass clippings don't end up in the Lagoon or storm drain.
- 3 - Consider natural native Florida landscaping. Plant Florida grass.
- 4 - Pick up after our pets.
- 5 - Don't wash your car in the driveway where oil, tar and solvents will run into the storm drains.

For more information on how you can help visit:

<https://helpthelagoon.org/love-the-lagoon/>



RAIN SENSORS - MOISTURE SENSORS HELP YOUR YARD DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Florida is one of just a few states with a rain sensor statute. Rain sensors are available wherever irrigation supplies are sold, and a homeowner or irrigation professional can install them.

Advantages of a rain sensor:

- Conserves water—prevents irrigation after recent rain events.
- Saves money—reduces utility bills and lawn maintenance costs by interrupting the irrigation system after adequate rainfall.
- Reduces wear on the irrigation system because the system runs only when necessary.
- Reduces disease and weed pressure by eliminating unnecessary irrigation events.
- Helps protect surface and groundwater by reducing the runoff and deep percolation that carries pollutants, such as fertilizers and pesticides, into storm drains and groundwater.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

If you observe any criminal or suspicious activity in the neighborhood, please report it first to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (non-emergency 321.633.7162) and then to our Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) by contacting Gary Young at 321.305.5645 or at floridagman@cfl.rr.com or by submitting a report on the HOA website. If you would like more information on the NWP or would like to volunteer as a block captain, contact Gary Young.

Next HOA Director's Meeting: Monday, November 5th at 6:00 pm at the Merritt Island Library. HOA members are welcome to attend the Board of Directors meetings.

Important Contact Information

Suggestions or concerns can be directed to Officers, Directors, the HOA email address or website.

President	Kathy Matson	813.508.8177	k.matson@hotmail.com
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Jean Gaudreau	321.449.0500	Judy Townsend Briggs	678.521.7631
Scott Sappenfield	321.637.8519	Gary Young (Neighbor Watch)	321.305.5645
Joyce Young	321.305.5645	Jerry Heyman	321.454.9439
Joanna Pell	321.258.3201	Sharon Ramsey	321.449.9956

Please Pay Your 2018 Annual Dues

Dues are used to maintain the HOA, produce the newsletters, pay for beautification projects, maintain the website, advertise our annual garage sale, fund the Holiday Party, provide refreshments and speakers for our meetings, support the Neighborhood Watch Program and other activities that benefit our neighborhood and the community as a whole.

PAY BY MAIL: Please, send a check for \$15.00 payable to Catalina Isles/Skylark Estates HOA, P. O. Box 540401, Merritt Island, FL 32954-0401 together with this form (please include your email address).

PAY ONLINE: You can go online to our website www.catalinaskylark.com and pay with a credit card or with your PayPal account. (The site is secured and protected).

Pay with cash or check at the General Meeting.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ I would like to have an Electronic Newsletter sent to my email address and opt out of paper delivery. Please indicate email address above.

I would like to get involved with (please check the desired activity):

- Being a Director Deliver Newsletters Website Beautification needs
 Organizing events Neighborhood Watch General volunteer
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