



**Catalina Isles/Skylark Estates
Homeowners Association Newsletter
April / May 2019**

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Next General Meeting:
Merritt Island Library

Thursday, May 9, 2019
6:00 – 7:45 pm

Meet & Greet your neighbors;
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: **Matt Culver**, *Boating & Waterways Program Coordinator*
Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department

Water quality of the Indian River Lagoon has declined due to excess nutrients, sediment and other pollutants carried by stormwater. The Brevard County Natural Resources Management Dept. is involved with many projects to help reduce the pollution of our waterways. Learn more about these projects and how each of us can help to reverse the damage done to the lagoon and surrounding waterways.

OUR NEW ENTRANCE SIGNS ARE IN PLACE !!

Thanks to all of our residents who have been paying their yearly HOA dues so that we could afford to replace the Entrance signs on Richland Avenue and Catalina Isle Drive. The new signs make a bold statement and reflect the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of our fabulous community. Special thanks to Matt Matson and John McKrow who took down the old signs and installed the new ones.

Great job guys!!



HOME SECURITY

Has your home been
SAFE CERTIFIED
by the
Brevard County
Sheriff's Office?



**THIS HOME
SAFE CERTIFIED**



**BREVARD COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY

If your home has not been **SAFE CERTIFIED** by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, contact the Community Services Unit today for a free and confidential home security survey!

(321)264-7755
or
communityservices@bcso.us

At our January general meeting, Sheriff Wayne Ivey presented a service offered by the BCSO that involves a home visit by a Crime Prevention Practitioner to suggest ways to make your home and property safer.

The survey is Confidential and Free.



Several residents have stated they would like to have speed humps placed on our main thoroughfares as people continue to speed through our neighborhood even though **25 mph speed signs are posted throughout.**

The 3 main roads that would most likely be considered are Catalina Isle Drive, Richland Avenue, and New Hampton Way.

The HOA does not take a position on speed humps and cannot lead this initiative. It is up to the residents of a particular street to contact the County for information and instructions on how to proceed with conducting a street survey and submitting a completed survey for consideration. The County Speed Hump phone number is 321.633.2077. Please keep in mind that the entire process can take up to a year to process.

Here is some general information to consider:

- A resident must contact the County to obtain a survey. Once a survey is requested, the requestor has 120 days to complete and submit. If the deadline is missed, the requestor can reapply after 12 months.
- 85% of the residents living on that street must agree to installing speed humps on their street.
- After the survey is received by the County, a traffic count will be done. This will take a few months.
- Speed humps will only be considered where average traffic volume is less than 1,500 cars per day.
- The County Commissioner will review all the data and decide if the County wants to spend the money. The last Commissioner never spent county dollars on speed humps – the county preferred to spend money on road improvements.
- There are also several issues to take in consideration concerning speed humps:
 - It can slow down emergency vehicles
 - Injuries can occur from speeding over speed humps
 - Drivers may try to circumvent them – damaging sidewalks and lawns
 - Noise level may increase by cars slowing down and speeding up

***Please remember to obey the speed limit and watch for children and animals that may be in your path.
It is up to all of us to keep our neighborhood safe.***

NEEDED: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The HOA is looking for a volunteer to take over as Program Coordinator for the Neighborhood Watch Program. The position requires someone outgoing and organized, who can recruit and train a network of Block Captains. Block Captains make up a two-way communication network which passes information about crimes and suspicious activities observed in their area up to the Coordinator. The Coordinator then communicates this out through the network of Block Captains and Watch Members throughout the Catalina Isles/Skylark Estates subdivision to alert the homeowners and residents of our community and raise awareness among their immediate neighbors.

The program follows guidelines established by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and is overseen by the HOA Board of Directors. If you are interested or have questions about the duties or time commitment, please contact Gary Young, at 321-305-5645 for more information.





Our HOA would like to recognize neighbors who are taking great care of their home and surroundings. We have so many homes that are being improved or maintained by caring residents and we'd love to recognize you for your efforts. A committee has been formed to spearhead this project. We are looking for residents to nominate their neighbors via an email to the Chair of this committee, Louise Parker. Her email address is: loulou4bell@yahoo.com. Or, you can email your nominations to micatsky@gmail.com. The committee will then review all entries and award 3 homes on a quarterly basis. We'd like to put a sign in your yard indicating you're a winner, recognize your home in an upcoming newsletter and on our website, and personally thank you at one of our general meetings.

Catalina Isles / Skylark Estates is a wonderful place to live and the more we can encourage and engage our neighbors in the importance of maintaining and updating our properties, the more valuable our area becomes.

FLORIDA-FRIENDLY YARDS AND LANDSCAPING

The conservation and protection of Florida's water resources starts at home. Homeowners' landscaping choices can affect the health of ground and surface waters and the natural environment.

The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Homeowner program educates homeowners about how to design, install, and maintain healthy landscapes that use a minimum of water, fertilizer, and pesticides. The result? Low-cost, low-maintenance, attractive landscapes that reduce the chance of polluting the water supply. Visit <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu> for more information or call FYN Statewide Homeowner Coordinator (352) 273-4518.

You can download the Florida Yards Neighborhoods Handbook at:
https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/materials/FYN_Handbook_2015_web.pdf

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE HOA MEETINGS IN 2019:

DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Thursday, July 11th

Thursday, September 12th

Thursday, November 14th

GENERAL MEETINGS

Thursday, August 8th

Monday, October 28th

Holiday Party - December 7th
 (Details coming soon...)

All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend General Meetings, however only HOA paid members are permitted to attend Director's Meetings.

Useful Information

Garbage Pick-up: Mondays & Thursdays

Recyclable and Yard Clippings Pick-up: Thursdays

Daylight Saving Time Watering Restrictions start: Second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.

Time of Year	Odd-numbered homes or no addresses	Even-numbered addresses	Non-residential properties
Daylight Saving Time:	Wednesday / Saturday	Thursday / Sunday	Tuesday / Friday
WATER ONLY WHEN NEEDED AND NOT BETWEEN 10 am AND 4 pm			

Important Contact Information

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

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Please Pay Your 2019 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).

Or, 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



Thanks to our business partners for providing the HOA exceptional service:

