



**Catalina Isles/Skylark Estates
Homeowners Association Newsletter
July / August 2019**

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**Next General Meeting:
Merritt Island Library**

**Thursday, August 8, 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: *Sally Scalera, Urban Horticulture Agent & Master Gardener Coordinator*

Sally is a Master Gardener and heads up the 'My Brevard Yard' program that teaches people how to create and maintain a beautiful lawn while protecting the Indian River Lagoon. My Brevard Yard is part of the UF/IFAS Florida-Friendly Landscaping® Program. Sally is an engaging speaker and plans to present ideas for Landscaping Practices for a Healthy Indian River Lagoon.

YOUR HOA – AND YOUR NEIGHBORS -APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

Our HOA has started a program 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 want to recognize your efforts.

Our committee has received several nominations for this coveted award, and we are pleased to announce the first 3 winners that will proudly display a sign in their yard to indicate their home has been recognized. *Congratulations!!*

- **115 Catalina Isle Drive**
- **230 Tiki Drive**
- **270 Montego Bay Court**

Residents can 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.



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.



HURRICANE SEASON *is June 1st – November 30th*



With hurricane season underway, homeowners should assess their home's risk and develop emergency plans to protect against a potential storm. Here are some very helpful tips from FEMA:

- Know your risk. FEMA's map service center will show you the flood risk for your community, which helps determine the type of flood insurance coverage you will need since standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding.
- Assemble an emergency kit. The emergency kit should include first aid supplies, a flashlight, extra batteries, at least three days of non-perishable foods and water, towels and a supply of any necessary medications. Stay informed of the storm's path and progress by monitoring Wireless Emergency Alerts via text message and having a battery-powered radio or TV available.
- Develop a family communications plan. Know how you will contact one another; how you will get back together, if separated; and what you will do in different situations. Having a plan can eliminate some of the stress and confusion.
- Make sure you have gas in your car, personal documents safe and accessible, and cash on hand.
- Establish an evacuation route. Prior to a storm, contact your local American Red Cross to locate the shelter nearest you or download their Shelter Finder App. Identify the safest route to get there. Be sure to check if your local emergency shelter allows animals and family pets.
- Secure your home. Outdoor furniture and other objects can pose a potential hazard. Turn off propane tanks and other utilities if instructed to do so by emergency personnel.
- Secure all water equipment like boats, kayaks, paddleboards, jet skis, etc.
- Protect financial documents. In the event of a disaster, you will need identification and financial documents to begin the recovery process. Safeguard important documents in a bank safety deposit box, computer storage devices (USB drive, CD/DVD), and/or waterproof storage containers, including:
 - Personal identification (driver's licenses, birth certificates, military IDs, passports, etc.)
 - Financial account information (checking, savings, retirement and investment accounts, credit/debit cards).
 - Insurance policies on all personal property, including appraisals and lists and photos of valuable items.
 - Pictures or video of important family heirlooms or furniture/pictures that are of value.
 - Ownership or leasing documentation for homes and vehicles (deeds, titles, registrations, rental agreements, etc.)
 - All health and medical insurance documentation.
 - All medication and prescriptions – make sure you've refilled any necessary prescriptions.
 - Know the details of your insurance policy. Talk with your agent to determine if you have adequate coverage or if you need to reassess your plan. This is especially important if your property's flood map has changed.

The FEMA website, [Ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), offers tips on preparing for an emergency. FEMA offers a free app that is available for download through your smart phone. For more resources, visit the FEMA site: <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>. Or visit our website at www.catalinaskylark.com

For additional information on disaster and emergency preparedness, you can also visit RedCross.org



LET'S KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE FROM YARD DEBRIS

No one wants flying yard debris to injure someone or damage property during a hurricane. Planning ahead can reduce the amount of loose stuff and protect your property at the same time.

Before you start pruning dead branches and fronds from your trees, keep these tips in mind:

1. Don't trim trees and shrubs after a hurricane warning or watch is announced.
2. Don't take vegetation to the curb as debris may not be picked up before the storm and you could create more problems than you are solving, plus clog street drainage.
3. As part of your regular hurricane season preparedness and maintenance, cut back all trees and weak branches that could contact buildings.
 - a. Have your foliage thinned so wind can flow freely through branches, decreasing the chance that trees/plants will be uprooted.
4. Please keep street drainage grates free of debris. If needed, ask neighbors to help remove debris to ensure proper drainage of standing water

Watering Tips: *How can we reduce the amount of water we waste?*

- Running the dishwasher only when it's full can eliminate one load of dishes per week and save the average family nearly 320 gallons of water annually.
- Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth can save 8 gallons of water per day and, while shaving, can save 10 gallons of water per shave. Assuming you brush your teeth twice daily and shave 5 times per week, you could save nearly 5,700 gallons per year.
- Letting your faucet run for five minutes while washing dishes can waste 10 gallons of water and uses enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 18 hours.
- We can all use at least 20 percent less water by installing water-efficient fixtures and appliances.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE HOA MEETINGS IN 2019:

DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Thursday, September 12th

Thursday, November 14th

GENERAL MEETINGS

Thursday, August 8th

Monday, October 28th

Holiday Party – Friday, December 6th

All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend General Meetings, however only HOA paid members are permitted to attend Director's 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	President@catalinaskylark.com
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Bill & Louise Parker	321.452.5116	Maria Bonnett	

Useful Information

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			

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.



Please Pay Your 2019 Annual Dues

Dues are used to maintain the HOA, replace or repair our Entrance Signs, 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:

