



**Catalina Isles/Skylark Estates
Homeowners Association Newsletter
January 2020**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Next General Meeting: **Thursday, January 30, 2020** 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 Speakers: Brevard County Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officers maintain the feeling of a safe and healthy environment for those living, working and visiting our community. Code Enforcement responds to reports of Brevard County code violations in our neighborhood and strives to enforce the County’s Code of Ordinances.

Our community Code Enforcement Officers will engage in a discussion of recent violations and responses



The January 30th General meeting is ‘Election Day’ for the officers of our HOA. As always, it is an open election, meaning all residents who paid their 2019 dues are invited to be nominated for office. Here are the responsibilities of our HOA Officers:

PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY
Chairs the General meetings and Board of Directors meetings and sets agendas for all meetings. Delegates responsibilities and assists with events and projects. THIS POSITION WILL BE VACANT as our current President is stepping down. We need to fill this position.	Acts as back-up to the President and chairs various committees.	Accepts and deposits dues, pays bills and files reports on our financial status. Complies with state requirements for our non-profit status. Maintains website on-line dues.	Records and distributes minutes from all Directors and General meetings.

We’d like to say thanks to Kathy Matson who has been our HOA President for the past 2 years. Kathy is a dedicated volunteer and will continue as a member of our Board. She is actively involved with Brevard County’s Guardian ad Litem program.

If you’re not yet interested in being an HOA Officer, please consider joining our Board of Directors. Directors guide the direction of our HOA, and we are always looking for new ideas and ways to engage the members of our neighborhood. Your involvement will help shape our community!

If you didn’t join our Holiday party in December, you missed a good time!

There were 83 attendees who joined their friends and neighbors for an evening of great food, fabulous door prizes, wonderful live music – and one lucky person who participated in the 50/50 raffle donated all of it (**\$309**) back to House of Hope!

We want to thank the local businesses that generously donated door prizes to us:

- Solar Car Wash • Midas • Carrabas
• Gregory’s hair salon • Island Gecko Grill • Just Because Boutique



WE LOVED YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT!



Our neighborhood sparkled this year with good cheer and a panel of HOA judges awarded 3 homes for showcasing the season's holiday spirit!

The HOA's choice for best presentation were 895 S. Montego Bay Court, 750 Larkview Avenue and 455 Sundoro Court. **Great job everyone!!**

Please remember to recycle your Christmas trees! Pick-up is on Thursdays.

HAVING AN HOA MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

County Commission Bryan Lober was one of the Guest Speakers at our October 2019 General Meeting and issued a press release that came out a few weeks afterwards. Having an HOA that communicates with local officials can have a positive effect! This project will help stop contaminated water leaching into the lagoon.

Brevard County Utility Services Department will begin conducting a sanitary gravity sewer assessment in the Brevard County Utility service area for both Merritt Island and Port St. John. The assessment for the Merritt Island service area is slated to begin the week of November 18 and estimated to take approximately five months to complete.

The Merritt Island assessment will start on North Merritt Island and proceed south to cover all service areas.

Grass clippings that end up in the street or in the canals break down and release nitrogen directly back into the lagoon before they settle on the bottom to contribute to the accumulation of muck.

Please help to improve the water quality of our lagoon by doing the following:

- Keep lawn clippings on the lawn
- Mow so that the chute directs the clippings away from the street and driveway
- Blow lawn clippings off the street and driveway back to the lawn
- Use a self-mulching mower
- **Remind your professional mower to keep lawn clippings out of the street and the lagoon!**



CATALINA ISLES/ SKYLARK ESTATES HOA 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

01/01/2019 BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 6,104.78
DEPOSITS:		
Collected from HOA Dues	\$ 3,262.28	
Collected from Holiday Party	<u>656.90</u>	
TOTAL COLLECTED IN 2019	\$ 3,919.18	
EXPENSES:		
Newsletters	\$ 545.70	
Website Maintenance	28.16	
Legal	61.25	
P. O. Box Rental	82.00	
General Meetings (Speakers & Food)	302.18	
Garage Sale (Adv & Signs)	217.84	
New Entrance Signs	3,801.83	
Office Expense	309.12	
Landscape/ Best Yard & Lights signs	143.34	
Holiday Party	<u>1,117.26</u>	
TOTAL 2019 EXPENSES	\$ 6,608.68	
12/31/2019 ENDING BALANCE		\$ 3,415.28



We continue to recognize homes that are being improved or maintained by caring residents this quarter by placing a Thank You sign in each yard. Here are this quarter's winners. *Thanks for making our community look good!*

- **175 Richland Avenue**
- **1165 Molakai Drive**
- **435 San Cristobal 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.

Get ready to do a little spring cleaning and sell some great stuff!

The annual Catalina Isles / Skylark Estates Community Garage Sale will be:

Sat. April 25th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. (Rain Date: May 2nd)

The HOA will advertise the Community Garage Sale in local newspapers, on our website and on Craig's List. If you plan to participate, please let us know via the website or at micatsky@gmail.com so we can include your address on our website page and on Craig's List. If you have something special to sell, please add the description so we can include it.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE HOA MEETINGS IN 2020:

DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- Monday, January 6th
- Monday, March 23rd
- Monday, June 22nd
- Monday, Sept. 28th

GENERAL MEETINGS

- Thursday, January 30th
- Monday, April 27th
- Monday, July 20th
- Monday, Oct. 26th

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

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).

If you would like to participate in our Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact either:

Gary Young: garyneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com

Paul: paulneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com

Trish: trishneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com or phone: 321-305-5848



Let's work together to keep our neighborhood safe!

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.

President	Kathy Matson	813.508.8177	President@catalinaskylark.com
Vice President	Christine McDonough	321.794.3310	VicePresident@catalinaskylark.com
Secretary	Trish Heyburn	321.305.5848	Secretary@catalinaskylark.com
Treasurer	Silvia Bryan	321.412.7767	Treasurer@catalinaskylark.com

Directors:

Jean Gaudreau	321.449.0500	Judy Townsend Briggs	678.521.7631
Dee McKrow	904.891.5463	Gary Young	321.305.5645
Candace McManus	321.208.7909	Paul Alessi	321.305.5848
Bill & Louise Parker	321.452.5116		

Sheriff's non-emergency number: 321.633.7162

Code Enforcement: 321.633.2086



Please Pay Your 2020 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).

For your convenience, an envelope addressed to our P.O. Box is included with this newsletter.

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. 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:

