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

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

**All HOA General Meetings in 2020 are postponed until further notice
due to concerns with public gatherings during the pandemic.**

Please visit our website for the latest newsletter and updates on meetings and current events.



PLEASE STAY SAFE AND CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS



**Results from HOA meeting
with County Code enforcement**

Our HOA President Dee McKrow, Board member Jean Gaudreau and neighbor Jeffrey Hoever, met with Code enforcement on March 11 to discuss property inspections and shed violation citations. There were several participants from the County present including: District 2 Commissioner Bryan Lober; Brian Locke, Counties' attorney; Head of Planning/Development; and several support staff.

- Currently Brevard County Code enforcement will not be inspecting property on Merritt Island due to the virus. They will only issue a citation if the violation can be seen from the street.
- In the following email, the Commissioner's office provided an updated status:

The county has implemented the policy to not accept anonymous complaints for sheds and recreational vehicle parking/storage in Catalina Isles as was decided at the meeting we attended with Mrs. McKrow, the HOA President.

Also, the existing shed violation cases have been placed on administrative hold to allow the owners to apply for a variance (BOCC policy 40 allows for waiver of fees if the shed has been there for 10+ years). The county will be contacting the owners for the properties that have sheds remaining in the easement of the variance fee waiver opportunity and allow adequate time for them to apply for the variance.

In the meantime, the county is not moving forward with taking these cases to a hearing or taking any other enforcement actions.

- ❖ The County is considering granting a 1-year grace period for waiver applications regarding the sheds. Over 600 homes in our community would need to file for a waiver. However, the county must first get the posting notices changed from Florida Today to the County's web site thus reducing the advertising cost. The County had verbally agreed in the meeting to provide their staffing cost in the grace period for free. Between the two cost (advertising cost + staff time), the cost for the waiver would be minimum. However, due to the virus, this final decision is still pending.



OUR POLLING PLACE HAS CHANGED !

Zip Code 32953 will now vote at this location:

**Veteran's Memorial Center
400 S. Sykes Creek Parkway
Merritt Island, FL**

Results from HOA inquiries to Brevard County Services Department



UPDATE ON PIPES / SEWAGE SYSTEM:

The County has been testing the pipes along the main corridor of the sewage system throughout Merritt Island. Though the Public Information Act, HOA President Dee McKrow was able to obtain the results for Catalina Isles/Skylark Estates which demonstrated even though only 65% of the pipes have been tested, over 46% of the pipes are compromised and must be repaired. The damaged pipes will be relined with PVC pipes. In addition, we are aware the County has offered several homeowners offers for their property so they can replace the Lift station along Samoa Drive. Currently we are not aware if any of the residents have accepted the offer.

HOA President Dee McKrow submitted questions to the Brevard County Services Department which were answered by Edward Fontanin, PE, Director. Mr. Fontanin is willing to speak at a future HOA meeting once face-to-face meetings commence in the future. Answers to our questions are in bold and italics.

1. Is there a tentative or final plan to address the concerns of the findings of the assessment?

The plan is to assess all our gravity sewer and determine which segments score low in the condition of the pipe. We have assessed over 80% of the gravity lines to date in Merritt Island with the remainder scheduled to be completed. While we get data back from the assessment, we have issued work orders to have sewer lines identified as poor to be lined to address the issue. This fiscal year we have programmed and spent \$500,000 in sewer lining with next fiscal year's budget increased.

2. Several members have been approached about the county purchasing their home to install a new lift station, is that part of the plan? Has a timetable been established for the lift station? How big of an area will the lift station be?

The purchase of home sites is not associated with the sewer assessment. These purchases were enacted to correct accessibility or life safety issues associated with the current location of the lift station.

3. With a public record request, are we allowed to see the plans?

I am assuming the plans you are referencing are the new lift station plans. If so, they do not become public record until they are approved by the County and are advertised for bids. However, we do have 3D renderings of the proposed lift station that we are welcome to share with the residents.

Our Community Garage Sale has been rescheduled to October!

New date: Saturday, October 10th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. (Rain date: Oct. 17th)

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.



THANKS

for taking care of your property!

Your neighbors and your HOA
appreciate all that you do!

Catalina Isles/Skylark Estates
Homeowners Association



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!*

- 745 Richland Avenue
- 855 New Hampton Way
- 845 Second Street

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 2020 Census is more than a population count.

It's an opportunity to shape your community's future.



The 2020 Census marks the first time that you can choose to respond to the census online, by phone, or by mail. Census results have an impact on planning and funding for health clinics and highways, fire departments and disaster response, education programs such as Head Start and college tuition assistance, and so much more. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

Please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives.

Visit my2020census.gov to begin, or go to 2020census.gov for more information.



Hurricane survival is contingent upon being prepared for the worst. A good Hurricane preparedness plan starts off with a hurricane checklist to ensure that you and your family have the necessary survival gear to get you through the worst that a hurricane has to throw at you. **BE PREPARED!**

- Water: One gallon, per person, per day, for three days
- Nonperishable food: enough for three days
- Flashlight(s)
- Battery powered radio
- Extra batteries
- A first aid kit
- Extra medications
- A multipurpose tool (like a Swiss Army Knife)
- Sanitary or personal hygiene products
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone and chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map of the area
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers, etc...)
- Pet supplies (leashes, collar with ID, food carrier, bowl, food)
- Tools and supplies for securing the home
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Extra clothing, hat, and sturdy shoes
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Camera for taking pictures of hurricane damage

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

(Excess garbage that will not fit in your cart must be bagged (no garbage cans) and set beside the cart so as not to interfere with the arms of the autoloader)

Please call Waste Management Customer Service at (321) 636-6894 for "special collection solid waste"

These items include: • Household furnishings • Appliances • Electronics • Bicycles and other bulk items

Important Contact Information

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

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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).

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

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