

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

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***Come join us for a Meet & Greet***

***On Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm at Mariachi Loco,***

***Located at Shore Lanes Bowling Center***

*It will be a FREE, family-friendly social event to meet our neighbors!*

*All residents, owners and renters are invited and encouraged to attend.*

*Appetizers and sodas/tea will be provided by the association. Cash bar.*

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***Our next General Meeting will be***

***Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Merritt Island library.***

***Elections will be held for the Officers & Directors.***

**Commissioner Jim Goodson will also be on hand to meet with our community**

***We Need Your Help! We Need Volunteers!***

We have a great development here, with neighbors helping neighbors, and we would like to continue – but we need YOUR participation. Help us create an Amazing Association to be proud of! We still need officers and directors to make this a reality!

If you would like to get involved, you may contact Dee McKrow, current president, at phone number 904-891-5463 or via email at [micatsky@gmail.com](mailto:micatsky@gmail.com)

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***Please Pay Your Annual Dues***

Dues are used to maintain the association, and 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 pay online on our website [www.catalinaskylark.com](http://www.catalinaskylark.com) . Or, pay with cash or check at a Meeting***

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# ***GREETINGS from the Board of Directors and Officers of the Catalina/Skylark Association***

We realize that there is some confusion as to whether or not our development has an “HOA”. The short answer is yes, we have an “HOA”, but it is not the typical “HOA” that most are familiar with. Some HOAs dictate what you cannot do, like park a camper/boat on your property, or dictate what color you can paint your house. **Our HOA does none of that!** We do not impose restrictions on anybody. We are more of a Neighborhood Association working in the best interests of everyone. Hopefully we can give some clarification as to what Catalina/Skylark is really all about...

When this development was created back in 1966, a group of homeowners thought it best to form a corporation. The Articles of Incorporation were established and filed as “not for profit” under the laws of the State of Florida. The name on file is: CATALINA ISLES ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.

The purpose of this incorporation in 1966 was “to promote the orderly growth and development of North Merritt Island, Brevard County, Florida. Active members of the association will make recommendations to the Brevard County Board of Commissioners, or any other duly-elected board, for the improvement, protection, and welfare of the residents of North Merritt Island, Florida”. (Direct quote from the Articles of Incorporation).

This association is truly a voluntary association. The “dues,” which are not mandatory, are more of a donation to help cover the costs of postage, newsletters, website, advertising for the community yard sales, entrance signs, hall rentals for the meetings, and so on.

Now that you know the history and what the HOA is NOT, here is what we offer:

- a voluntary neighborhood association with a goal to network and positively impact our development*
- a Board of Directors and Officers that partner with community leaders to address issues and educate residents*
- a quarterly program to recognize efforts at keeping our neighborhood beautiful*
- Community Garage Sales that are advertised in many ways*
- a holiday lighting contest*
- annual holiday party with potential for many other social gatherings*

The Association has accomplished many things, such as road repairs and water/sewer/utility line upgrades and repairs. A major achievement in recent past was addressing an uptick in frivolous, anonymous complaints with Code Enforcement. **Complaints can no longer be anonymous, and as a direct result the number of complaints has decreased by 90%!!!** This would not have been possible without the Officers and Board leveraging the HOA title representing 700 homeowners, as opposed to an individual reaching out. Our power is in the number of homes we represent collectively, and that is why it is so important that we keep our association up and running.

General meetings are a great way to meet like-minded neighbors who care about our community, make new friends, address issues in the community, and give you the opportunity to learn about special events or programs. Previous meeting speakers include the County Commissioner, Brevard County Code Enforcement, Sheriff Ivey and Environmental Specialists from “Save our Indian River Lagoon.”

We will be hosting a family-friendly neighborhood “Meet & Greet” on March 3<sup>rd</sup> (details above) and we are respectfully asking that you consider attending, to learn how you can help to keep this association going strong. The more help we can get, the better we will be able to achieve our goal of keeping our community strong and successful. Many hands make light work, and your ideas, suggestions, and expertise would be greatly appreciated.

*Thank you for your consideration.*

*We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the Meet & Greet and our next meeting.*



Thanks to our business partners for providing the HOA exceptional service

