

InverNews

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Recap of Annual Meeting of January 17, 2017

We again had very light attendance at our annual January meeting this year. Next year we are considering changing the meeting from the 3rd Tuesday in January to perhaps a Saturday morning that would include a breakfast or brunch. If any resident has any ideas for increasing interest and attendance to these meetings please let us know. The Board holds regular, **bi-monthly** meetings promptly at 7:00 P.M. on the 3rd Tuesday of **every other** month. The meetings are currently held at the Christ United Methodist Church located on Grelot Road.. Board meetings are open and all Inverness residents are welcome to attend and participate. Our next meeting will be held in May, 2017.

Homeowner Dues

The Board wants to thank the residents of Inverness who pay their annual association dues on a timely basis. Without your cooperation, it would not be possible for us to properly maintain our subdivision amenities and protect the property values of all of our homes.





Your Inverness Board at Work

So far in 2017 we have replaced a pool pump, had a tennis court work day, had electric repair work done in our entry way, distributed the social calendar and received, analyzed and voted on bids for our landscaping and common area tree work. We have also made plans to upgrade our security camera system and re-plaster the children's pool.

Our tennis courts need repair, but it would help to see them used more often in order to justify spending the funds to make the improvements, so let's get out there and play. On Thursday evening at 6:00 P.M. we will begin tennis training for neighborhood children. (parents must be present) Just show up with a tennis racket and some water. We also need volunteers to teach the children. On Saturday mornings we will have open tennis time at 8:00 A.M. Just come out and we'll play with whomever is present.

We are looking forward to our neighborhood Barbecue on April 28 at 6:30 P.M. We will provide barbecue pork and chicken. We need neighbors to bring other meats and side dishes, desserts, drinks or paper products. There will be live music and games for the children. Please call or text Dale Gudeman 251-510-1103 to let us know how many will attend and what you will bring.

My passion as Inverness Homeowners president is to maintain or increase the value of our homes and neighborhood. This requires improving the looks of our common areas, creating a caring neighborhood, and for each homeowner to create outstanding curb appeal for their home. With that in mind, I am declaring May as "mailbox post" month and asking each homeowner to do whatever is necessary to have their mailbox post meet community standards. For some, that may require replacement. Others need to paint or power wash their mailboxes post. If you have a cement mailbox post, I will be glad to come and power wash it if you will provide power and water. Call me at 251-510-1099 or e-mail at Rgud1@aol.com. I also have a small amount of the gray mailbox paint.

Please remember to contact your Board concerning any large tree removal or any major structural changes to the outside of your home.

Thanks for being great neighbors. Inverness is the best!

Ralph

President
Inverness Homeowners Association

Security



The only major issues this past year were some acts of vandalism, during Halloween. We have recently had several mailbox posts knocked over and our camera at the front entrance to boulevard knocked over and destroyed. The camera will be replaced very soon and should be able to provide more detailed surveillance than what we had with the older system. Our subdivision is one of the quietest in the Precinct, but do not let your guard down. Do not be shy about reporting suspicious situations or activity. The non-emergency number for the 2nd Precinct Police is 251.208.1300. If you have an EMERGENCY .. call 911 for an immediate police response.

We remind residents to secure their homes and autos. **Most burglaries are classified by law enforcement agencies as "crimes of opportunity."** The criminal sees a home or car that is vulnerable to burglary and he takes the "opportunity" to break in. Through basic prevention techniques, the average citizen can make their home much less appealing to the criminal. Unbelievable as it may seem most car burglaries occur to unlocked vehicles in the Mobile area. The burglar's victim of choice is the home owner that is not home. Some things you can do to make your home less attractive to a burglar: Keep lights and radios on timers. Noise inside the home is an effective deterrent; Maintain good lines of sight from the street to your home. If you cannot see your windows and doors from the street, then neither can the police;

Use quality locks and doors. Make sure that they are installed properly, and use them; Keep your property well lit, inside and out;

Talk to your neighbors about keeping an eye on your home and vice versa. This form of "natural surveillance" is invaluable in the prevention of crime.

As a final security note, in this age of rampant identity theft, please do not put sensitive personal information in the recyclable paper or trash, unless it's finely shredded. When mailing bills, it's safer to take them to Post Office and use the collection box there. Sure it's convenient to use your mail box and put the flag up, but that just lets a passing criminal know your banking , credit card information, or other personal account information is in there waiting to be picked up and used.





TRAFFIC

Spring is here and the weather is warming up. More residents will be out and about playing, walking and cycling and enjoying the warm weather. Let's not be that person who speeds through the neighborhood and injures someone.

Please slow down and enjoy the beautiful scenery our streets have to offer.

Architectural Modifications/Improvements

Remember that structural modifications, fence additions, and tree removals have to receive prior approval from the Inverness Architectural Control Committee (Article II, Inverness Protective Covenants and Restrictions). A form and instructions for submitting proposals can be found in the Inverness Directory and on the website.

