

Inland Shores Community

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NEWSLETTER September 2015

This will be an abbreviated Newsletter as greater detail on the following topics will be given during our annual homeowners meeting:

Annual Meeting

The Homeowners Association's annual meeting will be on Monday, September 28th at McNary Golf Club. The meeting will begin at 6:30, but feel free to come at 5:30 for refreshments and socializing.

Reports on the past year's activities will be given, and there will be an opportunity for owners and residents to ask questions and offer comments.

The two-year terms of three of our five Board members are ending in January 2016. All three of those Board members have offered to stay on for another two-year term. We will go through the official nomination and election process. Nomination and Proxy forms are included with this Newsletter. Please read them for more information.

Please put this meeting on your calendar and plan to attend. Thank you.

Recent Association Activities

We have been very busy around the neighborhood doing all the necessary chores -- think of your own yard, only 179 times bigger.

Here is a list of some of our recent activities:

- New benches around the lake
- Dead tree removal and overgrown tree pruning
- Landscape rework in the SW corner of the lake
- Dead plant and ground-cover removal
- Significant irrigation upgrades
- De-weeding the entire common area -- over and over and over ...
- Continued coordination with the Staats Lake and East Association Boards
- The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has been handling homeowner requests for exterior changes
- The Rule Infraction Committee (RIC) has had a challenging year balancing doing enough without doing too much
- Taylor Real Estate and Management has been doing a fine job

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Harsh Weather

The non-stop hot/dry weather has been tough on a lot of our landscaping. Please do the best you can to maintain a nice looking yard. If you are planning any relandscaping, you might consider using more drought-resistant plants.

Weeding

Weeds in our common areas are an ongoing issue. We spend thousands of dollars a year trying to keep them under control, and we could still do more. If anyone feels motivated to organize a volunteer Weeding Patrol please let the Board know. Just a little attention would be a big help.

Rules Document

Enclosed is your new copy of the *Rules, Regulations, and Requirements* (RRRs) document that governs our community. We don't have a lot of rules, but we will go a long way toward creating the harmony we desire in our neighborhood if each of us stays familiar with what is expected of us.

We should all try to evaluate our property's appearance with a fresh and unbiased perspective; that is what our neighbors and visitors do. (Note: Now would be a good time to remove roof moss.) Let's make a good impression and also be considerate neighbors.

One item worth mentioning is the willingness of several homeowners to correct drainage problems (at considerable effort and expense) that they "inherited" when they took possession of their homes. Some of these problems were created when the homes were originally constructed. We are all grateful that the current owners are willing to correct the issues that can cause erosion, saturation, and pollution. Thank You (you know who you are).

Report Overnight Street Parking

Please refrain from parking vehicles on any street overnight. Please do not make the volunteer RIC go to all the trouble of monitoring this rule -- it is very time-consuming. If you notice that someone is consistently parking on a street overnight, please report it to the RIC using the "Contact RIC" link on our website (strictly confidential). Please provide the date of the infraction, the plate number, and the address of the owner. The owner will be sent a Violation Notice. If, after a couple of weeks, you see that the problem has not been corrected please send the RIC another report. It might take a while, but our Violation Notice system does seem to work. Thank you.