# InverNews

## SEPTEMBER 2016

### Board of Directors Meetings

The Board will continue to hold regular,  bi-monthly Meetings at 7 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month at 1422-B Hillcrest Road. Board meetings are open to all Inverness residents who are welcome to attend and participate. Next meeting should be held on the 3rd Tuesday in November, 2016.

### Annual Meeting and Elections

It is not too early to start thinking about the Board composition for 2017. Board members and officers will be elected at the **Annual Meeting in January 2017**. Prior to that, a nominating committee will be looking for some new faces. We currently have 9 Board members including the 4 officers. Our bylaws specify a minimum of 9 members but no maximum. The usual term for a Board position is 3 years. Officers are elected for 1-year terms. New faces and new ideas are desirable for maintaining a vigorous Board and a vibrant neighborhood. Don’t be shy about letting a current Board member know if you have interest in serving or you have questions about what is expected of Board members.

## 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.

## Yards of the Months

Congratulations to recent recipients:

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| July | 2105 Belmont Court |
| August | 6408 Shetland Court |
| September | 2201 Charing Wood Drive W. |

Anyone having questions about selection criteria should call Bill or Gina Cassady (666-9076). And our continued thanks to Gina and Bill for the time and energy they give to encourage community beautification.

## FALL, FIX UP AND CLEAN UP TIME

The weather is finally about to turn nice and cool after a very long and very hot summer. So it's the perfect time and weather to get out and spruce up the property. Trim up the shrubs , edge the grass, wash down the walkways, replace that broken mail box post, touch up the paint, and plant some fall flowers. Lets get the neighborhood looking good for the upcoming holidays. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it. Let's try to impress the visitors to neighborhood, and keep our property values up while doing it.

## Traffic Safety

School is back in full swing, and daylight is getting shorter. We also have football season, fall holidays such as Halloween, and Thanksgiving coming up which always bring welcome visits from family and friends to our neighborhood. With that comes increased pedestrian as well as vehicular traffic. Parking on the streets can create additional hazards. Holiday parties may also introduce an element of danger with visitors unfamiliar with the neighborhood and street congestion. Please be mindful of these traffic conditions - **SLOW DOWN** in the neighborhood and **STOP** at **all** signed intersections. And remember, friends don't let friends text or drive drunk.

## Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts

Maintaining the security and appearance of the pool and tennis courts require the efforts of everyone in the neighborhood. So, if you use them please leave the areas clean and nice for others to enjoy as well.

We recently had the parking lot re-paved, and it looks great. ENJOY!

## SECURITY

We enjoyed a fairly vandalism-free summer. We still need to maintain vigilance. Once again, the **Mobile Police non-emergency number is 208-7211**. Please call to report any suspicious activity in the neighborhood. **Do not leave valuable items in plain sight in vehicles parked outside, locked or otherwise. You may also want to keep your garage doors closed when not nearby to observe activity.**

## POLICE PRECINCT INFORMATION

For all the latest information from the Mobile Police Department, please visit www.mobilepd.org. From this link, you can access individual Precincts and their newsletters along with City-wide information.

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### MPD Launches New Official Facebook Page

The Mobile Police Department has launched an official Facebook page to strengthen its social media presence. The official page is managed by Public Affairs, and will allow MPD opportunities to engage more with the public and increase its social network through online interactions.

Through Facebook, MPD can reach a vast audience, especially those who are concerned about the safety of their community and want to stay up to date on what's happening daily. Additionally, it's another way people can show support of the Mobile Police Department for their efforts in making Mobile the safest city in America. Public Affairs will make posts that include the following:

* Crime news updates
* Wanted suspects
* Arrests made
* Community program events
* Officer recognition
* Links of news releases
* Important announcements among other timely newsworthy events

Followers can find the page at http://www.facebook.com/themobilepolice.
Be sure to like the official Mobile Police Facebook page.

## RECYCLE

## Don't forget about our West Mobile recycling center.

It is as easy as going through a drive-thru at a local fast-food restaurant. Aluminum, paper, cardboard, glass and non-alkaline batteries are all accepted; industrial waste is not, as the project is geared toward household goods. At announced scheduled times they will even recycle electronics such as old TVs and computer monitors.

The center is open 7– days a week from 8 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. allowing ample time for folks to drive in and drop off their goods.

Bins are lined up next to a partly covered drive-thru area at the facility where sorted goods can be placed. Sorting follows easy guidelines:

1. Rinse recyclables
2. Remove lids/caps
3. Sort into groups of plastics, Plastic #1, Plastic #2, Plastic #3-7, paper, glass, plastic bags, steel cans, cardboard and aluminum cans
4. Bring them to the facility and place in coordinated bins

The facility removes approximately 2 million pounds of material away from our landfills every month, and is located midway on Hitt Road between Cody and Schillinger Roads.

## CONNECT WITH CITY COUNCIL ON FACEBOOK

The City Council has launched a Facebook page to provide YOU a way to stay better informed on the work of the Council and learn more about programs and events happening in specific districts and throughout the City.

For the latest news and information, LIKE them at
www.facebook.com/MobileCityCouncil

## ZIKA VIRUS AWARENESS

The Council is working with the Mobile County Department of Health (MCHD) to raise awareness about the Zika virus and ways in which our citizens and communities can protect themselves.

The virus is transmitted through being bitten by an infected mosquito and has already impacted Mobile and our region in general this summer.

The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain or pink eye. Other common symptoms include muscle pain and headache. The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting several days to a week. Zika virus typically remains in the blood of an infected person for a few days, but can be found longer in some people. Severe cases requiring hospitalization is uncommon and deaths are rare.

Pregnant women are those most in danger because this virus has been linked to severe birth defects.

While MCHD is doing everything they can to fight against it through extensive monitoring, spraying and other programs, the most effective way to stop the spread is for us all to get involved.

Other preventative measures include:
Use a good mosquito repellent on arms, legs, and other exposed areas (some of the most reliable repellents contain the chemical DEET; repellents with high concentrations of DEET - over 10%, should not be used on children). Follow instructions carefully when using any insect repellent.
Long sleeves and long pants used with a mosquito repellent helps to limit bites.
Wear light-colored clothing (dark-colored clothing may help attract unwanted insects).
Wear a hat or a cap (preferably light-colored).
Be aware that aromatic (scented) cosmetics may also attract insects.

## FOR INVERNESS RESIDENTS

Until we get colder weather getting rid of standing water is an important step, and includes clearing rain gutters, emptying (and, if desired, refilling) birdbaths, and dumping out containers that can hold water, such as flower pots, buckets and rain barrels, once a week. Swimming pool water should also be kept treated and circulating to prevent mosquitoes.

## Volunteers needed

We are in need of volunteers for the Landscaping Committee. If anyone is interested in serving please contact the board.

## COMING NEXT YEAR FOR THE KIDS AND GRAND KIDS

We are getting a new playground near by. This will replace the old playground in Medal of Honor Park

Plus the city is in the process of working on new side walks on Hillcrest Road to make walking access to the park easier.