

Inland Shores Community

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NEWSLETTER August 2017

2017 Annual Meeting

The Inland Shores Homeowners Association's annual meeting will be on Monday, September 25th 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 2018. All three Officers have offered to stay on for another two-year term, but we need to 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.

Below are several important items that we all need to be aware of:

Crystal Springs Lane Gate Code Change!

It has been a long time since we changed the security code for the gate at the east end of Crystal Springs Lane. The gate has done a very good job of helping keep outside traffic off of our streets, but its effectiveness requires keeping the code private and changing it occasionally. So on September 15, 2017 the code will be changed to "_____" (remote control openers will not be affected). **This may be your only notice, so please mark this on your calendar.**

Street Repair and Sealing

Our management company, Taylor Real Estate and Management, will be having our streets repaired and resealed on September 12/13/14. Be watching your US mail for important information about what you will need to do while that work is being done.

HOA Dues

It has been several years since we have needed to increase our monthly HOA dues. Our recent financial analysis indicates that to be prepared for expected future expenses, the responsible thing to do now is to implement a dues increase plan. A full explanation of this will be given by our Treasurer at the annual meeting.

New Rules Document

In the mail, you will be receiving your new copy of the *Rules, Regulations, and Requirements* (RRRs) document which governs our community. It has been updated to include the Staats Lake Fishing and Boating Permit Policy and a few rule clarifications. Please read through the Table of Contents so that you'll know the kinds of things that are expected of us in order to make Inland Shores as nice as it is. We all need to do our part. Thank you.

Worth mentioning here are four items we could do a better job on:

- Keep dogs leashed whenever on Common Area property.
- Don't feed the wildlife around the lake.
- Don't park on a street overnight.
- Store your garbage cans out of sight except on collection day.
- Current Fishing and Boating Permits (they are white) must be worn around the neck during all fishing and watercraft activity. Fishing and Boating Permits will be available at the annual meeting on September 25th.

A Few Landscaping Items:

As happens every spring/summer/fall, there has been a lot of HOA landscaping activity. We removed quite a few dead plants and we are considering new plantings. The Association's lawns are looking better, but they still have a little ways to go. Landscaping By Davies will be working hard on the lake shore plants during most of September.

In our own yards, we should all try to evaluate our property's appearance with a fresh and unbiased perspective; that is what our neighbors and visitors do. Is my roof clean? Is my lawn green, weed-free, mowed, and edged? Should I add barkdust? Do any plants need pruning? Let's all make a good impression and be considerate neighbors. The Rule Infraction Committee will now be able to start putting in a little extra effort on yard evaluations.

On (or about) August 29/30/31 a company will be applying barkdust on all of the planting beds throughout our community, including the slope down to the lake. They will blow the barkdust into place using a hose attached to their large truck. Their truck cannot drive on the lake-path, so they will need to access the slope by running their hose through a few of our side yards. They won't know which yards until they see how far their hose reaches in each location. We hope you do not mind if they happen to use your side yard for a few minutes. They are very good at doing this kind of work, and will be very careful not to damage any private landscaping.

Common Area Weed Control

- If you see a little chemical weed killing going on, don't worry. Any small amount of product we use around the lake or in the Crystal Springs Lane pond is "aquatic approved" which means it is not at all harmful to fish or wildlife. In fact some of these treatments are safely used in valuable koi ponds and in/around livestock drinking water.
- We have almost won the battle against our Sumac infestation. If anyone has Sumac on their property that is infesting our Common Area, they will probably be required to remove it. Please be proactive and remove any Sumac that you see (check under your deck!).
- The CSL pond water is looking nice. You might notice that the water can have a bluish tint. If we use a little inert blue dye (think food coloring) it stops a lot of sunlight from reaching the bottom where it would encourage weed growth. Rest assured that we are being very careful and responsible in our caretaking.

See you on September 25th.