

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It has been a busy, interesting summer. Ten of our eleven cul-de-sacs were redone, bringing in the edges to create more turning room for emergency vehicles and Waste Management trucks. When that was completed, some old plants, bushes and trees were removed and new plantings were put in and mulched. Many thanks to the following residents who watered the cul-de-sacs for more than a month: Mike Sokolov, Andy Spears, John Burnside, Marilyn Oldach, Lynda Meyers, Beth & Mark Mistarz, Joan Cromer, Darlene Jones, Val and Nancy Mudge, Jon and Judy Robb and Betty Patterson. Thanks to Loli Lindstrom & Grant Meikle for allowing the volunteers to hookup to their water.

Many of you saw or heard about the hole that opened up near a drain pipe on Heronwood Road. At first it appeared to be a serious problem but the pipe was intact. Sand had seeped into the area causing the hole and an underground contractor was able to fix it and install a mesh screen to prevent a reoccurrence. An inspection (free) by a Civil Engineer of all the drains in Heronwood revealed no problems.

Please look for the mailing of a revised vehicular covenant in November. Please read it carefully and take the time to return your vote.

Thanks to Ken Klein who continues to give his time and expertise to assist the board even though he retired in March. His help is much appreciated.

Dot Blake

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## INTRODUCING NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

We would like to congratulate Gail Mey as our newest board member, taking the place of Robert Hochstein. Gail and her husband George of 24 years have been in Martin Downs since 2003. They moved from Eagle Lake where she served on their board. Since moving here in 2012 Gail has jumped right into this community serving as a neighborhood ambassador and also hosting one of the meet & greet parties. Both Gail & George are avid golfers and can be seen at the golf club or on the course. She also enjoys sailing, skiing, reading and cooking. When she's not busy with George or her hobbies, her 4 stepchildren, 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren keep her busy. Before she retired she had a career as a dental hygienist for 11 years and more recently was as a project manager for an international technology company. We look forward to her enthusiasm and knowledge she will bring to the board.

## NEW RESIDENT INTERVIEWS

The Board Of Directors has started doing interviews since April with new owners and residents to inform them of our rules and regulations. This is a requirement before occupancy. At least two board members conduct the interview. This has proven to be very effective in getting the facts about what is allowed and not allowed before moving in to the new residents.



## CAR PARKING

As long time residents we might forget ourselves what is allowed or not. It is a good idea to read the Covenants from time to time to familiarize yourself with the rules. One that is being broken lately is on street parking overnight. It is not allowed to park cars on the street over night. Please make sure that cars are moved to the driveway prior.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome the newest residents to Heronwood.

-Heronwood Road

2437 Earl & Carole Webb

1978 Gary Owen

1997 Flor De Maria Comiskey

-Spoonbill Terrace

3731 Anthony & Laura Cardinale

-Spoonbill Drive

2384 Lawrence Shull

-Creekside Drive

2265 Paul & Karen Connolly

2285 Sharon Nelson

3886 Brian & Yanyu Mirkovich



DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Before you throw out your gently used items please think twice before just throwing them in the trash. Charities such as Vietnam Veterans Of America, (VVA), will come to your house and pick up everything. If you don't want to stay home and wait just leave the items outside with a sign on them and they will pick up. It only takes a few extra minutes to save something useful to someone from being thrown in the landfill. So please contact the VVA at 800-775-8387 or online at [scheduleapickup.com](http://scheduleapickup.com) or Salvation Army at 1-800-728-7825 to schedule a pickup.



This is a little about one of our newest neighbors written by her, Karen Connolly.

Hello Heronwood,

Our names are Paul and Karen Connolly and we purchased the Santee's house at 2265 SW Creekside Drive. We recently sold our house in Narragansett, a coastal town in Rhode Island where we lived for over 20 years with our son and daughter. We both grew up in Providence, and met each other sailing on Narragansett Bay.

Paul has been working in the Palm Beach area for the past two years and is a marine electrician. We owned and operated a marine electrical and electronics business in RI. I stayed in Narragansett working and getting the house ready for showings. We have been planning our escape from the northern winters for some time and are glad to have finally arrived, although we still love RI and have many great memories from our time there.

The beaches are absolutely beautiful here, great for kayaking and snorkeling. We played in many golf tournaments back home for the benefit of several fundraising events. That's a lot of broken windows and lost balls! We are not very good..... We really enjoy boating and look forward to spending a lot of time on the waterways here.

We have 24 year old twins, PJ and Chelsea. PJ graduated the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point in Long Island. He is a marine engineering officer aboard a large container ship as well as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. He travels extensively working on American flagged ships. He has been to Greece, Spain, India and other countries. Chelsea graduated from St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn, New York. She has her teaching degree and is a History major. She taught in Rhode Island for a year. Now she is living in Thailand teaching English and traveling a bit. She will be home in May. She has also traveled to Ireland, Holland and now Thailand.

So in ending, stop by anytime, we still have about 40 boxes to unpack. Our goal is to get at least one car in the garage.

#### EMAIL ADDRESS

The newsletter is printed two times a year, in April and October. The newsletter and various information is sent out through email. This reduces paper and cost, always good to help Mother Earth. This list is not shared with anyone. If you submitted an email address through the directory you will be added to this list. You can be removed by contacting Lynda Meyers at 485-8938. If you're planning to move please let Lynda know so you can be removed from the list.

The newsletter is for the residents to get information as well as share. If you have any thing worth sharing please contact Lynda.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

To keep Heronwood safe we all need to keep an eye out for trouble. If you notice any thing suspicious please contact security. We have a few homes vacant and do not want kids playing inside due to unlocked doors or even outside. This can be dangerous. When you will be out of town it's a good idea to let a neighbor know. Be observant of workmen, repairmen or service people. Lock your vehicle and keep doors in your home locked even when home. With every resident keeping an eye out Heronwood will continue to be a great and safe place to live.



CUL-DE-SAC ON SPOONBILL DRIVE



CUL-DE-SAC ON CREEKSIDE DRIVE

BARKING DOGS

We all enjoy relaxing on our property but that is hard to do with dogs barking. Whether your dog is inside or outside please be courteous of your fellow neighbors and do not allow your pets to bark incessantly.

It is also neighborly to pick up after your fuzzy loved one. No one wants to see or step in your dogs "business". It's common courtesy.

Dogs and cats are not allowed to roam free. Dogs MUST be on a leash at all times and cats should be inside and not allowed to roam free outside.

A resident did see a bobcat so please be extra careful leaving your pets outside. It only takes a second for them to become a snack.





#### TRASH CANS

Residents should not be putting trash cans out the night before pick up. Animals can get into them and spread trash all around. It is in the Covenants that this is Not allowed. It is permitted to put out yard trash the night before. Residents need to bring in trash can and recycling bins the day of pick up. Please do not leave them outside for an extended time. They need to be stored inside the garage when not in use, not outside anywhere.

#### STORM DRAINS

Since we are still in the midst of hurricane season it is still very important to keep our storm drains free of debris. Debris stops the water from flowing away and causes flooding. If you notice the drains are plugged up please remove the debris so the water can flow. It's a simple, easy thing we all can do to help the community.

#### LARGE YARD WASTE

If you have a large pile of yard debris or know you will have it, it is better to call ahead to Waste Management at 546-7700 to schedule a pick up. Otherwise it could take days or even weeks to get tagged for the big claw truck to pick up. Please do not place debris on MDPOA property.



#### CHANGES TO PROPERTY

ANY changes to the outside property including cutting down trees, taking out any vegetation or painting projects **MUST** be approved by the ARB. Along with our Rules & Covenants there are also county laws pertaining to certain aspects of removing trees that need to be considered before removal.

## MEET AND GREET

**IT'S PARTY TIME!!!!!!** It's once again time for the Meet & Greet Parties. The October one is right around the corner. It is being held at the home of Laveta Hooker of 3925 SW Creekside Drive. The party will be held on Sunday, October 26th from 4-6 pm. As it gets closer the message boards will be posted. And for the third year in a row Mark & Beth Mistarz are opening up their home to host the December party.

For those that are new to Heronwood the parties are held every other month, excluding the summer, in the home of one of our residents. This gives residents a chance to talk informally and get to know each other. It is an open door policy so you may come for as little or as long as you like. It is open to everyone in Heronwood, men & women, residents and renters. Don't forget to bring the kids. Tea, soft drinks and water will be provided. Guests may bring alcohol if they wish. Please feel free to bring a finger food dish to share if desired but is not expected. Attire is casual.

Signs, with yellow paper, are put up to show the next home where the party is being held. We are always looking for a home to host. It is your decision when and what time. If you are interested in volunteering to hold the party at your home in the future or help in any way please contact Lynda Meyers at 485-8938.



## LOST PLATTER

A resident attended a party and forgot to get her platter back and was hoping someone has it. It is a brown square platter inlaid with flowers. We hope she gets it back soon so she can fill it up with delicious treats for the next gathering. If anyone knows of said platter please contact Lynda Meyers at 485-8938 and she will make sure it gets returned.

## MESSAGE BOARD SIGNS

To help distinguish Board Meetings from Meet and Greet notices they will now be printed on colored paper. Yellow will be for Meet & Greet parties, pink for Board Meetings and purple will be for Annual Meetings. This will help to let residents know from a glance what is going on.

## SELLING YOUR HOME

Anyone selling their home needs to have their binder with the By-Laws, Covenants & Regulations available to new home buyers. We cannot depend on realtors to get the information to potential buyers. It is in your best interest to make sure prospective buyers know the rules before committing. This can save time, money and aggravation during selling. To receive another book please contact Alicia Brown, Advantage Property Mgmt., at 334-8900. There is no cost.



## UPCOMING DIRECTORY

We are once again working on getting a new directory printed. The last time forms were sent out and were to be returned to Advantage Property Management, Darlene Jones or Dot Blake. The ones that were not returned were picked up by the Neighborhood Ambassadors. This proved to be an endeavor that just took too long.



To make the process easier, this time we are asking residents to look in the latest directory, which is yellow, and make sure yourself that your information is updated and correct. If you have any changes to make please contact Alicia Brown through Advantage Property Management at 334-8900. If we hear nothing from you concerning your information it will be reprinted as it is in the latest book. The book will be printed in March, after the annual meeting, so please make sure your

information is updated. We are looking for businesses to advertise so if you know anyone that is interested please contact Alicia Brown at 334-8900. All the money goes toward the cost of printing.



## HOLIDAY LIGHTS

As the holidays are getting close, soon it will be time to put up the Christmas decorations. For the third year in a row Larry Jones will be overseeing this. If you would like to get in the holiday spirit and be one of his merry minions please contact him at (772) 324-9393. I'm sure he can use all the help he can get.



WEBSITE

The Heronwood website has been revamped. You can now get forms to print out, review the Rules and Regulations and much more. Please visit [www.heronwoodpalmcity.com](http://www.heronwoodpalmcity.com) to see all the changes and get the information you need.

SAFETY

While riding around in your golf cart please be on the lookout for bicycle riders, walkers and people with dogs. We all need to be aware and considerate of each other and share the sidewalk. Remember, you must have valid registration and insurance. Only people with drivers licenses are permitted to drive as they are considered vehicles by law.

There is no swimming allowed in any pond and fishing is allowed in certain areas. Please read the signs and be sure not to be in a residents yards.

Now that school is back in we need to be careful of children waiting at bus stops and of course always be careful of morning walkers. It is very dark and cars need to be going the speed limit and always be on the lookout for pedestrians.



AUTOMATIC MONTHLY PAYMENTS

In an effort to minimize costs, please consider the use of automatic payment for your monthly assessment. This would save the Association the cost of envelopes and the extra postage to mail the envelopes.



If you should have any questions, please call Esther at 772.334.8900.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD PROCEDURES

The Heronwood Board meets on the third Thursday of every month. During the Board meeting all ARB applications will be reviewed. The meetings are open to all residents. Therefore, everyone must plan ahead and submit your ARB applications one month prior to commencement of work (painting, roof work and landscaping for example).

If you would like to speak, written notice must be sent to Advantage Property Mgmt. prior to the meeting.

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