

NEWSLETTER

July 2018

Hello Inland Shores

We usually send a newsletter in August to inform everyone about the Association's annual meeting in late September. We will still send such a newsletter, but we wanted to tell you a couple of important, related items even sooner.

Volunteers Needed

It takes a lot of work to make a Homeowners Association our size run smoothly. Keeping our community looking nice can take many hours a week. Some of that work is done by our management company, but much of it needs to be done by us, by resident volunteers. This newsletter is a call for such volunteers. There are several tasks, big and small, for which we need taskmasters. The work is rewarding because the results of a job well-done are apparent immediately -- in your own neighborhood, on your own street. Our HOA needs help from dedicated folks who are willing to take on a specific action item(s). We need volunteers who can be counted on to do their task in a timely and conscientious manner. If that sounds like you, please let the Board know.

Here are some of the many jobs for which we need volunteers. Excellent training is provided.

- Become a Board member (more on that below).
- Join the Architectural Review Committee. Help homeowners understand what can and can't be done on their properties. This task involves careful decision making and diplomacy, and sometimes saying no. The Board is always available for advice.
- Join the Rule Infraction Committee. This is a very important (anonymous) committee tasked with ensuring that our Association's rules are followed. There are many big and small moving parts to this committee, so you can help as much as you are able.
- Manage our Landscape Contractor. This is one of our biggest jobs. Even though the Contract is clear and specific, we will always need to do on-site monitoring to ensure that things are done properly. Attention to detail and follow-through are important skills for this job.
- Related to landscape contract management; there are usually non-contract landscaping items that need to be done. If you can't be the overall Landscape Manager, maybe you can help by taking on specific projects. Occasionally managing a specific project from start to finish can be a big help.

There are many more ways you can help. Please consider volunteering. If you have questions or comments, please contact the Board by using the "Contact Board" link on our website: www.inlandshoreshomes.org.

Electing Board Members

Every September, at our Association's annual meeting, we hold an election for members of the HOA Board of Directors. Each Board member is elected for a two-year term (we vote in September, but the terms start January 1st). The terms of two current Board members, Kathy Verboort and Steven Addams, end on December 31, 2018, so we will be electing two Board members at our meeting this September. Kathy has said she is happy to be re-nominated, but Steven (the current Board President) has decided to not be a candidate this time around. Steven has been a busy guy for the Association over the past several years, and that is partly why we are combining the announcement of his *retirement* with a call for new volunteers. Steven's departure means that we will be electing a new person to the Board this September. The new Board member can be a homeowner from any of our three villages. Great Board members make a great community. If joining the Board is something you would consider, please let the Board know. Thank you.

And, as always, here's a big thank you to our current and dedicated volunteers. We all really appreciate you. Thank you.