



## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our annual meeting on March 8, 2016 was well attended by home owners who came to express their interest in the ongoing workings of the Heronwood Homeowners Association. Homeowners inquired about recent association accomplishments and up coming projects. As we prepared to re-pave our roads, it became evident that a video inspection of our aging storm drains was necessary which revealed that extensive repairs and/or replacement must be done before we could re-pave. The old pipes will serve as “sleeves” through which new polyester ones will be inserted and permanently affixed with an epoxy insuring a sturdy and dependable drainage system well into the future. Much effort will be directed to minimize any inconvenience to homeowners as possible as our newly paved roads and drainage systems are installed.

Retiring members of the board, Jon Robb, Dot Blake, and Paul McMahon were thanked and praised for their years of service and dedication for a job well done. Newly elected members Butch Webb, Mark Mistarz, and Laura Cardinale were welcomed and have already begun working hard serving on committees performing the association’s business.

We are witnessing a large turnover of homes as new families with young children move into our neighborhood. They are making renovations and upgrading their homes while maintaining the standards of Heronwood. Our attractive homes and well maintained properties continue to make our community appealing to the real estate market.

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We look forward to significant changes as the old Sport’s Resort gives way for a beautiful new tennis and pool facility to be completed for our enjoyment by year’s end. We are also witnessing the transformation of the old Crane Creek golf course into a new 18 hole course called “Banyan Creek” all of which will add to the values of our homes.

The board wishes safe journeys to those of our residents who soon will travel north to spend their summer days. We will stay in touch through our e-mails.



***We would like to welcome to Heronwood:***

Phil Miceli with daughters Kaitlyn (18) and Mia (11)  
2164 Spoonbill Dr

Min Ahn & Jeongsoon Kim	2403 SW Spoonbill Drive
Patricia Ghany	2264 SW Spoonbill Drive
Robert & Jodi Kelley	2225 SW Creekside Drive
Robert & Joanne McCumber	2245 SW Creekside Drive
Toni McDonald	2237 SW Heronwood Road
John & Christine Morris	2118 SW Heronwood Road

**RESIDENTS PASSING**

It is with a very heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to Laveta Hooker & Eric Softly, both of Creekside, who recently passed away. Our deepest sympathy go out to their family and friends.



## **BANYAN CREEK By Matt Boyd**

We are excited to share some exciting news with our current members of Martin Downs Golf Club. You may have noticed or heard about activity on the old Crane Creek course...dozers, loaders, trucks, and more. We will soon have a newly renovated, exciting 18-hole golf course located on the old Crane Creek site. Banyan Creek is underway!

We plan to open Banyan Creek in the fall of this year (2016). Banyan Creek will have additional yardage with improved tees and waste areas. As many of you know, the old Crane Creek course had been the site for the PGA Tour Qualifying School and the U.S. Open Qualifier.

Keeping this same concept but redesigned by architect Harry Bowers, Banyan Creek will feature multiple sets of tees for all skill levels with breathtaking views of tree-lined fairways and majestic creeks that surround the course. We have kept the original structure of the old Crane Creek course by enhancing the aesthetics to be par with current trends.

Banyan Creek is not your typical Florida golf course that flows through endless rows of homes and condos. The new enhancements will continue to give you the "Carolina feel" which allows you to truly get away and enjoy a serene experience that is rarely found anywhere else.

Banyan Creek will be a private golf course that is dedicated to its membership. As membership builds, a new clubhouse will be built on the site of the existing Maxwell House location, to meet the needs and desires of the Banyan Creek members. Banyan Creek membership will be separate from Osprey Creek but Banyan members will have playing benefits at the Osprey Creek course. We are giving the first opportunity for membership to our former and current members at Osprey Creek.

Appointments can be scheduled at your convenience to obtain more information on pricing for membership. Please contact Matthew Boyd at 772.286.6818, ext. 207 or by e mail at [mboyd@martindownsgolfclub.com](mailto:mboyd@martindownsgolfclub.com) to schedule an appointment. Appointments can be made at your earliest convenience. We would like to share the details with you prior to us marketing to other perspective members.

**BOARD MEETINGS & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Board meetings are usually held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 4 pm at MDPOA. We will have some meetings later in the evenings so that residents who work can come. The meetings are open to everyone. If you would like a copy of the meeting minutes please contact Lynda Meyers and they will be sent to you through email.

During the Board meeting all ARB applications will be reviewed. 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, oral or written notice must be given prior to the meeting. This is to keep the meeting flowing and on time. You may contact any board member or Alicia Brown, our Property Manager at 334-8900.

After the board meetings every month the Appeals Committee will hold their meeting. This is to allow any residents a chance to plead their case for violations.

**FOUND BIKE SEAT PAD**

A bicycle seat pad was found by a resident. If you know who this belongs to please contact Lynda Meyers at 485-8938.

**MESSAGE BOARD SIGNS**

Butch Webb is graciously taking over the duty of posting signs from Lynda Meyers who has done it for the past few years. If you see him out there please make sure to stop and say hi.

**SPEED GUN IN USE**

Some residents and visitors alike have been using Heronwood roads as their own personal speedway. This is obviously very dangerous, so MDPOA will be purchasing a speed gun in the near future. It will be shared with all of MDPOA Member Properties. It will not be disclosed when and where it will be placed, so to avoid getting a \$150 ticket please DO NOT SPEED. The posted speed limits are 30 MPH on the main road and signs are going up with a 20 MPH speed limit on Heronwood side roads. Please be courteous drivers and slow down on the side streets for the safety of walkers, bike riders and joggers.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

We would like to thank Gary Owen for taking over for Larry Jones this past holiday season with the holiday lights. As you can see in the pictures he had a lot of helpers. Thank you to all who came out to help. The lights looked wonderful and made for a very merry season. Also a big thanks goes out to Gene Sampson for untangling and spreading out the light strands so her son Larry Jones could replace the defective lights. Larry spent hours and hours replacing between 150 to 200 defective lights.

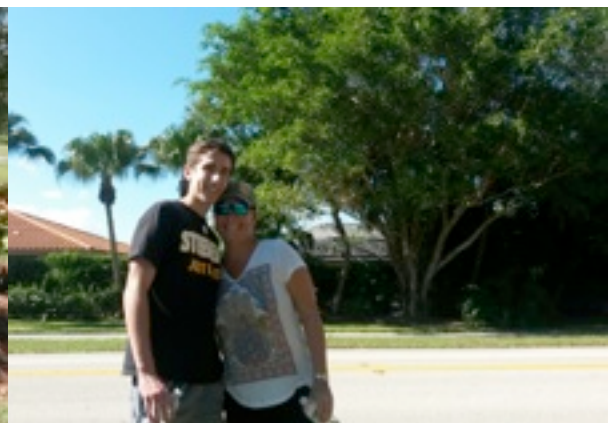
This coming holiday season when putting up decorations please don't block the house numbers on your mailbox posts. They need to be visible for emergency vehicles, food delivery, and our property manager.



Pictured left to right are Ryan & his mom Susan Owen, Beth Mistarz, John Forier, Laura Cardinale & George Mey



Ray Bowles & Gary Owen



Ryan & his mom Susan

**MEET AND GREET 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, 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. Residents usually bring a finger food dish to share but is not mandatory. Attire is casual.

For the next party we are going to start something new. To help Mother Nature keep plastic cups out of landfills please bring a glass from home to use and take back. Anyone who brings one, their name will be put into a hat and one name will be pulled out and win a \$40 gift card to Manero's, Publix or Palm City Grill.

Message board 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 host the party at your home in the future please contact Lynda Meyers at 485-8938.



**THE FEBRUARY PARTY HOSTS GARY (IN THE WHITE SHIRT) & SUSAN (IN FRONT OF GARY TO THE LEFT IN BLACK SHIRT) OWEN**



From left, Darlene Jones, Joan Cromer, Beth Mistarz, Mark Mistarz, ?????, George Mey and Gail Mey



From left are Cheryl Meikle, Barb Hendrick & Gene Sampson



Darlene Jones in white shirt & Joan Cromer in blue shirt



Gail Mey is in the pink shirt speaking with Board President Ray Bowles. Sitting in front is Gary Smith. Susan Owen, the host behind Gary is chatting with Grant Meikle. Sitting to the side of Gary is Judy Robb and Barb Hendrick.

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## RULES & COVENANTS

Over the past few months residents have been breaking the rules, whether knowingly or not. Trees are being cut down without permission, too many animals are being kept on the property or not leashed, playground equipment and trashcans are being kept outside over night to name a few. **ANY** changes to the outside including cutting down trees, taking out any vegetation or painting projects **MUST** be approved by the ARB. Along with our Rules & Covenants there are Martin County laws pertaining to certain aspects of tree removal. Remember, there is a time frame after getting approval that things must be done. Residents need to read the Rules & Covenants to make sure they are complying with the rules set forth. There will be consequences if the rules are not followed. Remember this is why we bought in here and what keeps Heronwood a wonderful place to live.

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

As the weather starts to warm up please take a few moments to look around your home and check for any areas that need attention. Please make sure your roof is clean, bushes and trees are cut back and healthy, your mailbox and post don't need cleaning and painting. (The weed whackers do a number on the bottoms of the posts) House numbers need to be on both sides of the post. This is also a good time to make hurricane preparations. Please take time to give your property the once over to make sure it's ready for the upcoming season. Please take a look at the back of your home to make sure you are following the rules. Plants need to be around the entire house including screen enclosures and fences. Our property manager will be doing inspections along the back of homes to make sure everyone is complying with the rules and covenants. Before you leave to go up north, please make sure your property is in order.

### 8.1.15 Landscaping/Artificial Vegetation.

8.1.15.1 Landscaping. The landscape plans for each Owner's Parcel must be submitted to and approved by the A.R.B. prior to the commencement of any landscaping. Sodding is required for all front, rear and side yards. The area, if any, between an Owner's rear property line and the water's edge of any lake or other water body within the Property shall be landscaped and/or sodded and maintained by the Owner of the Parcel. No tree or shrub, the trunk of which exceeds four (4) inches in diameter or measures four (4) feet above the ground shall be cut down or otherwise destroyed without the prior written approval of the A.R.B. The owner shall be required to maintain the landscaping of his/her lot in accordance with community standards, which includes planting all unpaved borders of homes and the exterior perimeter of patios, enclosures for pools, air conditioners, and mechanical equipment, with hedges or tropical plants at least two (2) feet tall and less than six (6) feet tall. In the event an owner fails to maintain landscaping as aforesaid, the Board of Directors shall have the right, but not the obligation, to landscape the owners lot, and to collect the costs thereof from the owners as an Individual Assessment, in accordance with Article 6 of this declaration.



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

Residents new to Heronwood need to be aware that 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 OUTSIDE TO ROAM FREE, EVER. As well as Heronwood leash laws, Martin County also has a strict leash law. Please do not allow your pets to roam free on your neighbors property or anywhere. When cats are outside they also need to be on a leash. If pet rules are constantly broken the Board DOES have the authority to have animals removed permanently. You can be seriously fined if your dog is off leash and attacks someone or another dog. Or worse, your animal could be put down. You might think you will know how your pet will react in a situation but we can never know for sure. Please do not take this risk and keep your animals on a leash and under control.



## TRUCKS

There has been some confusion about trucks. Trucks are not allowed to be placed, parked or stored on any parcel. If you have visitors coming they can not park them overnight nor be placed in the garage. Other arrangements need to be made. Please advise potential buyers if you are selling your home on the rules concerning vehicles.



## TRASH CANS

RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT BE PUTTING TRASH CANS OR RECYCLING BINS OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE PICKUP. 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 cans 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, or outside out of view.

Yard waste is being put out in the front yards too many days before pick up day. If you have your yard done by a service they need to either take away the debris or have it moved to be hidden and then moved out on pick up day. It can not sit out days before. 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.

## 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 Lynda Meyers at 485-8938. There is no cost.



## SIDEWALK SAFETY

If your property touches the sidewalk, please make sure to keep your sprinklers from getting them wet. This is a hazard and is dangerous. We don't want anyone falling, getting hurt or suing the resident.

## **BEWARE OF POND EDGES**

If you are new to Heronwood you need to be warned to stay away from the ponds. This is due to the fact that the edges are too severe and need to be re-sloped. The fear is that if someone fell in they would not be able to climb out. South Florida Water Management made us aware of the danger and the MDPOA attorney recommended for liability reasons we do not allow fishing until they can be re-sloped. When that will be done is unknown but residents will be kept informed.

Please do not putt or hit golf balls into the ponds. This is not a natural substance and can hurt wildlife living in the ponds.

## **EMAIL ADDRESS**



The newsletter is printed two times a year, in April and November. 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 and only you see your email address. If you had given your email address and have not received the newsletter by email or would like to be added to the list please contact Lynda Meyers. The newsletter is for the residents to get information as well as share. If you have anything worth sharing please contact Lynda.

## **AUTOMATIC MONTHLY PAYMENTS**

In an effort to minimize costs, please consider the use of automatic payment for your monthly assessment. This saves time as it is deducted from your account and saves money on stamps. If you should have any questions, please call Esther at 772.334.8900.

## **WEBSITE**

It is now easier than ever to get information that pertains to Heronwood. You can print out ARB forms, review the Rules and Regulations and much more at the Heronwood website. Please visit [www.heronwoodpalmcity.com](http://www.heronwoodpalmcity.com) to get the information you need.

## DONATIONS TO CHARITY

It is really sad to walk outside on trash days and see so many items lying at the curb that are perfectly good. Before you throw out your gently used items please think twice before just throwing them in the trash. Your trash is another mans treasure. Goodwill is just across the street. And has a drive through in the rear of the building. 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 [schedulepickup.com](http://schedulepickup.com) or Salvation Army at 1-800-728-7825 to schedule a pickup.



## SAFETY AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Whether you're riding a bike or riding around in your golf cart please be on the lookout for walkers and people with dogs. We all need to be aware and considerate of each other and share the sidewalk. It is very startling to have vehicles fly up on someone, especially fearful dogs. So please announce yourself before coming upon people on sidewalks. And please don't assume all dogs are friendly.

Please keep your distance until you know for sure.

Remember, you must have valid registration and insurance to operate a golf cart. Only people with drivers licenses are permitted to drive as they are considered vehicles by law.

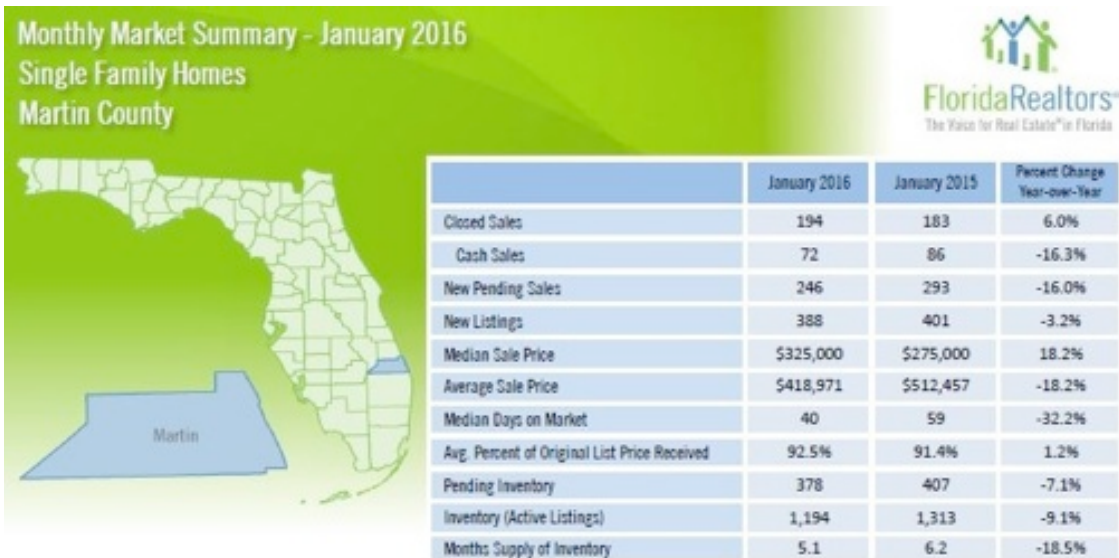
As always we need to be careful of children waiting at bus stops and morning walkers. It is very dark and cars need to be going the speed limit and always be on the lookout for pedestrians.



Whether you're buying a house or selling your home, the process can be emotional and scary. But working with a devoted, problem solver like me can turn the buying or selling process into a trouble-free and enjoyable experience. Give me a call to discuss your specific needs!

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