

NEWSLETTER November 2016

Hello, Inland Shores Community. It has been pretty nice in the neighborhood lately. We've had great fall weather, the wildlife on the lake is impressive, and we completed some needed lake-shore pruning and planting.

Leaves

Of course, fall means leaves. And leaves mean we need to be careful not to clog our street-side storm drains. We do have our streets professionally sweeped, but that can't be done frequently enough to keep up with all the leaves. So please, DO pick up and dispose of your leaves, and do NOT put your leaves in the street. And if you're feeling a little of the neighborhood spirit, please also consider keeping any storm drains near you clear. Thank you.

RRRs

Enclosed is our Inland Shores Homeowners Association rule document. It is good to review this occasionally. Rules can be a pain, but they help in keeping our neighborhood as nice as it is. This can easily be seen when driving through neighborhoods that do not have rules governing a property's appearance. An Association really does make a difference. Parking, landscaping, and pets are some of the issues we most need to keep in mind these days.

Parking

Improper parking has been bleeping the radar lately. Please do not let any driveway-parked vehicle block or overhang any sidewalk, curb, gutter, or street. And please be sure that all vehicle tires remain on your paved driveway; that means, do not park on any landscaping such as lawn, plants, dirt, barkdust, gravel, or pavers. Stay on the driveway. In the coming months the Rule Infraction Committee will be reminding violators of these requirements. Please be proactive by reviewing and following our parking rules B9, B10, and D25. Thank you.

Lake-side

The Staats Lake Association's landscaping contractor did a great job last month of pruning the good plants and removing the bad plants all around the lake's shore. They followed that effort with the planting of sixty-six big, well-chosen plants in the more bare areas. Vine maple, redtwig dogwood, spirea, arctic willow, hawthorn, snowberry, and cherry were added. These species are size appropriate and are already doing well in the environment. Fall is a good time to plant, so if the winter's water level and wave action are kind to us, we should have a very high survival rate, and we may be encouraged to make a similar effort in the next year or two. In terms of landscaping, we are actually still a young residential development. With continued, thoughtful effort there is no telling how beautiful our neighborhood can become.

The HOA Board wishes you a warm Holiday Season and a pleasant winter.