

General Updates

New amenity rules and a reformat of their presentation was approved at the last board meeting and emailed or mailed to all owners following the meeting. The No Smoking policy is now in effect at the Beach Club, Rec Center and in the Boat Club building. Signs have been ordered and will be placed soon. Please make sure all guests and tenants are aware of all our rules and abide by them.

As most of you realize, the new RFID system has fully replaced the old card and remote system used at the gates. Documentation describing access and administration of the RFID tags has been distributed several times, but if you need additional information please let the MSOA office know. As a reminder, the RFID's are specific to a vehicle and should NOT be transferred to another car. The community has looked to us to allow only authorized entry and we need your help to make sure that happens. Please report any vehicles sold, stolen or transferred and make arrangements to provide the office with new vehicle information and get new association stickers and RFID tags.

2020 is a year most of us will never forget, although there are many things we would surely *rather* forget. The impact of COVID-19 affected everyone in some way. We have attempted to include all owners in all of our board meetings through limited in-person attendance at meetings and on-line and phone only meetings that open attendance up to everyone. Very few people have taken advantage of either. The Beach Club acoustics were never intended to address on-line meetings and we are aware that they can be challenging to understand who is speaking. We continue to work on that. We have also made the meeting recordings available to owners after the meeting. Few people have taken advantage of that as well.

We have been blessed with a hurricane free year! In case you don't know, we have complete hurricane preparation plans for our common areas, including accommodations for a pump to lower the volume in the lakes if needed. Plans are updated annually based on any changes in the property, including the addition of new homes. If there is a loss of power, the Waste Water Treatment Plant generator kicks in to keep the plant and main lift station running. Our portable remote generator stands ready to power the remote lift stations (Sea Colony and rec center) to keep the system working.

As the holidays approach, our maintenance team will be putting lights on all the gates and the gazebo. Large gatherings, unfortunately, cannot be permitted in any of our club houses at this time.

The MSOA board wishes you all a safe and happy holiday season. I pray for a new year free of the isolation and fear that impacted so many.