

Ripples from the Lake

December 2019

Note from HOA President



On behalf of myself and the board, we'd like to extend our thanks to everyone who attended the HOA meeting on Nov. 4th. As an update, the gates have been approved by the city and installation will start soon beginning with the Hillsboro entrance.

Our flea market held on Nov 2nd was successful. I am glad the residents had a chance to sell their items.

Thank you to all who came to celebrate our Veterans. It is our service men & women who make the USA so great-God Bless America! As usual, a very special thanks to our Social Committee for handling the Celebration of Veterans! An extra thanks to Ray Roberts for enlightening us of just how important our Veterans are.

To all our residents and HOA leaders, volunteers, the Board

Neighborhood Watch

Once again our neighborhood seems to be enjoying feeling the safety of our community watch folks. It is so nice to have these volunteers and concerned neighbors watching out for one and other. Remember if you SEE something SAY something. You can always call the none emergency line when you aren't sure if it is an emergency or not.

Please remember this is all of our community! If something happens to your neighbors home it could have just as easily been your home. While recently we have experienced loss of life with a few residents and while we are saddened by their passing, we can be comfortable in knowing that nothing foul was at play. Thoughts & Prayers to their families.

Holiday season!

In closing, I look forward to seeing more of our friends and neighbors at the Dec 2nd HOA meeting at 7pm in the Clubhouse!



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SPOTLIGHT

I am starting SPOTLIGHT with a thank you note from Liz Orlando "Dear Friends & Neighbors, Thank you for the kind words, comfort and prayers about the loss of Mark. Each day gets a little easier just knowing I live here in this wonderful, caring community with all of you! Love, Liz (and Freddy)"

Here is a picture of our Veterans at our Veteran's Day Celebration!



HOA Board & Officers

President ~ Sandy LaDue 954-425-8500

Vice Pres ~ John Ball 954-707-2139

Treasure ~ Thomas Gildersleeve 954-290-1118

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Bingo ~ Elena "Ellie" DiBattista 860-617-3736

Crafts ~ Linda Cammalleri 732-865-6404

Emergency Preparedness ~ Mark DiBattista 860-617-4340 & Tom Gildersleeve 954-290-1118

FMO ~

FaceBook Page ~ Dianna Saunders & Linda Caswell

Ladies Luncheon ~ Terry Koffer 954-425-8179

Social Committee ~ Ginger Recca 954-854-4754

Library ~ Linda Caswell 914-388-4548 & Ellen McDuffee 954-481-2926

Monthly Cards ~ Maryann Larkin 954-427-2897

Neighborhood Watch ~ Sandy LaDue 954-425-8500

Policy & By-laws ~ Deb Sulany 954-333-8453

Sunshine Lady ~ Terry Koffer 954-425-8179

Web/Ripples ~ Dianna MK Saunders 401-855-3253

Welcome ~ Patty Smart

Reflections by Roselle

"The light is what guides you home. The warmth is what keeps you there."

I have never wanted to be anywhere but home for the holidays. Give me a tinsel tree, gingerbread baking in the oven, a cup of hot chocolate, and Bing singing "White Christmas," and I'm perfectly happy to stay put. No matter how grand or humble, home is the heart of our life, our haven in a hectic world. It's where we experience a true sense of belonging, where we put our feet up and put down roots, where we nourish body and soul with good food and our favorite things. It's where we open our eyes to each new day and lay our heads down at night. It takes a lot of time and loving care to grow a house into a home. When we put our own unique personal stamp on it, it becomes so much more than mere walls, floors and doors. It takes on a life of its own as a reflection of our likes and tastes. It tells the world who we are. Why do we love certain homes and why do they seem to love us back? It's the warmth of our individual hearts reflected in our surroundings. I have never lived in a house I planned out in excruciating detail, only ones put together lovingly piece by piece with treasured keepsakes and sentimental mementos -- a pair of pretty porcelain doves from my first trip to Italy, a smiling cat figurine from a London thrift shop, my mother's cherished collection of Christmas angels. It takes hands to build a house but only the heart can build a home. Lillian Gish was so right when she said that the most important thing you can put into a home is memories. 'Tis the season of comfort and joy, but home is where we not only celebrate the holidays and special occasions but the gift of each new day, living fully, moment to moment. There truly is no place like home. After all, it is where the heart is.

Best wishes to all for a happy, hopeful, and healthy holiday season.

FROM the NOMINATING/ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Our By-Laws allow for a Board with a minimum of 5 & maximum of 7 Directors. We currently have a 7 member Board. Board members may hold two 2-year consecutive terms, for a total of 4 years. After that they must wait 2 years before requesting to run again.

As per our By-Laws elections will be the 3rd Monday in January, which is January 20, 2020.

After the last announcement was made, our Board Secretary Linda Cammallere had to step down for health reasons. That leaves five remaining members for 2020. As of this writing we have not had anyone stepping forward to serve on our Board. We have five members who will be continuing on and although we can have a Board with just 5 members it will mean that 4 of the 5 will have to become officers. It will also impact on the ability to maintain a quorum for all Directors and HOA meetings. Our Board will function much more efficiently if we have two more members.

In order to run for the Board one has to be a bona fide resident which means their name must appear on the manufactured home registration.

All new Board members are mandated to go to a training session within 90 days of taking office, as per Florida Statutes. As of this writing we do not know when or where a local training session will take place. Our HOA does pay the registration fee. The FMO is looking into on-line training and hopefully that will be in place and another option to meet the mandate. The HOA does not decide on who will be President, V.Pres, Secretary or Treasurer. That takes place at the organizational meeting where the Directors decide amongst themselves who will hold those positions.

Monday, December 2nd is our next HOA meeting and the last date that someone can be nominated to be on the board. We will need a minimum of two people. They must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination. **It is important to understand that without an HOA Board, Park Owners have no obliga-**

FMO NEWS

Why Join the FMO?

FMO stands for Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc. Membership dues to the FMO enable us, as mobile home owners, to afford a paid lobbyist who works to make sure that our rights are being protected from Park Owners. Park Owners have their own association, with several paid lobbyists who work to get bills passed in the Florida Legislature to their benefit, not ours! Their organization, FMHA, has filed a terrible anti-homeowner bill (Senate Bill 818). It is through our FMO that we are informed and asked to mobilize against bills such as this one. **In this Ripples is an FMO membership form.** Membership provides a monthly Newsletter with valuable information. Go to their Website WWW.FMO.ORG to find out more. If you want to protect the lifestyle you've chosen by living in a mobile home park, then it is extremely important that you join and keep up your membership in FMO.

<p><u>Hand & Foot</u> Every Wednesday at 7pm & Saturday (unless a party has been scheduled) at 1pm in Clubhouse</p>	<p><u>Men's Breakfast</u> Wednesday December 18 @ 8:30 am. Meet at clubhouse</p>	<p><u>Ladies Luncheon</u> Wednesday December 18 @ 12:30pm Place is TBD sign-up in Clubhouse</p>	<p><u>BINGO</u> Bingo at 7:00 on Tuesday evenings, at the clubhouse</p>	<p><u>Bicycle Group</u> Friday's from 6-7pm meet at clubhouse to do laps around the park. Please make sure you have lights on your bicycles. Thank you!</p>
<p><u>MONTHLY CARD PARTY</u> The 2nd Friday of every month a card party is held at the Clubhouse. This is a social gathering for \$2 a person and refreshments are served. We are always looking for more people to attend, so feel free to come with your friends-there's plenty of room for more games. The hours are from 12-4. A table must be reserved by contacting Mar-yann Larkin at 954-427-2897</p>	<p><u>Koffee Klatch</u> Every Tuesday at 9 am join us for coffee, goodies and great conversations. Meet new neighbors and enjoy each other's company. All are welcome!</p>	<p><u>Crafts</u> Crafts are usually held Tuesday's from 10-noon. Please contact Linda Cammalleri for details</p>	<p><u>Neighborhood Patrol</u> Deerfield Lake neighborhood watch meetings are conducted the last Monday of the month in the clubhouse @ 6:30 pm ALL are welcome to attend.</p>	<p><u>Flag Disposal</u> Anyone replacing a worn American Flag should have the old flag disposed of properly. Please bring old flags to Dick Dabb at Lot D-18 for coordinating the proper disposal.</p>

Important Dates for December

Dec 2nd ~ HOA meeting at clubhouse at 7 pm

Dec 14th ~ **Holiday Party** featuring the Fabulon's and food by Joseph's. Dinner is 6-7 Entertainment 7-10pm Residents \$20 and Guests \$25 (FLYER TO BE DISTRIBUTED)

Dec 15th ~ **Decorating Contest**. The annual Holiday lighting of the homes judging will be held on the 15th. Make sure your home is all lit and looking festive!

Dec 21st ~ **Caroling** through Deerfield Lake. Meet at Clubhouse at 4pm in your golf cart or bicycle or hop on an extra spot on a cart! Singing off key or on key are both welcome and sheet music is handed out. BRING A FLASHLIGHT