



The Resident Newsletter for Colony Oaks

January 2022

New Year Message from President, Joy Tapper

We just completed the Annual Membership Meeting on January 11, 2022. It was a wonderful turnout considering our health concern with thirty-two participants. There is such a great sense of community here and for that we are most appreciative. Thank you to Christina Kelly and her Ameritech team for a well-organized meeting. We had nine residents volunteering to run for the Board. You will find the results below.

A majority of the members voted to waive the annual audit. The budget was accepted by the Board with no increase in the annual dues. Your Board worked diligently to compose a budget that would not increase our monthly fees. We are methodically dealing with the wood rot. The project will begin at the end of January. The recent pressure washing has exposed more wood rot than we anticipated as well as some painting issues. The Board will address all the issues that arise. Fortunately, we believe we have dealt with all the roof leaks for now. As always, we are committed to maintaining our aging property.

Congratulations to the 2022 new Board of Directors for our HOA:

President-Joy Tapper unit #12
Vice President/Treasurer- John Hester unit #4
Secretary- John Sipson unit #23
Director-Gene Bouscal unit #1
Director-Camille Roberts unit #31
Director-Susan Wonder unit #3
Director-John Hassell unit #17

These are the Committees your Board has created:

John Hester-Major Repairs
John Hassell-Grounds
Gene Bouscal-Social
Rosanne Clementi-Oaks Notes
Vacant-Website Maintenance

These committees are not relegated to just Board members. Please let us know if there is a committee that you would be willing to serve on. We need a volunteer to maintain our website. This is not to design the website but to be certain that the site remains current. Please check it out if you have not done so. The address is: www.ColonyOakshoa.com. If you have this kind of experience/knowledge we would appreciate a volunteer from the owners. HELP!

Thank you to Clementi Environmental Consulting for installing some sod on the Bayshore side in a "bald" spot.

Thank you to Rosanne Clementi for volunteer to compose the Newsletters. If you would like anything specific for us to include in the newsletter, please email rosanneclementi@yahoo.com. We are pledging to meet a quarterly schedule.

There are four new homeowners since last year. Please take the time to get to know our new neighbors. If anyone needs assistance or has questions do not hesitate to call Christina Kelly at Ameritech at: ckelly@ameritechmail.com or (727) 726-8000 Ext.242.

Below is the calendar for this year's Board meetings that will continue to be on Zoom. We need attendance and participation! We sincerely encourage your participation in these meetings, so we are all dealing with fact, not rumor or innuendo. If you see something you think needs attention, please contact a Board member. If you have a skill that could be of value to maintaining our community, please let us know.

February 21	Zoom
March 21	Zoom
April 18	Zoom
May 16	Zoom
June 20	Zoom
July 18	Zoom
August 15	Zoom
September 19	Zoom
October 18	Zoom
November 15	Zoom
December 20	Zoom
January 11, 2022	Annual Meeting

Thank all of you for your consideration and compassion for your neighbors. If there is anything, we can do to make our community better please let us know.

Here are some items we need to review.

STORMWATER POND

The pond in the middle of the community was designed to collect stormwater off our pavement and roofs. There is a healthy growth of water lilies and fish in the pond. We get visited by a number of waterfowl: ducks, anhinga, kingfishers, egrets and herons. This pond is not for recreational use as the water is not clean enough for swimming. It is important to be careful what you dispose/discharge on the pavement that will be washed into a stormwater catch basin/inlet. Mild soaps and diluted bleach are okay.

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Spring cleaning will be upon us soon. Just a reminder that the dumpsters can fill up fast. If you leave anything outside the dumpster it will not be picked up by the truck driver. No one is onsite that is paid to pick up items not put in the dumpster. If the dumpster is so full that the driver feels it will not get into the truck then he will not empty the dumpster. We had this experience at one of our dumpsters at Christmas. If you are going to be doing serious disposal of items, please do it over several weeks to avoid overflowing dumpsters or hire someone to come pick it up. Please break down your boxes before putting them in the recycling bin or the dumpsters. If you are doing any remodeling you need to have your contractor dispose of the material off site. Construction material is not supposed to be in dumpsters for household waste.

RECYCLING

Recycling is getting more and more expensive for our municipalities. It is getting harder to find end users of the waste. It is important to follow their guidelines. We have had the city staff refuse to empty the recycling when it has too many items that do not meet these requirements.

1. Paper not shredded and no photo paper.
2. Clean flattened card board boxes
3. Clean paperboard products like cereal boxes, toilet paper and towel dowels, paper egg cartons.
4. Empty, clean bottles and jugs without the lids.
5. Empty, clean cans and bottles only. Food and beverage containers only. No reusable containers.
6. It is best to put you items in the bins without placing them in another container.

Please do not put the following items in the recycling

- 1. Plastic bags**
- 2. Clothing**
- 3. Styrofoam**
- 4. Cartons**
- 5. Yard waste**
- 6. Plastic cups, plastic forks, etc and straws**

No pizza or other food boxes as they cannot be cleaned.

Quick Reminder

- Please do not discard items on the street at any time. Please call a junk hauling company.
- Dogs are not allowed in the courtyard or common areas.
- Fire pits and fireworks are not allowed anywhere on the property.