



Bay Park News



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President's Report

Years ago, after closing on my first home, I discussed my plans to upgrade. I was immediately told not to invest more money than the neighborhood could bear.

Quickly I learned the value of a home is not only based on the house itself, but also upon the value of the neighborhood. Fortunately, for all of us at Bay Park, the values of our homes are high and they continue to grow. As we look to improving our individual homes, please keep this timeless advice in mind.

One of the functions of the Bay Park HOA – Board of Directors, and the ARB (Architectural Review Board), is to help everyone maintain and improve the neighborhood.

When each of us maintains our home and property, in accordance with our bylaws, we all win. Keeping our trees trimmed, sidewalks clean, homes and grounds neatly groomed is a big part of increasing property value.

From time to time, members of the Board and the ARB will make requests and decisions to benefit our community. Please give them your support and understanding.

I can assure you that every decision and every request we make will always be focused on improving the community of Bay Park, and giving “added value” back to the homeowner.

Richard Zappasodi

Events

The *Summer Street Party* was Friday, June 25, held at the Liberty Garden cul-de-sac. We would like to thank all those owners on that circle for inviting all of us to partake in the festivities on their street. We had approximately 50 people in attendance with plenty of pizza and ice cream for everyone as well as potluck dishes brought by all. Congratulations to the Smiley's who won the raffle prize of a lovely give basket of goodies prepared by Jeff Brinda. Reggie D'Souza gave a gift certificates for dining at their restaurant, Dakshin. The kids had a great time playing basketball, dodging water balloons, breaking the pinata, and enjoying other activities. Many thanks to Amy Anderson, the Brinda's, the Zappasodi's, the Evans', and the Welch's for letting us use their “facilities”!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wine Tasting

September 18, 2004

6 pm to 8 pm @ the Calverts

Harvest BBQ

November 7, 2004

2 pm to 5 pm @ TBD

A Wine Tasting event for “homeowner adults” will be held at the Calvert's, 8049 Old Town Drive, on Sept. 18, from 6 PM to 8PM. You will be sampling a variety of wines and foods that can be paired to

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compliment one another. We will provide you with more information closer to the date as we will need RSVP's. If you're planning on attending, prepare now for the type of “bowtie” you will wear and how you will wear it – there will be some prizes awarded.

We have also planned a **Harvest BBQ** for Nov. 7, between 2 PM and 5 PM. This is a family event and the Social Committee will provide meat (on the grill, of course) and sodas. If you are attending, odd house numbers should bring a salad or side dish and even house numbers should bring a dessert. We'll have a rootin'-tootin' good “harvest” time and will provide you with more information as we get closer to the date – are you curious?!!

We hope you plan to attend some or all of these events so you can get to know one another as friends and neighbors – there are terrific people who live right here in Bay Park!

Jeff Calvert

Financial Report

Semi-annual dues statements have gone out. Just a reminder that they are due by July 31. Our homeowner's association is in very good financial shape and we are prioritizing several potential projects for the balance of the year.

Jeff Brinda

Lighting and Signage

We are finalizing arrangements with a company that will clean and re-seal our four marble entrance signs. We anticipate this project being completed by the end of July. Once this is done, the landscape committee will be doing their part in upgrading the landscaping at these signs.

Jeff Brinda

Landscape

We know the front entrances are bare right now but keep a look out for the new look that will take place in the next couple of weeks. Your landscaping committee has also improved the landscaping around the retention pond.

Carolyn Tatum

ARB

Homeowners, please remember that when you want to make improvements to your home that you need to submit an application to the ARB. You can get an application thru the Bay Park Web site or from Carolyn Tatum, 8036 Old Town Drive. Also, it is that time of the year that we all need to make sure that our lawns are getting enough water and fertilizer.

Carolyn Tatum

Web Notes

It's a sad fact, but the Bay Park web site is under-utilized. We've only gotten about 250 hits in well over a year. There are several reasons for this. Let me address a couple of them. First, it is possible that many of you don't know about the site and what is available there. Okay, let's take care of that right now. The web address is really simple – you don't need WWW and it's easy to remember since it's where we all live. The address (all one word): **bayparkorlando.com** Here's what's available on the site: Meeting and community activity information; the ARB Approval Form, the latest newsletter (like this one); a brief history of the Dr. Phillips area, and a great links page that connects you to our local schools, the Chamber of Commerce, County government, and the Orange County Appraiser (so you can check out property values, etc.). There is also a Photo section and an Awards (e.g. yard of the quarter) page. There are some restrictions related to these sections, and they take effort to maintain, so they have sat dormant. We need your help in keeping the site current and making it more useful for the whole community. We're seeking volunteers with good ideas and a commitment to keep up site content. As site administrator, I will make sure everything gets posted. So, go there. See what you think, and e-mail ideas to bayparkorlando.earthlink.net

Gus Campana

Pets

It has been brought to the Board's attention that several animals are creating problems in the neighborhood. Please be reminded that according to the Bay Park Covenants and Restrictions, Article X, Section 1, Paragraph d "No dogs, cats or other permitted pets (as determined from time to time by the ARB) will be allowed to run loose on The Properties. All dogs, cats, and other permitted pets must be kept inside the Living Unit, on a leash, or within a fenced area." Animals left to run loose can damage property and be menacing in the community. Your cooperation in adhering to this restriction is necessary for the safety and well-being of everyone.

Jean Campana

E-Mail Addresses

We need your E-mail address in order to save money distributing the newsletter. Send your E-mail address to bayparkorlando.earthlink.net

Meetings

The next Board of Directors meeting and the next ARB meeting will be announced on the Website and on signs posted at the community entrances. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**Have a happy
and safe
4th of July!**

