

Bay Park News

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President's Report

Trees, Trees, Trees... It would appear that Bay Park's community trees are becoming a "growing" problem, pardon the pun. However, it is not actually the fault of the trees.

From what we have learned there are two significant factors contributing to some of our fallen and uprooted trees.

Some of the trees planted in the easements in front of our homes, were planted with their roots still bound in a wire cage or burlap sack, holding them back from stretching out and becoming more secure.

Also, all of our trees have not been consistently pruned and trimmed, allowing the wind to flow through them more freely, thereby reducing the surface area that the wind applies pressure to.

In addition, I recently advised our community about the trees along Dr. Phillips Blvd, which had been severely trimmed by Progress Energy.

Many homeowners went to the Bay Park website and voted on whether to replace those trees or leave them as they are. The final vote was 23 in favor of replacement and 9 opposed.

The Board is working on acquiring an Architectural proposal for redesigning that area, which will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Over the next several weeks, our focus will be the issues surrounding the trees in our community. We invite each homeowner to take a moment and share whatever thoughts or comments regarding our community trees. Just log on and send us your thoughts.

www.bayparkorlando.com

Our next board meeting will be dedicated to addressing some of these issues. Please feel free to join us and thanks again for having taken the time to vote.

Richard Zappasodi

Social Events



Thank you to all those who signed up for the *Wine Tasting* event to 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 from Washington State's Chateau St. Michelle winery and foods that can be paired to compliment one another. Prepare now for the type of "bowtie" you will wear and how you will wear it – there will be some prizes awarded . . . (have fun with this!)



We have also planned a *Harvest BBQ* for in November (date TBD). 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 "har vest" time and will have lots of fun with a piñata, basketball, horseshoes, bobbing for apples, craft table, face painting, and even more!!! We'll update you on the continually evolving fun plans closer to the date. We hope you plan to attend the BBQ so you can get to know one another as friends and neighbors – there are terrific people who live right here in Bay Park!

Jeff & Pat Calvert

Lighting and Signage

The marble on our four entrance signs has been resealed, polished and re-grouted and looks much crisper. The new *Bay Park* letters have been replaced and the upgraded lighting at these signs has been installed. These enhancements, with the combination of our landscape committee's upgrades, make the main entrances to our community look great!

Jeff Brinda

Financial Report

We still have five homeowners that have not yet paid their semi-annual dues. We would appreciate it if they would pay this as soon as possible so that we can "close" our mid-year books. In addition, we are switching the CD (for our contingency fund) from our current bank to another bank that offers a higher interest rate.

Jeff Brinda



Landscape

After a long wait our front entrances are finally getting their make over. The Crown of Thorns (red) that will add a burst of color to our entrance ways will be planted this week.

Carolyn Tatum



ARB

Homeowners, How wonderful it was to see neighbors helping neighbors after our visit from Charlie and Frances. Thanks to all that got out and helped get the trees out of our entrance ways, neighbors yards and houses. We have all worked very hard cleaning up but we still have some cleaning to do.

Here are some issues that need addressing. After so much rain we are faced with some sidewalks that are in dire need of cleaning/pressure washing, some are to the point of being a potential safety hazard to pedestrians. There is also a need of trimming of the tree branches along the sidewalks.

Please take the time to inspect your property and see if you need to address any of these areas.

Carolyn Tatum

Web Notes

This continues to be a rough and damaging hurricane season, but the internet can help us track, prepare for, and better deal with these terrible storms.

Our local TV and radio stations have done a great job keeping us aware of the progress of Charley, Frances, Ivan and now Jeanne. So has the Weather Channel. However, if you want the latest updates when you want them and without all the commercials and fillers like the same video of a gas station roof being blown away over and over again, then try the internet.

Here are some helpful web sites:
For the most comprehensive general information on hurricanes, their impact and effects, and how we can prepare to face them (including details on how to put together preparedness plans and kits) go to **www.floridadisaster.org**. For great **satellite photos** and the latest **tracking** information, visit **www.noaa.org**. For **written advisories** from the National Hurricane Center, check out **www.nhc.noaa.gov**.

Good **local area hurricane coverage** may be found at **orlandoweather.com**, as well as on our local TV station web sites: **wesh.com** (2-NBC), **local6.com** (6-CBS), **wftv.com** (9 - ABC), **wofl.com** (35 - FOX).

Be prepared, stay informed and stay safe - and be sure to use our web site-- bayparkorlando.com

Gus Campana

Communications Committee

E-Mail Addresses

Thank you to Betty Dunleavy and Barbara Smiley for their help in calling homeowners to update our E-mail list.

If you received a "hard copy" of this newsletter, that means we do not have your e-mail address. To help save money and time distributing the newsletter, please send your E-mail address to --
bayparkorlando@earthlink.net

Jean Campana

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.

