

Anastasia Lakes Newsletter



Spring Time - April 2018

Time to renew your gardens, paint your house, trim trees, clean the driveway, and ohhh yes, rip out your bathroom. I'm glad we provided our guests with a comfortable bed, we are giving it a long test run. It seems to me our "main man" Jimmy Phillips is having too much fun, singing, dancing, banging, ripping, utter mayhem, but of course, all the time, doing a great

job.

This community is comprised of some very smart and helpful people.

SO

If you've got a problem/question put it in the newsletter, or on a blast email, and I'll bet you get an answer.

From Anastasia Lakes Board and Committee Heads....

Good day community:

May 1st will be our grand reopening of our pool, your fine committee Mona Donofrio, Gail Payette, Cathy Howell,

Ellen Grolman, Keith Schiegel, Lynn Helfer, and Pool Splash Jake Jackowski will be assisting you this year.

Have fun be nice close those umbrellas and reset your chairs for the next person.

Thank You any concerns please feel free to contact me
jakestaug@gmail.com or 904-392-6951.

SOCIAL AGENDA(S)

The April's Ladies Lunch will be as follows -

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Place: Barnacle Bill's 14 West Castillo Drive St. Augustine, Fl Limited parking is available.

Time: 11:30 AM

RSVP: by Tuesday, April 3, 2018 To: Cathy Bonkenburg [\(904\)460-8351](tel:9044608351) jrbecb@gmail.com

Men's "all brown" luncheon.....South Beach Grill.....south on A1A to 206 + 100 yards on the beach....

12 Noon on Thurs, April 5th Car pool.

Jimmy Buffett Party



When: Saturday, April 28th,
starting at 5:00 P.m.

Where: The Pool

Cost: \$5.00 per person (will be collected at the party)

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, water and condiments will be provided.

Bring: A side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP: By April 22 by contacting Myra Buchan at:
myrabuchan@hotmail.com or phone/text 912-389-8660

A cooler will be provided for all BYOB drinks; as well as, plastic cups since no glass containers are allowed in pool area.

****We will have 50/50 tickets for sale. Each ticket is \$1. Buy as many as you want. One lucky winner will split the pot with the social fund.**

Looking forward to seeing you there! The Social Committee



Hey Lee

Id be happy to do a Civil rights tour. I am a licensed guide and do civil rights tour of St. Aug, if anyone is interested. No charge, of course. ... John

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REACHING OUT.....

HELP!!

I am working with Compassionate St. Augustine to create a much-needed library for the wonderful young men (ages 12-19) who are housed in our local juvenile detention center. We are in the final stages and are in desperate need of wall hangings, small tables, lamps, etc. Anything to donate? I will pick up! Paula Grasel, 352-226-1985.

QUESTIONS I ASKED YOU TO RESPOND AND YOUR ANSWERS :

In regards to the "Speed Bump" question;

- Hate speed bumps BUT when needed, they are good to have. So Yes to speed humps.
- Hurray for speed bumps and 15mph!
- I'm for keeping the speed limit at 20mph and putting in speed HUMPS, not bumps. The people who already speed will be upset at any lowering of the limit and will probably go even faster but the humps can't help but slow them down.
- Speed limit. I think we should lower the speed limit to 15. 20 seems a bit fast for this small neighborhood. We have too many walkers and pets for the fast vehicles. I am not a fan of speed bumps but, if we as a neighborhood vote for them, lets keep them to a minimum
- Andy Williams asked me to contribute this on his behalf:
He would like the speed limit lowered to 2 mph. That way he can spend half of his work commute time to/from Jacksonville enjoying the neighborhood..... Thanks, Brian
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In regards to the vines growing out of control on Anastasia Lakes Dr. South;

- It is a mess across the road.
- I will be happy to join a few others and go after the vines you mention. They are gradually killing the trees and shrubs on that side of the street.

In regards to the Heated Pool

- If we are going to heat the pool for a few to take a morning swim why can not the wooden barrier, now rotten and gradually falling into the end of Hawksbill Lane, be replaced? Just curious.
- I'd like to know 1) if the cost of the heater in the pool will raise our HOA dues and 2) if the heater will be on in the summer (I hope not. The pool water is fine then). 3) Do we get to vote on this? It seems an

arbitrary decision to all of a sudden purchase a heater without asking everyone if they really WANT this.

- My question is regarding the pool heater ,what will the monthly cost be ? Who decides when it's necessary to use it? How do our neighbors with pools feel about this luxury ?
- Yeah for a pool heater. I've been advocating to heat the pool for 14 years. Go for it!!
- Pool heater. I have not kept up with the issues of this topic such as cost and maintenance but, I would love to have the pool opened year round for everyone to enjoy.

Other comments;

- Anything to change or continue? Well, as most everyone knows, I have taken my house off the market. There are a few reasons but, one of them is...I just like it here. Wonderful neighbors throughout, quiet community, beautiful home, great location. So, I say we continue doing what we're doing. I hear crazy stories about some neighborhoods where neighbors are constantly disagreeing, board members are battling, money is spent foolishly, very strict review committees. I'm always happy to think...that's not us. Thanks, Dawn DiMeglio
- Why not enforce the no continuous/everyday parking on street of AL. It is fine for visitors to park on the streets like Fish Island, Hawksbill Lane etc for 3-4 nights while visiting. BUT some park a vehicle on the street day after day. Actually, on second thought, why not let him/them continue to do so plus forget/ignore all those with illegal fences et al and just pitch the totally inconsistent, many unreasonable, regulations we live under in AL? But one learns, nothing will change.

In ref to the rules that have been violated in comment above, at the last meeting discussed with all present, how to enforce rules after they have been broken. All present concluded that some were too old to pursue and others could be addressed only if the community wanted to pay lawyers fees; with no sure end or positive results assured.

For the Writer and Reader here is a copy of the Parking Rules- **Parking Rules**

1. Parking on the streets is discouraged at all times.
2. Vehicles shall **not** be parked on the street overnight (11 PM to 7 AM).
3. Those parking on the street should make every effort to avoid parking directly in the path of a neighbor's driveway.
4. Parking is prohibited on any grassed area, including property owners' lawns.
5. Recreational vehicles, boats and trailers of any kind shall be permitted to park in the owner's driveway for a maximum of three (3) days, primarily for the purpose of loading and unloading.
6. Pool lot parking is intended for those using the pool; any other parking is limited to temporary parking, and spaces should remain open for pool use. No pool parking should block access to the pool facilities.
7. No parking **anytime** at yellow curbs.
8. Any member of the Board of Directors may waive a parking rule to accommodate an extraordinary circumstance. Additionally, the Board of Directors may have a vehicle that is in violation of a parking rule towed.

Moving on.....

From Joe..... First it was squirrels, feasting on our backyard bird feeder(second email). That was solved with the baffle on the bird feeder pole. Next, every night we noticed a lot of the feed had been eaten...obviously not birds or squirrels. Borrowing a friend's trap, we found the unhappy culprit the next morning.and transferred the raccoon to another location. Then, the same process with a second raccoon...hopefully, the last one.
-Joe and Diane



RESTAURANT/MOVIE/BOOK REVIEWS

Movie = Darkest Hour was great; wonderfully cast.

Restaurant = Best place in St. Augustine for lunch is The Bistro on Old Moultrie. 11:45 is a smart time to go since the place gets crowded in a hurry. In between 12:30 and 1:30 it's insane to try and get a table in less than half an hour. Don't be scared off by the detour signs and the orange cones. They come AFTER the turn into the parking lot.

Went to 11th St. Cafe for breakfast on Sat. only to discover they do Brunch on weekends. Total cost for 2 was \$30.. I think way to much for breakfast and warmed food. ohhh well, onward and upward.....

OF INTEREST.....

Rose....

What are you growing in your yard????



RECOMMENDED CONTRACTOR.....Remember, we need your input here....please reaffirm existing contractors whom you've used this year, give us new names of contractors doing stellar work for you, and tell us to delete any existing contractor who does not live up to a high standard. We will take it from there. Any contractor who has not been reaffirmed at least once in three years will be removed to make room for current ones.

Lee, have two recommendations:

Windows and garage door replaced by Preservation Home Specialist 904-849-3066 all hurricane proof.

Master bath shower tile by Tilettek here in St. Aug. 904-377-6417

Both companies did an excellent job, workers very professional! Would recommend both! Cindy Pritchett

Add these to your new contractor list and I'll upgrade the main one, Lee

editor and cub reporter Dorothy & Leelee.dorothy1986@gmail.com or 501-0938 or 377-5876

EDITOR'S NOTE: all information printed in this newsletter is the opinion of the editors, unless authored by

someone else. Nothing should be taken seriously and all facts should be doubted.

ANASTASIA LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday March 1, 2018 at 2:00 pm
Coastal Realty – 3942 A1A S. – Saint Augustine, FL 32080

DRAFT MINUTES

**This of course means the minutes have not been approved by the Board,
so as yet not official.....read on....**

1. Meeting was called to order by President, John Hackman at 2:00 pm
2. A quorum was established with John Hackman, Kitty Martin, Myra Buchan, Pete Peterson and Keith Schlegel present. Chris Haga and Andrea LaVallee - Maggs were present on behalf of Coastal Realty & Property Management
3. **Pete made a motion, seconded by Keith, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2017 meeting as written. All in favor, motion passed.**
4. **Officers Reports:**
 - a. **President:** John waived the president's report due to the full agenda.
 - b. **Treasurer:** Kitty reported that 2017 ended \$2,200 over budget and the reserves are in good shape. Andrea added that the recently matured CD has auto-renewed but 2 more CD's totaling just over \$100K will mature in July.
 - c. **Management:** Chris reported that she is getting bids on removing the dead palmetto at the entrance near 50 ALD. The spring cleaning letter was distributed in the newsletter, on the website, via email and will be mailed to all owners as well.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Grounds:** Sandie noted that the committee is now called the Grounds & Maintenance Committee. Sandie and Jacky will still co-chair grounds and Pete will chair the maintenance portion. They will work together on larger projects. Pete will be meeting with Duval Asphalt next week to talk about some of the cracking issues in the roads. It was also noted that plants in the front entrance died because of the hard freeze. They will not be replaced until the irrigation goes back to the daylight savings time schedule.
 - b. **Pool:** Keith reported on behalf of Jake Jackowski. There will be new locks on the bathroom doors installed and a new gate lock as well. The bathroom doors will be re-painted, pressure washing will be done and some plants will be replaced.
 - c. **Irrigation:** John reported that the irrigation system seems to be running well the summer irrigation schedule will start the week after March 11, 2018.
 - d. **ARC:** Lee Bailey reported that one application was approved for a whole house paint job. Work has not yet begun.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. **984 FIP:** The Board discussed its options to enforce the matter of the non-compliant fence at 984 Fish Island Place. Keith made a motion, seconded by Pete, to have an attorney send a demand letter. The letter will give a deadline of July 1st to comply and inform the owner that the next step would be a demand for pre-suit mediation. Four in favor, Myra opposed, motion passed.
 - b. **96 ALD:** Chris reported that the owner had reached out to ask for a copy of the covenants so he can speak with the tenant about the antenna. As for the new violations, a letter will be sent with a

deadline of 14 days for the barking dog issue and 30 days to clean up the yard as well as a first notice for overnight parking in the street.

- c. **Fish Island Fence:** Chris will get bids to replace the fence with vinyl fencing in the same dimensions.

7. New Business:

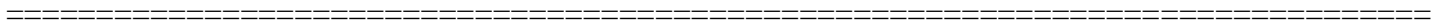
- a. **Spring Cleaning:** Addressed during management report.
- b. **Confirm Committee Chairs:** ARC – Lee Bailey, Grounds – Sandie Norton & Jacky Lange, Maintenance – Pete Peterson, Pool – Jake Jackowski, Social – Myra Buchan.
- c. **Pool:** John made a motion, seconded by Keith, to accept a proposal from Complete Care Pools to install an electric heater for \$4300 plus approx. \$500 in electrical work. All in favor, motion passed. The projected will be paid for out of the Neighborhood Improvement Fund.
- d. **129 ALD Garden Hose Issue:** A courtesy letter will be sent to the owners to remove the garden hose from over the garage.
- e. **Roads (entrance pavement marking 20mph):** The board discussed options for speed control. Myra made a motion, seconded by Keith, to lower the speed limit to 15MPH. Myra, Keith, and Kitty in favor, John and Pete opposed. Motion passed. The next agenda will include a discussion on speed bumps and pavement markings.
- f. **Cindy Pritchett:** Would like the board to reconsider having some of the dead brush cleaned out of buffer along Mizell Rd.

8. Comments from the Floor: The Board entertained comments from the owners who were present.

9. Announcements – Next meeting date: Next meeting – Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:00pm

10. Adjournment: With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Chris Haga, Community Association Manager
Coastal Realty & Property Management, Inc.



Controversial but an interesting idea....

John Paul Stevens a former Supreme Court justice, calls for the repeal of the Second Amendment in a Times Opinion piece.

That's all folks.....