

# Southport On The Bay Newsletter

## Exotic Removal and Mangrove Maintenance is Homeowner's Responsibility

Southport homeowners and lot owners are responsible to maintain the mangrove areas bordering their properties in compliance with Florida and Collier statutes and directives.

"Exotics including Australian Pine and Brazilian Peppertree are required to be removed," notes Bill Whittingham, Southport director of grounds maintenance. Bill also reported that the Coin Vine, while a native plant, is particularly invasive and destruction of mangroves. "It has been recommended that Coin Vine should also be removed to protect mangroves." Bill will show specimens of these plants at the Annual Homeowner Association Meeting on Jan. 23. For photos of these plants, please see the links below.

Florida statutes also have specific requirements and restrictions for mangrove trimming. These include specifications for trimming mangroves to a height no less than 6 feet as measured from the substrate, and that mangrove trimming be done or supervised by a professional, licensed or certified mangrove trimmer.

"The penalties for violating DEP guidelines can be significant," cautions Jim Fountain, HOA president. "It is best to understand the official guidelines when maintaining the wonderful views we have here at Southport."

### FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR INFORMATION

Please call R&P Property Management, 239-643-3353. Gloria Norman is the R&P Account Manager for Southport.

## A new look for Southport

The Southport mailbox painting project is scheduled to be completed before the end of November. In addition to refurbishing the mailboxes, the lamp posts, street signs and entrance gate are all being repainted in a dark brown color that complements the color scheme of Southport's entrance.

"It is anticipated that the new paint finish should hold up for 5-6 years," Kevin Yankow, Southport HOA VP and director of the project reported. That was about the life of the last mailbox painting.

"The entire project was able to be funded out of the contingency account, since we did not have significant non-routine expenses so far this year," reports treasurer Lorraine Andrews. A new reserve account has been established to fund future painting.

*The following links have photos and information about the exotics and nuisance plant mentioned above and mangrove trimming:*

Australian Pine

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/ALIEN/fact/caeql.htm>

Brazilian Peppertree

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/405>

Coin vine

[http://www.seabean/guide/Dalbergia\\_ecastaphyllum/index.htm](http://www.seabean/guide/Dalbergia_ecastaphyllum/index.htm)

Florida DEP (southwest district) mangrove trimming summary guide

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/Southwest/erp/mangroves.htm>

Florida DEP Mangrove Trimming Guidelines for Homeowners

[http://www.floridadep.org/central/Home/SLERP/Mangroves/mangrove\\_trimming\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.floridadep.org/central/Home/SLERP/Mangroves/mangrove_trimming_guidelines.pdf)

## Renovations and Color Changes Need ARB Approval

A number of Southport homes have undergone remarkable makeovers and /or additions recently.

Gus Flier, Southport ARB director, reminds homeowners that all remodeling of existing homes need be approved by the ARB. Plans should be submitted prior to starting the project and a deposit of \$2,500 needs to be paid to the POA. This deposit is refundable, when it has been established that the work was done in accordance with the approved plans and that no damage was done to the common grounds and/or neighbor's property. Any changes or amendments to the original approved plan need to be resubmitted to avoid the possibility of penalties. Please see the HOA Rules and Regulations for details.

Gus also reminds homeowners to contact the ARB through R&P Property Management if they wish to repaint their home or roof in a different color. "Any significant color change needs to be approved by the ARB before the painting commences," Gus notes. Homeowners should call R&P to schedule the ARB review and approval which can be done within a short time of the request.

Gus additionally remarked that two new residences in Southport have been approved by the ARB in 2009 after a relatively quiet 2008.

## Southport Social Activity Getting into Swing

Bill Zwicker, former HOA president, and his wife Randi hosted the Southport Halloween Block Party on Oct. 31 at their home. "The party has been a fun event for residents and children for the past several years," says Bill. It is one of several opportunities for residents to get to know each other.

Coming up next - residents are all invited to the 6 pm Annual HOA party on Jan. 23 at the Barefoot Boat Club. Please bring a dish and the drink of your choice. The HOA Annual Meeting also takes place there that morning beginning at 10 am.

Other social events for Southport residents will be posted at the front gate. It is hoped that you can participate in these get-togethers.

## Find Current Homeowner Association Information on Southport Website

The Southport website [www.southportonthebay.com](http://www.southportonthebay.com) contains current information regarding Covenants, Bi-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Association Board contacts, R&P Property Management contacts, and answers to frequently-asked questions. It is the most convenient way to help you communicate your questions, concerns and ideas about the community.

In addition, all homeowners are encouraged to attend the Homeowner's Association meetings. Meeting times and dates are posted on the web site and also at the Southport gate.



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Notice to residents: Please make sure that R&P Management has your current phone number and address. If you would like to see your information on file, please send your name and phone number to Bill Zwicker ([bill@BarefootOnTheBeach.com](mailto:bill@BarefootOnTheBeach.com)) and he will send you a current copy of the information on file for you. Make sure you include all of the info on your e-mail or he will be unable to disclose this information to you due to privacy issues.

### Helpful Information for Residents:

[Click here](#) for a document of frequently asked questions by residents regarding removal for the Barefoot Beach gate, windshield stickers, telephone access at gate, golf cart garbage yard pickup.

### Rules and Regulations :

[Click here](#) for the most recent Rules and Regulations that were approved on December the Board of Directors' meeting. If you are selling your house, please make sure you

**Thank your neighbors** that have donated their time for the betterment of the community by serving on the Board of Directors and ARB.

Jim Fountain, President

Kevin Yankow, Vice-President

Lorraine Andrews, Treasurer

Bill Whittingham, Secretary

Chris Hawley, Director

Bill Zwicker, Director-At-Large

Gus Flier, ARB Chairman

Russ Stanley, ARB Member

Tom Lawrence, ARB Member

Bill Whittingham, Board rep. to ARB

## **Please get involved and run**

**for the board of directors and/or the ARB.**

**The pay stinks (there is none) but the people you will get to know makes it all worthwhile.**

**Any former board member or the individuals listed to the left can provide you with more information. Just ask them!**

**You do not have to live year-round in Southport to serve.**