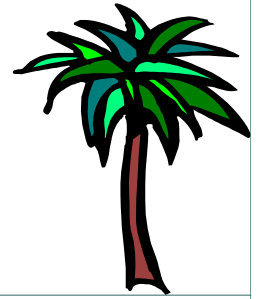


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Out and About in the Neighborhood

WELCOME HOME

“Happy Holidays”

The “Southporter” has been an ongoing project we felt would be a worthwhile and valuable tool for communication with each property owner.

With this issue, we have printed and distributed this newsletter four times in 2002. We have tried to make it both interesting and informative. It has grown in content and it has matured into a responsible publication. We truly hope you have enjoyed it and believe it to be worth the efforts involved. We would appreciate feedback on the frequency issue. Should it be issued twice a year or should we endeavor to continue it quarterly?

Our Social calendar was full of special

events this year, but participation was non existent.

We had to cancel the Golf tournament, Sunset boat cruise, and the Halloween party because folks just did not RSVP. Perhaps next year can bring us together more often than the

Christmas party alone.

As the weather changes and the ‘Season’ begins, we welcome home our missing neighbors and trust everyone will be ready to party down at the annual Christmas gathering.

We are joining together once again at the Barefoot Boat Clubhouse on December 14th, where we will be having a pot luck dinner like last year , **BYOB**, and we have enlisted a DJ for your dancing and listening pleasure.

There will be a



small cover charge of \$10.00 per person payable as soon as possible. Send or drop off checks to :

Debbie Douglas at 91 Southport Cove. 948-7729

Kathy Vlahovic 498-3352

Please mark this date down on your calendar, and send or drop off your check today. We look forward to meeting and greeting both new and old friends once again.

“Lets Party”

Legal Update

This section was removed for sensitivity reasons. As you probably know, our legal committee is in the process of negotiating a settlement with the Master Association.

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**Your
Legal Committee.**

Message from the President

Dave Douglas

I think you'll agree, this is one time of year that we can all look forward to. The cooler weather has arrived (finally!), the holiday season is upon us and many of our neighbors have returned from the North. And as your current Board of Directors concludes its year of service, it's time to say a hearty "thank you" for a job well done.

Members of the board, and countless volunteers, have given their time and energy during the last year, working diligently throughout the community. It takes this kind of dedication and commitment, year after year, to keep Southport a place that we can all

be proud to call home.

It's hard to believe that another year is nearly behind us. As a community we have accomplished a great deal in the past year. I look forward to sharing some of our successes with you at the [Annual Meeting of the Southport Homeowners Association scheduled for January 18, 2003](#).

Remember, we will need in excess of 50 percent of all association members present at this meeting in order to conduct community business.

As always however, there is still much work to do. As you know, there are three openings on the Board. If you are interested in playing a more active role in your community consider placing your name on the next ballot. It is my sincere hope that your new Board of Directors will work together as vigorously as this Board has to continue all the great work that has been done.

On behalf of the entire Douglas family, we wish everyone in Southport a safe, healthy and happy holiday season, and a prosperous New Year!

Did you know It's illegal:

Board of Directors

You will be receiving a letter reiterating our covenants.

Sorry, but our covenants forbid non licensed motor vehicles (with the exception of golf carts) to be operated within the boundaries of Southport. Motorized transportation, such as motor operated skateboards, or the new two wheel motorized scooter board, as we have recently seen on our streets, are not allowed.

There are several reasons: We do not carry liability insurance for this type of activity. They are noisy and disruptive to neighbors, and most important, they are prohibited by the rules and regulations stated in our covenants and by-laws. We want property owners to know that these motorized vehicles are outlawed in Southport.

See Covenants page 19

Section dd.

Thanks for understanding.



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Editorial

Tom Leonard

Southport on the Bay needs your involvement. Three new directors are needed for the Southport Board. The term of service is two years. We need solid citizens like yourself to get involved. Pamela Leck, Dave Douglas, and Goran Vlahovic will be ending their terms of service come January. They have each contributed to the improvement and success of Southport as a great place to reside. Dave, as the outgoing president will serve the board as an advisor in 2003, but we say goodbye to George Joeckel, who has certainly added a sense of decency and moderation to many of the boards discussions.

The Architectural Review Board is also in need of two new members. If you don't want to run for the board, please volunteer for the ARB Committee .

We have already been advised of two new homes being built in 2003. Add that to the four homes already in the process of completion and you can see we are rapidly approaching build out.

We have a new budget for 2003 and it has come in slightly under the 15% increase allowable by the covenants. It should be in your hands shortly if not already.

We are continuing to place our contested Master association dues in escrow awaiting the outcome of litigation. Legal fees will be higher in 2003, but manageable. The Board will do everything in it's power to keep ALL costs to a minimum. Another, of many reason for you to get involved personally.

The costs of the Electricians (new), Landscape Company (new), Lake Caretakers (new) and Lawn Service (new) are the best value for the dollar we can negotiate. The cost of maintaining the empty lots and the public areas has increased dramatically. The Board has no choice but to pass on the increased cost of the lot mowing to the owners of the empty lots. we will, however, be mowing more often as we did this year.

So you can see, with litigation in progress, increased servicing needs within our community's boundary, modifying of the front gate to eliminate breakdowns and with the need of updating old wiring, repairing some sections of our streets, replacement of our irrigation lines, the challenges are many for 2003.

Now is a great opportunity to get involved. Sure it takes some time, but it is rewarding to see our neighborhood evolve into something special, so put your name in the hat.

Someone special

Sharon Paximadis

Pam Leck ... A Lady on the Move

For exactly four years, Pam and Paul Leck have called Southport home. They toured the state of Florida for three months looking for just the right spot. Pam liked Boca Raton for it's New York style, but Paul was ready to leave the hustle and bustle behind. Barefoot Beach and Southport won them both over. "It's like a resort," Pam says, "it's gorgeous, we'll never find another place like this." And Pam should know, her journey to Southport has taken her through many cities, across many continents, literally around the world.



Pam's father was with the British Customs and Immigration Service. She and a twin brother, the youngest of eight children, were born in Portugal. The family moved frequently while Pam was growing up; most of her education was during time the family spent in China. To this day Pam is fluent in three dialects: Mandarin, Cantonese and Shanghai. But when traveling to Europe Pam says, her French gets them by.

Traveling became a way of life for Pam. While working as a model, a friend suggested she apply for a job as a flight attendant with an Australian airline. Pam signed on and worked the Australia-India route from her home base in Honk Kong. It was here that she met a young man named Paul who was working at the U.S. Embassy there.

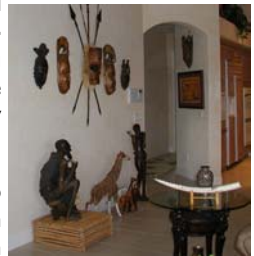
Paul left government service and entered the corporate world to work in Human Resources and Labor Relations for fortune 500 companies. He and Pam continued to move as opportunities arose - first to Vancouver, and Toronto, then on to the United States with stops in Connecticut, Virginia, New Jersey and San Francisco. It was from Connecticut that they moved to Southport.

Pam took time off from her career to raise two sons and a daughter. But the travel bug eventually bit her again and she took a job working in sales and operations for a wholesale travel company. With offices throughout the world, Pam was on the road once more.

A visit to the Leck home on Southport Cove is a truly international experience. Africa, Indonesia, Malaysia, Tibet, Mexico, India and Sweden are among the countries represented by beautiful tribal artifacts and unique mementos. "I can tell you where every piece came from," Pam says, "Every piece has a story."

Today, in addition to being Secretary on Southport's Board, Pam is in charge of our ever-changing landscape. When she's not wearing her famous green boots however, she is an avid reader; she loves to bake and to keep up with world events by watching the news on BBC. She and Paul are also the proud grandparents of two grandsons ages six and a half and three they're the ultimate according to Pam.

Where would Pam like to travel to next? "Good question," she says. "There's really nowhere I haven't been. South America is the only place I haven't seen in depth." We suspect that will be remedied soon. Safe travels Pam!



Property Management

R&P Management is available to serve your needs. Please, check the telephone roster when it arrives and update your addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers, if they have changed, with R&P. We would like the NEW Owner Telephone directory to be accurate and up to date.

If you do not receive a new directory before the years end, Call 597-4988 and ask Kellie to send you one. Ext 206.

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Welcome Wagon

Two new property owners have moved into Southport on the Bay. "WELCOME"

Ralph and Mary Jo Anzivino have completed building their new home at 210 San Mateo Drive. The Anzivino's are from Wisconsin and are delightful additions to our neighborhood.

William and Marilyn Malone have moved into the home at 50 Southport Cove. The Malone's own several homes in our area and maintain a residence in Michigan. Be sure to greet them.

Lot 41 was sold to Steve and Amy Fineburg. Amy tells me she hopes to build soon and would like to purchase a boat dock if one comes up for sale.



Automobile Gate Stickers—2003

2003 Automobile stickers have been ordered. Deadline is Jan 1, 2003. They will be ready for pickup the first of December. Contact Goran Vlahovic 188 Topanga Drive and tell him how many stickers your family will need. He will mail the required paperwork to you, and once completed and returned to him, he will issue the stickers to you in whatever manner you designate. Telephone: Goran at 498-3352 or leave a message.

Thoughts for the Month :

Opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

Odds and Ends

Pets

We love to see neighbors walking and riding their bikes in the neighborhood.

We notice a lot of folks walking their dogs recently. That's fine with us, but please be considerate of your neighbor's yards and shrubs.

We are losing some of the new plants on the preserve areas because dogs are marking their territory. Please control this activity and pick up after your pet.

For Sale

Yellow 15 foot Classic Northwest Canoe with wood gunnels, rawhide seats. Canoe is in great condition. Perfect for the bays and backwaters of Southport. \$295.00 Call Bill —495-3341

Trophy Animal Mounts

Mouflon Sheep, Antelope, Deer and large Elk. Pheasant and Ducks. Ready for Den, office or business. Call to discuss size and prices Ask for Tom— 949-9123

For Sale

Dell Pentium II computer and like new Twin Wicker Bedroom set,, Baby Crib/ mattress/ accessories/ highchair.

Call Pam —992-7222

DISEASE ALERT

Sago palms are subject to a damaging disease. Look for white spots under the leaves. Treat immediately. Protect your neighbor's plants from being infected.

Cinch Bugs are invading yards this year. Left untreated, they travel from yard to yard quickly. Please insure your lawns and plants are properly treated, especially if you are not permanent residents.

Watch and look for re-growth of

EXOTICS. Removal at the early stage of growth is easy and inexpensive.

