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Out and About in the Neighborhood

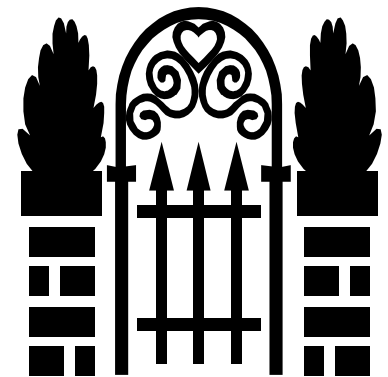


The cold snap seems to be gone and the season's in full swing. Swimmers dot the beach and more boats take to the open water. This is what we're all about. Enjoying life in general and the neighborhood in which we live. You can look in any direction and see change. A new paint scheme, new flowers, pool and yard restorations and new paver driveways. Add a few new homes and new neighbors and you can see that we're evolving.

2003 promises to be interesting. Dirt filling began on lot 39 and 40. Pilings are being driven on lot 7. Lot 64 is being prepared for a new home and several other lots have

changed hands. We have lost some old neighbors and we welcome new faces every month as home sales continue to flourish. What this tells us loud and clear is Southport on the Bay is desirable and the place to be. We have become the topic at cocktail parties near and far. We are mentioned in the same breath as Port Royal, Bay Colony, Grey Oaks, and other upscale elite developments. Southport and Barefoot Beach are synonymous with quality.

Progress requires us to look down the road and plan for the future. Given the rate of construction within our



"New Symbol Soon"

boundaries we will soon be built to capacity. When that day is reached, the value of homes will rise once again and you will look back and count your blessings that we worked together to make improvements that benefit all.

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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.

Message from the President

Tom Leonard

Hello,

After the annual meeting the newly elected board met to elect officers for 2003. It's my pleasure to announce the results of those elections and mention each person's responsibilities .

George Karambellas was elected to the position of Vice President. His duties include compliance with the covenants, restrictions and rules. He will chair the Welcome committee and be responsible for Exotic removal.

Paul Leck steps

into giant footsteps as the new Secretary of the association. Paul is in charge of the lighting, landscaping, lakes and will Chair the landscape/flower committee.

John Paximadis, has assumed the duties of Treasurer. He will also be in charge of gate repair/ maintenance, automobile stickers , gate openers and mailboxes.

Gus Flier, will chair the new Architectural Review Board , road repair and new construction. The ARB will consist of five members this year.

As the new president, my responsibility will be the overall coordination and

responsibility for the Board and our documents. I will chair the legal committee and continue to function as the editor and publisher of our newsletter.

Each board member is willing to listen and serve Southport. We are human however, and we will make some mistakes, but our goal is to make Southport better and better. Your attendance is most welcome at our Board of Director's meetings and all social functions.

****Note****

The Christmas party this year will be held on Saturday the 13th of December. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend. It's a great party and lots of fun.



Board of Directors–Architectural Review Board

The **Board of Directors** will meet each month on the **fourth Thursday** with the exception of November and December. Since Thanksgiving and Christmas conflict, those meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month. Circle these dates on your calendar and participate as a welcomed member. Most meetings will start at 10 am in the morning, but since many of you requested, we will try to alternate and have some of these meetings start at 6 PM, if we can find a convenient meeting spot. Location may vary

from month to month so watch the announcement board which is placed on the front gate as a reminder, 48 hours prior to the meeting day. You can always call and check with the association secretary or any board member.

The **ARB** will meet each Monday preceding the Board of Director

meetings. They will meet at 10 am and members are welcome. To ensure there is ample space please call Gus Flier or email him at:

gusflier@prodigy.net. Or call 495-3210 to announce your intention of attending. Unless announced otherwise the meetings will be held in Gus's

home on St Eustacius Lane. Limited parking is available so plan on walking over or ride your bicycle.

There's simply no bona fide, genuine excuse for not being super-successful. You control what you become.

Scott Alexander

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Peace
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Discussion Technique

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

Some Serious Horsing Around

Sharon Paximadis

Just before seven in the morning, as the sun rises over Ocala, Florida, another busy day at Quiet Hill Farms begins. There are horses to be let out, prepped for riding and the lessons of the day. They will then need to be hosed down and scrubbed, all before lunch. During the afternoon there are more chores to complete – cleaning the tack, mixing the feed ... and oh yes, there's always homework to do.

It's all in a days work for 16-year-old Ashley Lawrence who left her family's home in Southport last August to pursue an equestrian dream.

"Ashley is a junior rider until she's 18," Claire Lawrence said, "the US Equestrian Team does not talent search under the age of 18, so she's working on that goal. The team does search for new talent throughout the year though, so Ashley could be given an opportunity to ride as a junior member. Those who are exceptional ultimately reach Olympic status."

Tom and Claire Lawrence bought Ashley her first pony when she was just eight years old. Merry Legs was solid black and according to Claire quite ornery. "Ashley spent more time being bucked off that pony than on it!"

Undaunted, Ashley hit the horse show circuit, often declining invitations from her friends to movies

and the mall in order to make 4:30AM wake-up calls. "It meant braiding, wrapping legs, loading the rig ... Tom drove the trailer, I was the groom," Claire recalls,



Her parents soon realized that for Ashley it was more than just a pony ride – she was a natural. And the older she got the more intense the passion became. "It became a way of life."

Last August, after much discussion and urging from her trainer, Ashley made the move to Ocala to focus her attention full time on preparing for the U.S. Olympic Team.

"My friends really thought it was a bad idea," Ashley says, "but I wanted to experience it. And I love being able to wake up with my horse 100 feet from my room."

Ashley's newest ride is a carefree, if somewhat pushy 3-year-old named Pizzazz II. Recently imported from Canada, the gelding is learning his boundaries; but already he's showing great promise.

No doubt the future will be bright for this young, adventurous equestrienne. She currently attends the Cambridge Academy where she maintains a 4.0 average. "Her dedication and devotion is rare – it really separates the champion rider from all other competitors, Claire said. "I believe it's the core of the rider, and when the passion runs as deep as it does in her, achieving Olympic status is within her reach."

But for now Ashley is working hard to be the best she can be. And she's learning to be independent. Ask her what she likes best and there is no hesitation, "Being able to wake up every morning and ride."

Talent seems to run in the Lawrence family. Younger sister Francesca started dancing when she was just 4 years old. Today, she competes with a Senior Hip Hop Team. They're heading for national competition in Orlando in July.

Issues for Your Consideration:

We are installing a camera system at our front gate. It's purpose will be to identify the folks who are damaging our gate mechanisms with their vehicles. This system should pay for itself in many ways. Had it been in place last month it might have caught on film the culprits who broke into our neighboring club house and lifted the giant screen television set. Police believe the thieves drove out our gate.

We repaired our gate so many times

last year it cost our association over \$2000.00.

We already had our first damage of the year when a county truck tried to come in the out gate. We will be reimbursed by the county this time.

We have a damaged light pole on Topanga. Did anyone see anything? Please report damage witnessed.

We need your opinion on several issues under consideration. On the

back side of this section is a survey we hope you will fill out and return to us for guidance. This form can be sent by Fax: Care of Southport Secretary 992-5411 or dropped in my mailbox if that is easier.:

207 Topanga Drive

Please take a few moments. Complete the questionnaire and voice your opinion.

Letters to the editor should be addressed to
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Thoughts of the Month.

"Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go."

"I learned that it is the weak who are cruel, and that gentleness is to be expected only from the strong".

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Welcome Wagon

Richard and Viola Lynch from Morristown, New Jersey were welcomed at the annual meeting this year. It was wonderful that they attended and we got a quick chance to meet new neighbors. The Lynches purchased the Cronin home at 214 Topanga Drive.. Be sure to wave and say hello. We understand long time residents Joe and Stella Murdoch have sold their home and will close in March. We are sorry to see you leave. The new owners are Richard and Laurie Bratten from Highland Ranch ,Colorado. Welcome to Southport

We Need Volunteers

Social Committee: Christmas Party

Flower and Garden Committee

Welcome Wagon

Special Projects

Golf Committee (Scramble)

Odds and Ends:

Vote Your Preference Today:

Clip and Send

How do you feel.

Present Association rules dictate that construction may start at 7 AM and must end by 5 PM Monday thru Saturday. Surrounding neighborhoods end building and construction at 6PM and the board has been asked to consider this change. This survey will alert the board to your view, and the need for proposing an amendment to our rules that would then require a majority vote per section 2.8 of our Bylaws.

Number One (#1)

_____ Keep the same work hours.

_____ Change only the

departure hour from 5 PM

to 6 PM.

_____ Change departure hour from 5 Pm to 6PM on week days and stop work at 4 PM on Saturdays.

Number Two (#2)

Security gate:

It has been suggested to leave the gates open during the work week from 7AM to 5PM. (construction hours) .

_____ YES, In favor of automatically leaving the gates open during the working hours.

_____ NO, Keep the gates closed

Number Three (#3)

Road Repair:

We have been asked to temporarily repair some roads (Southport Cove, Topanga) We have been waiting until most of the construction is finished. How important do you rate this?

Yes _____ repair now.

No _____ wait until building is complete.

Turn your survey in no later than Feb 26th. Results announced at the Feb Board meeting on the 27th.

LOT NUMBER : _____

NAME : _____

Fax: 239- 992-5411

Email: Pampaz@comcast.net

Attn: Southport Secretary

