

The Southporter



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From the President

One of our top priorities this year has been to strike a balance between the use of our money and the time and talents of your Board Members. To that end, the Board has been working to design and implement several processes that will allow us to maintain a safe and attractive community of which we can all be proud.

One such process involves the participation of members at official Board Meetings. Members who attend Board meetings will be given an opportunity to speak—up to three minutes, on any agenda item during the discussion period for that item. In addition, after the close of the meeting, Members will be given an opportunity to speak to the Board on any topic, again for up to three minutes. The Board appreciates all Members willingness to follow these procedures.

From time to time, the Board may deem it necessary to establish certain rules and regulations in order to accomplish our charter. Today, our book of rules is relatively small and we would like to do all we can to keep it that way. Unfortunately, differences between neighbors do occur from time to time however. I encourage everyone to try to work out any differences that may arise with your neighbors and help us avoid the creation of a big book of rules.

George Joeckel

Website offers high tech alternative for newsletter

With the advent of electronic communications and the internet, more and more people have come to rely on this medium for up-to-date news and information on a vast array of topics. The ease with which data can be accessed, not to mention the sheer volume available is to some mind-boggling; to others it has become a critical life-line for business and personal communication.

That said, it is with great pleasure that we formally announce the availability of the official Southport on the Bay website.

www.barefootonthebeach.com/southport is the place to go for all the latest news and information about Southport.

Going forward, information that was previously communicated via the newsletter will now be found only on the website. It provides an easy access, easy to update format for keeping all residents and property owners informed. The Southporter will no longer be available as a print document.

According to webmaster and Southport resident Bill Zwicker, "The website was designed to provide current property owners with important information about our community. But it may also be of interest to potential

buyers who are looking to make Southport their home."

The website contains information about our Board of Directors — who is responsible for what and how to contact them. Articles of interest will be available under the "Newsletter" heading including updates from the Legal Committee and activities approved by the ARB. There's also a link to Map Quest for a map of the area and ways to save money on local accommodations.

Going to be off-line for a while? Or, not connected to the internet just yet? No problem! Board Secretary Sis Grace can print a copy of the Newsletter section for you. Contact her at (239) 498-6310.

The address again is: www.barefootonthebeach.com/southport. Check it out ... it's very cool.

Legal Update

Members of our Legal Committee have been very active in recent months. Our top priority as been to work with representatives of the Master Association to reach agreement on the terms of a settlement that will work for all parties concerned. The most immediate benefit of this effort has been a reduction in our attorney fees for this

period. Discussions are continuing. We will keep you posted on our progress.



Watering Can

Collier County continues to enforce mandatory water restrictions, including the community of Southport. Sprinkler systems may be used Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays for **odd-numbered** addresses, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays for **even-numbered** addresses between the hours of 12:01 and 8:00 AM. No watering Fridays.

Exotic Vegetation

Efforts continue to reduce and eventually eliminate the stronghold that exotic vegetation has on our community; Australian pines, Brazilian Pepper and Melaleuca are among the species threatening the native vegetation that makes Southport so scenic.

Recently, five companies were asked to quote on removal of the exotic vegetation from Preserve areas. Advanced Lawn & Landscaping Service has been contracted to do the work. In addition, stumps will be sprayed with herbicide in order to prevent unwanted re-growth. Work is expected to be complete by May 15th.

Advanced Lawn and Landscaping has also been asked to quote on the removal of exotics from the remaining vacant lots within South-

port. Quotes have ranged from \$50 to \$170. For homeowners, if you have exotics still growing on your property, now may be an opportune time to have them removed.

As you know, all property owners are responsible for the removal of exotic vegetation; see Article VIII, Section 5, page 21 of the Southport By-Laws for more information. And while the Board cannot endorse or recommend a specific contractor to do the work, economies of scale suggest that discounts may be available while equipment and personnel are already working on site.

For more information or a quote on removal of exotics from your property contact Advanced Lawn and Landscaping Service direct at (239) 732-4624.



Mail Boxes, Etc.

Living in Southwest Florida has so many advantages they are too numerous to mention here. Unfortunately there are a few disadvantages as well, not the least of which is the wear and tear on the exteriors of our homes due to months of exposure to sun, sand, wind and rain.

Hinges, door handles and light fixtures are just a few of the exterior accessories that take a beating year after year. The mail boxes throughout our neighborhood are another reminder that paradise has a harsh side. Although guaranteed not to rust, the original paint finish has not lived up to expectations.

Efforts to place responsibility and resolve the issue had proved fruitless until recently. An agreement has been reached with the original supplier Mailbox World that provides for the re-painting of all standing mailboxes within South-

port. Sandblasting of each mailbox will be done prior to re-painting. A team to be led by Board Member Paul McCullough is being formed. Mailbox Works will then re-paint and re-number all mailboxes. A heavy duty paint, Emiron 333, in a color similar to the current Verde Green will be used. The paint and labor will be guaranteed for one year.

Interested in participating?
C o n t a c t P a u l a t
pdmbugs@comcast.net.

In related news, Best Electric will soon be under contract for electrical maintenance throughout the community. Electricians will be on call for any electrical related repair that may arise on community property.

Security cameras located at the front gate have been updated and a battery-backup system has been added so that images will be recorded even when the power goes out.

And speaking of the front gate, it's back in good working order thanks to a little hard work and a lot of determination. For several years the gate has been in need of significant repair; the door electronics were seriously outdated and the parts worn out. With usage at an all-time high, the pistons and electronics finally failed.

Working with the gate company to find the most cost effective solution, it was decided that new electronics and actuators would be installed. The existing battery backup system was used which further reduced the cost of the repair.

Residents should now see an improvement in overall operation and reliability of the front gate, most of the time. Unfortunately these repairs won't stop the damage caused when someone hits the gate. That's a challenge we will no doubt face for quite some time to come.

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**GOT SOMETHING TO SELL?
LOOKING FOR AN ITEM TO BUY?
NEED HELP WITH A PROJECT?**

Why not place an ad on the Southport website! Contact a member of the board for more information today!

Got 2 Minutes?

Have you ever stopped to think of all the things you can do in just two minutes?

Microwave leftovers ...

Brush your teeth ...

Go through a car wash ...

Hit eight golf balls at the driving range ... (distance and/or accuracy not withstanding!)

Did you know it also takes just 2 minutes (plus 10 seconds) to drive the entire length of Southport Cove, approximately 4/10 of a mile, at the posted speed limit of 15 mph. That means it should take no more than 2-1/2 minutes to travel from the Southport entrance to the farthest point within the community — or vice versa.

Do you have two minutes to spare? If you do, please take a minute (or two) to remind guests and contractors that Southport is a residential community. Children play here, people walk and ride bikes here. That's why the speed limit is 15 mph!

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Property Management

Frequently we hear from owners that they are not receiving the newsletter, association mailings about legal matters or the meeting agenda. Information is mailed to the address on file. It's up to each owner to make sure this information remains current. Simply call R & P Management at 239-597- 4988. The receptionist can check the Southport on the Bay owner telephone directory. State your lot number or property address and R&P will do the rest.

New Neighbors

207 San Mateo
Chuck and Sandi Klaussen

212 San Mateo
Steve Meckstroth

64 Southport Cove
Dale and Wendy Besson with Bob and Sylvia Olah

80 Southport Cove
Ed and Anita Brust

182 Topanga
Dick and Mary Rich

Under construction:

Lot # 7
Gus and Leike Flier

Lot # 29
Andrew and Fern Jaffe

Lot # 63
Renzo and Silvia Renzi

Lot # 64
Michael and Marge Stein

Lots # 40 and #97
Damon Custom Homes

Farewell Friends:

Long time Southport residents Don and Kathy Churilla have sold their home at 80 Southport Cove and are heading west to Park City, Utah this month. They said Naples will be their permanent home however. Hope so. Best of luck Don and Kathy!

Mark Your Calendar

May Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 24, 2004; 9:00 AM;

Quail West Golf and Country Club Clubhouse Board Room;
5950 Burnham Road, Naples, FL

*Directions to Quail West Golf & Country Club:
East on Bonita Beach Road to Bonita Grande Road,
1/2 mile past I-75.*

Turn right. Quail West is located at the south end of Bonita Grande.

At the gatehouse, mention that you are attending the Southport Board meeting at the Clubhouse to gain entry.

Monthly ARB Meeting

3rd Monday of the month at Gus Flier's home; 86 Southport Cove (beginning in May 2004). Cancellations and/or changes to the meeting time or place will be made by the Thursday prior.

The Southporter is published throughout the year by the Southport on the Bay Board of Directors for the residents and property owners of Southport. Comments, suggestions and contributions are welcome.

Send your comments, news and/or suggestions to Sis Grace; 191 Topanga; Barefoot Beach, FL 34134 or sent via email to sis.grace@att.net.