



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been enjoyable to see many familiar faces this winter. I almost said "old" faces, but actually as I get older everyone seems to look younger. There are also many new faces and we welcome everyone and ask that you join in the many activities at Islandia.

A major issue over the last several years has been the Beach Renourishment Project. The voting is being finalized but it appears that the project will pass, pending state funding. This will afford us much needed protection should a major storm hit. I would like to thank everyone who supported this vote and the recommendation of the Board.

A Board meeting was held on March 8th at 2:00pm. We hope you were able to attend, but if not please see the minutes posted on our web site. If you have any complaints, please see Ernie - just kidding - we'll listen to them as well.

Tom Gilson, for the Board of Directors

ISLANDIA EAST UPDATE

Islandia East recently evaluated our maintenance needs and set priorities for future projects. The sun, wind and salt air play havoc with our outdoor facilities and constant upkeep is necessary.

First priority is the guard house. It is in dire need of a new roof and an interior overhaul. Other projects include a new roof for the walkover gazebo, cabana maintenance, recoating the overflow parking lot, and asphaltting the main entrance. The pump house and generator facility are in good condition.

It is an ongoing effort to keep Islandia a safe place to live and enjoy. You can help by bringing to our attention anything that needs repair.

Dewey Bookholdt, Islandia East President

MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Islandia staff would like to welcome everybody back for the 2012 season. We are about as full as we have ever been and we hope that everything meets or exceeds your expectations. If not, please stop by the office and let us know what we can do to remedy the situation.

The catwalks have been acid washed and guard rails cleaned and I can finally say that the catwalk project is done! Decorative pots have been painted and greenery added by each of the elevators. Installation of LED fixtures and lights will begin soon on all the catwalks to brighten those areas and reduce our electric bill.

We have also received the necessary permits from the county for our door replacement project and will begin installing them as soon as they arrive.

One issue that I need to bring to everyone's attention concerns the throwing of boxes and bottles down the trash chutes. One of our employees has been hit by glass fragments and the boxes get stuck in the chute causing them to become clogged thus preventing garbage from reaching the bins. **Please do not throw boxes or bottles down the trash chutes.**



IN MEMORIUM
(Full obituary @ www.islandiai.com)



William (Bill) Brennan on February 8, 2012
Catherine (Cathy) Brennan on February 5, 2012
Bertha (Bert) Barber on December 22, 2011
Carmela Pollak on November 25, 2011
Frank Sanders on September 24, 2011
Geno Tesone on August 9, 2011

SOCIAL EVENTS

WOW! What a Valentine's Day party we had! Pat Hoogendoorn and her family, Susan Miller, and all their helpers did an AWESOME job. I'm sure if you attended you really appreciated all their hard work and the expense Pat had to bear to get her family (the caterers) here from Chicago. Wasn't the food wonderful? And the music was so lively and fun! Many of the decorations belonged to Pat as well, and everything did look beautiful!



Our January breakfast was also a big success! Thanks to Donna Phelan and her helpers we had over 40 people attend and made a nice profit for the Social Committee. The food contributions were very tasty and everyone had a great time.

Thanks to the Biglers and DuBruls for chairing our New Year's Eve party – another great event! Reading our 2012 "resolutions" was entertaining and insightful!

Our next event is the St. Patrick's Day Party being held Friday, March 16th and chaired by Linda Stegeman, Jane McCandless and Peggy Hourihan. Please volunteer to help if you can as many hands make light work. Also, save the date for the Ladies Luncheon on March 28th, the Easter Egg Hunt on April 7th and the Season End Party on April 21st.

Jean Bookholdt, Social Committee President



DONATE YOUR BIKE PLEASE!

The bike room is overflowing and in desperate need of a clean up which will take place soon. If you have a bike that you no longer use and would like to donate it to charity, please let the office know. You will receive a receipt for claiming a tax donation.

CARETAKER PROGRAM

Given the age of the building, there are a growing number of problems in unoccupied units – undetected leaks, mold, sewage problems, just to name a few. The Board thought it would be wise to take preventative action to identify potential problems early on and has included the cost of a caretaker program in the annual budget for 2012.

This program thoroughly looks at all unoccupied units on a weekly basis and at a cost significantly less than the cost of individual contracts. In the first month alone it already has proven beneficial finding four major issues in four different units: a broken pipe in the ceiling was repaired in-house; a unit where electricity had been mistakenly turned off had FPL turn power back on; owners were notified about their unit where the refrigerator failed causing food to spoil; and, a unit with a leak under the bathroom vanity was found early and fixed. In addition, the caretaker also found mold and water spots in a number of units and owners were contacted so greater problems could be averted.

Weekly problem logs are maintained in the office and available for your review if you would like to see them. The association has also invested in a humidity and temperature reading instrument to detect any unusually high readings which would then trigger further investigation.

Any owner or renter who will be away for a week or more is reminded to notify the office. This program has certainly shown that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Great job by Ernie and the team for getting on top of this!

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