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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we move into September, it won't be long before many owners again head south to enjoy their Florida homes. As I reflect on this past summer, it has been good to see many new faces at Islandia. However, some concerns have been brought to the Board's attention over the disregard for long standing policies and common area rules. These issues are being addressed, and we ask all owners and their guests to realize that Islandia is home for many of us and that the rules were set up to ensure that everyone can enjoy the facilities.

The President's Council is working closely with the county and Army Corps of Engineers to address several issues. Most importantly, is stopping the release of polluted water into the St. Lucie River and Indian River lagoon. The community has banned together to engage local, state and federal leaders to support and fund short and long term projects to prevent the destruction of these valuable resources.

The Army Corps of Engineers has also been charged with locating domestic sand sources for Miami and Broward counties and is considering taking sand from offshore our island. The President's Council has expressed concern that based on historical usage, our sand supply will not adequately meet our needs for the next 50 years and therefore should not be used. On a positive note, the recent beach renourishment project has provided us with a wide, protected beach and the sea grasses that were planted are flourishing.

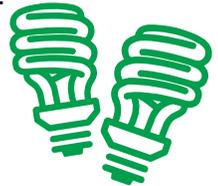
We hope you have had a good summer and look forward to another great season.

Tom Gilson, for the Board of Directors

## MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Islandia staff has been busy all summer and we look forward to welcoming back our seasonal residents!

Numerous projects have been completed this summer including the replacement of all wiring junction boxes in the parking lot, and the replacement of three major plumbing stacks in the building. All new, energy efficient LED lights have been installed in the stairwells as well as in one of the storage rooms. The other storage room will be retrofitted soon.



The trash room and all of the stairwells have been repainted and the old shrubs on the perimeter wall have been removed. We have replaced cracked pipes in several units and continue with spalling repair work as necessary. Hurricane panels have been purchased for the lobby doors as mandated by our new insurance requirements.

The maintenance and office staff hopes that everyone has had an enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

Ernie Raaz



**IN MEMORIAM**  
(Full obituary @ [www.islandiai.com](http://www.islandiai.com))



Robert Wixson on June 4, 2013  
Janet Ruth Fazekas on August 2, 2013

## SHUTTER INSPECTION PROGRAM

A big thank you goes out to all the owners who took action on the recommendations provided during the Shutter Inspection Program this year. The process established was much tighter this year and has resulted in making Islandia I a safer property in the event of a hurricane.

A significant number of units replaced their balcony shutters with new Category 5 Hurricane shutters. Over two dozen units did major repairs to, or rebuilt, their balcony shutters. Several units rebuilt their catwalk shutters and many other owners proactively did the minor repairs outlined in their Shutter Maintenance report.

Several lessons were learned and the major recommendation for next year's program is: Start Earlier! Islandia plans to have Expert Shutters do the lubrication and inspection in early April while most owners are still here as seasonal owners expressed a desire to be present when the service was provided. This would also give owners an opportunity to discuss the resulting report with Islandia management in person as well as ensure that repairs could be scheduled ahead of hurricane season.

Thank you all for your co-operation!

## ISLANDIA HISTORIAN



Are you interested in being the Islandia I Historian? The Board supports this idea and is looking for a volunteer. Several people have donated a number of historical articles and photos to this effort already. Any owner who has news clippings, videos, photos, etc., that they wish to contribute to this effort should provide them to the Islandia I office where they will be stored until a Historian is named.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Your Social Committee has a fun season of activities planned for the 2013 – 2014 season. As usual, golf and bridge will be weekly events throughout the season and we are hoping that Monday morning Bocce will become part of your weekly routine. Building II will continue to host Bingo and Sunday movies and we are excited about some of the new parties that are planned for your enjoyment.

We will welcome everyone back on November 1<sup>st</sup> with a Wine and Cheese Party which will be the usual TGIF format, and we are asking attendees to bring an extra bottle of wine and an appetizer to share. In addition to the traditional Christmas and New Year's Eve parties, we will be hosting a catered "Chinese New Year" party with Chinese food and music on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't miss the fun at the St. Paddy's Day party on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

In April, we will wrap up the social calendar with a "Cheeseburgers in Paradise" party featuring a Jimmy Buffet band and of course, cheeseburgers.



All of our social events are open to long-term renters and the social committee is always looking for new members and new ideas. If you are interested in joining or willing to help, please contact Jean Bookholdt at 229-6064.



## SOUTH OCEAN DRIVE PROJECT

The Florida Department of Transportation has begun a shoreline protection project on South Ocean Drive just north of Islandia between Island Dunes and the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant. Be aware that the southbound travel lane may be closed at various times.

The project involves installing a shoreline protection "seawall" on the Indian River side of the roadway to protect it from erosion and avoid undermining the road during significant storm events. The project is expected to be completed next summer.

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