

# HILLSBORO COVE NEWSLETTER

June 2008

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since our last newsletter in March, Joe DiCarlo, the Assistant Treasurer on the Board, resigned. He was replaced by David Locke. Joe felt that as a snow bird he could not give the time needed to participate in all the projects currently going on. David Locke is a full-time resident in Eastport who has lived here since 2003. In the past, he has worked on the Budget Committee and consulted with us on developing the site-lighting plan for the property.

Due to the delay in the construction of the carports, we have decided to postpone the final payment of the assessment until November, 2008.

We apologize for all the inconveniences. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this very difficult period.

Lou Buscemi

## CARPORT UPDATE

After several meetings, numerous e-mails and telephone calls with the present contractor and respective attorneys we were not able to resolve our differences. On May 15, 2008, we legally terminated the contract which enabled us to enter into a new contract for the completion of our carports.

We had three (3) contractors bidding the job and again after numerous meetings and negotiations we have selected a new contractor. The selection was based on ability to do the job, past track record and costs.

At the May 19, 2008, meeting the Board of Directors approved the awarding of the new contract to Summit Contracting Corp. For more information on this contractor, please visit their web site: [www.summitcontractingcorp.com](http://www.summitcontractingcorp.com).

A concern of all owners is: "Will this project cost more money?" At this point we really don't know, because of so many legal issues that must be resolved.

To facilitate traffic flow, we plan to complete carports 3, 4 and 6 in the next phase and then carports 5, 7 and 8 in the final phase.

Bob Rae

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES NEWS

The summer season has started and, as usual, life in HCC begins to quiet down a little. However, we still have our weekly card games, a monthly Happy Hour and Community Coffee get-together. Bingo finished in April. We were hoping that someone would step forward to organize it during the next few months. Bingo is very popular and it's not too late to start!!! Also, it would be great to have a July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day party. Think about it! Ask around. We're sure a couple of our neighbors would be willing to help in planning these events.

Iris and Ray will gladly advise you. Contact Evva Carpino if you have an idea. Let's work together to get some activities going during the summer!!!

Ray Moore and Iris Leipic

## AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY CALLS

Maintenance staff is available by phone in an emergency 24/7. Please call the office phone number (954 421-2920) and press "0" to leave a message. Someone will return your call as soon as possible. Please remember that this procedure is for **EMERGENCIES** only! Office hours are 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00.

If you have a non-emergency problem in your apartment that can wait until morning, leave a message or call the office the next day. If you need service on your air-conditioning, please schedule it during work hours since there is no access to the roof after hours.

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The Landscape Committee has not been meeting as a committee during the summer, but those of us still around are continuing to take care of our plantings. The carport construction and trenching have partially destroyed some of our planting areas, but we are trying to make them look as attractive as possible anyway. The iguanas are eating our *pentas* at the front entrance, but these pests are going to be here in South Florida permanently, we guess.

On a positive note, we have finished planting all our shrubs and trees purchased with the Broward Beautiful Grant, and with the recent rains, they are growing very well. We also transplanted two huge palms from our property around the lagoon. One has been planted at the entrance to the pool where a new white fence has been installed. Tom and Joyce Curtis and Ruby Wagner have donated funds to replant this area as soon as the carport in that area is completed. We are looking forward to a colorful garden area there.

Mary Ellen Palenchar

### ***CALLING ALL ORCHIDS . . . .***

*Please do not discard your non-blooming (but still alive) orchids. If you give them to the Landscape Committee, we will tie them to a palm tree and see if they bloom.*

## FITNESS ACTIVITIES

The following fitness activities have been added for our enjoyment and good health. Kathy Barlow is offering Water Aerobics at 9:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These classes are attracting more and more participants and are very enjoyable and invigorating.

Mary Ellen Palenchar is offering a stretching class in the Clubhouse on Friday mornings at 8:30. The class involves breathing and mat work. It ends with a ten minute relaxation exercise.

Don't forget to use the treadmill and other equipment in the air-conditioned comfort of the Fitness Room. A television has been installed.