

ISLAND MOORINGS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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So far, 2012 has been an interesting time. The GOP candidates vying for the spot in the November election haven't missed an opportunity to challenge their opponent, the local weather has been more than challenging and unpredictable given the foggy mornings and the intermittent rain, and the 18 hole Arnold Palmer Golf Course status that has weathered bankruptcy filings and the 700 plus acres that includes the golf course, currently owned by the bank, is for sale. Happily however, the course is still operational. It has not experienced any changes in management so for those of you who enjoy that round of golf, the support the club staff provides and the fabulous Gulf views, it's all still available.

The cooler weather in Port Aransas has allowed much of the Moorings landscaping to prosper and flowers that have generally wilted during the previous warm March weather are in full bloom. The Island Mooring's Purple Martins have arrived and the Spring Breakers from various colleges in the country have also arrived both regularly staking out their claims to preferred locations.

Most important, however, is the news that Island Mooring owners who attended our Annual Meeting earlier this year heard discussions about the outrageous taxes the county was charging us for undevelopable property we owned along the highway. That narrow strip of land that fronts the highway in front of the La Palmilla sales office is too narrow to permit the building or adding of anything other than landscaping. But thanks to the persistent challenge of your board and property manager, Chuck Borders, as well as the work of our excellent lawyer, Mr. Charles Butler, the Nueces County Appraisal District finally admitted to an "error" in calculating our taxes and refunded your Association \$12,639.18.

We also thank boat trailer owners who have cooperated with us and abided by our trailer park policies. Consequently the area remains neat and orderly. Anyone who wants to park their trailer in the park can secure a permit sticker and key from Chuck Borders- (361-749-1560). We sincerely appreciate your willingness to refrain from parking boats and trailers in your yards and/or driveways; an action that has greatly improved the appearance of our area. However, we continue to have a problem with weeds in the boat trailer parking area but we attempt to keep them under control with regular spraying.

We really do have a great group of home and lot owners in our Association who work hard to maintain their properties. But we want to remind you that you are responsible for maintaining the curbs in front of your homes by keeping weeds cut and clutter off the street. Please have your lawn care employees blow grass cuttings back on to your lawns or removed; cuttings swept or blown into the gutters and sewers cause serious problems with the drains.

Your board continues to review new house, fence and dock plans to ensure they are in compliance with our building policies. The board commends those owners who willingly conform to our standards ensuring that Island Moorings maintains that unique Island appearance we all cherish.

Patriotic holidays are celebrated by many Island Mooring homeowners who have American flags displayed prominently in their front yards. This is a fundraising effort of the Port Aransas Rotary club and residents who have not taken advantage of this great undertaking can call one of our residents, Kim Fon, at 361-749-3200 who oversees this project. She can provide you with all the information you need to order a flag or to volunteer. Those flags are put up by Island Mooring Rotarian volunteers Wayne Gardner, Ray Rump, Mike Hall, George Horner, Dennis Goree and Kim and Alan Fon. We are indebted to them and hope that some of you will let Kim know if you would be willing to help them as needed.

Some of our owners have golf carts and probably already know that the carts should have a current license plate and insurance and only licensed drivers 16 years and older may legally drive them. The carts are not allowed on State Highway 361 but owners can cross the highway at Piper and drive to some of the back roads to get downtown or get to the beach.

And last but not least is the matter of lighting at Island Moorings. You probably remember when it was tough to identify the entrance to Island Moorings at night but our new lighting system makes it much easier to find your way. City street lights that are out or working poorly will be repaired but only if reported. So please contact AEP via the internet or through the Port Aransas city offices if you spot non-working street lights. You may be required to provide a pole number and street cross locations but most repairs are done within a week of reporting.

Well that's the end of the story. We hope you have a happy summer and that we have a bit more rain than we had last summer.

Call us if you have any questions or suggestions for our next newsletter. Thank you.

Your Island Moorings Community Improvement Association board.