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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Harbourside Residents,

Happy New Year!! We are excited to share that we had our first BOD meeting and discussed several important agenda items for this year. My goal with this Newsletter is to share meeting highlights and to be transparent about major upcoming decisions. First and foremost, we voted to continue the BOD meetings via Zoom. We have consistently seen better attendance with the Zoom meetings and want to ensure our residents remain involved in community affairs. We also voted to replace the valves on our FPC (Fire Department Connector) pipes. These pipes supply water to our sprinkler systems and are important for protecting our homes. Due to their age, we have had a number of these valves breaking and were notified that the remaining valves need to be replaced. Next, we formed a few committees, including a landscaping committee and an appeals committee. Additional details for these committees can be found on the back of this Newsletter. Lastly, we discussed the trimming of the mangroves. The 2020 board spent a considerable amount of time pursuing the necessary permits, however, our property has an environmental easement which prevents us from obtaining these permits. Our only option at this time is to proceed with legal actions. We understand that this is a very complex issue, and we want to hear from community members before making any decision. We are working to put a survey together and will send it out shortly via the email list. We kindly ask that each of you please participate in the survey to help us best represent your interest in this matter.

Our next meeting will be February 11th via ZOOM and all community members are welcome to attend. We will be sending out the agenda to our mailing list prior to the board meeting. If you are currently not on this list, but would like to be added, please email your contact information to Donna Miraglia at Donna@firstchoicemetro.com.

Respectfully,
Guy Van Baalen

Upcoming Events

Our next board meeting held at 5:30 PM on Thursday, February 11, 2021 via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 997 6673 8078



Did you know? Harbourside has it's own Facebook page. Find us at Harbourside at Harbour Island, FL. Meet your neighbors and get the latest Harbourside news and updates!

In the Spotlight

The second resident that we would like to spotlight is Nicolas Aparicio. He is one of the newer Harbourside residents along with his three-year-old son, Evan, who loves to climb (anything) and run. Nic was born and raised in New Orleans, but has a lot of family in Tampa with strong roots in old Ybor City. His Great grandfather was a lector in the cigar factories, who the cigar factory workers would pay to read to them and teach them during the day. He was known as one of the “Five Greats” of well-known lectors. If you’re interested, check this recent article: <https://flatblackblog.com/a-cannon-that-resembles-tampa/>. Upon moving to the Tampa area 20 years ago, Nic lived in Riverside Heights thirteen years, then more recently in Virginia Park, before moving to Harbourside. His favorite things about our neighborhood are proximity to the water, the neighbors, and all the amenities available on and around the island. Nic also enjoys mountain biking and assures us that there are some great trails in Florida, mostly on reclaimed phosphate mines.

Since moving to Harbourside, Nic has been integral in our efforts to trim the mangroves. Nic is incredibly knowledgeable in this area as he currently serves as the President of the Florida Region for Forestar, a residential community developer. Through this work, he has 47 communities actively under development across the Florida Region delivering 4,000 lots per year. He has generously shared his time as well as his contacts and expertise in community planning and development to help us navigate the mangrove trimming process.

Lastly, Nic says “Go Bucs!” Though he did confess that they are his second favorite team after the Saints.

Highlights from the January BOD meeting:

The **Landscaping Committee** consists of Sheri West (chair head), Nicolas Aparicio, Jennifer Binning, Kathleen Bogolea, and Melissa Twomey.

The **Appeal Committee** consists of Peter Steffens (chair head), Amy Hampton, and Raeann Heath Keyser. This committee will review any appeals presented by homeowners in response to a fine.

The **front door concept committee**. Lee Godwin (chair head) and John Holton. We formed this committee after we had a number of issues come up after painting the front doors. Given the age of our front doors, we want to be proactive in identifying a few front door options for residents if they chose to replace their doors. No one will be forced to change their door; however, if a resident chooses to do so, we want to have HOA approved options to expedite this process.

Super Bowl parking:

We have limited visitor parking so please make sure you save these for our guest. Failure to do so may result in your vehicle being ticketed.

Water Valve replacement details:

The board approved the Piper Fire Protection proposal for the updating of all FDC piping. We are hoping to have this completed within the month. The water to the community DOES NOT have to be turned off. Only the water to the sprinklers will be affected for the short time they work on the individual pipe.

