



A QUIET PLACE IN THE COUNTRY INC.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I would like to thank the people who attended our last meeting and picnic. All of us appreciate your input and support and it was nice getting together with neighbors.

I'm sure everyone is glad to be past that long cold winter. Now spring is in the air and those hot summer days are just around the corner!

I would like to welcome the new property owners that we have in our neighborhood! I'm sure you will enjoy this area. It is truly unique. I have already spoken to a few of you but remember if there is anything we can do for you just let us know.

We are finally making way on the south entrance landscaping project. The old palms were replaced with magnolias, twelve crape myrtles were added along with other shrubbery and the sprinkler system was completely redone by Dave's Pump and Sprinkler Systems. Sod is a little delayed because of the harsh winter and we are waiting for a particular type but it will all come together soon and when the crape myrtles flower it will truly be beautiful. Thank you to all of those who volunteered to help us get it done! Soon we will start working on the north entrance landscaping and signs at both. We are still in the process of getting bids on the actual sign faces but, with our budget things are pretty tight which leads me to the dues...

Our annual dues are \$77.00 per year. That's less than a quarter per day. About one tank full of gas these days. Some neighborhoods charge hundreds of dollars and the property owners have little or no say in how they are governed! Over the years collection of dues has gone down for various reasons. Some people have had hard financial times, some don't care and then there are some who are just spiteful. We have spoken to many people in regards to their dues that have never been paid and even about agreeing to pay from now on. We know there are many who say "I'm not part of the association" but every single property in here is located in the "Platted Subdivision of A Quiet Place in The Country Units 1-8 according to Map Books 33-37 of Volusia County Records". That means all of us are part of the "Planned Unit Development" called "A Quiet Place in The Country". We all use those two entrances to come and go and when they look good it benefits everyone. We all have responsibilities that need to be addressed and that includes paying the annual dues.

In the eight years that I have lived in this neighborhood there have been no property improvements made that benefited everyone like new entrance signs will. If everyone in here paid the dues there would have been enough funding available to complete these projects long ago.

This board has worked very hard to establish a relationship with the County to help better maintain our neighborhood and protect the integrity of it as well. We have built up communication with the Sheriff's Department to help keep our homes safer and we continue to work hard to make this a better place from which we all benefit. Although we are not compensated in any way for what we do, we do it because we care. We care about our homes, we care about our neighborhood and we care about you. We also greatly appreciate the support that we receive from many of you. The improvements that we set to accomplish will have a positive affect on all of our property values.

Remember, we are just trying to make this a better place.

In regards to those past due amounts, as we stated in the last invoice that was mailed; if you would like to discuss your current balance, your past due balance or future payments please do not hesitate to contact us.

One of the things that we set out to do was to unify the neighborhood and build a consensus throughout. At the last meeting some people received an information pack about the neighborhood. If you haven't received it yet we will be delivering one to you soon. In this packet there is some interesting information about the original plan for our subdivision and a means to repair the association. As the saying goes, you can lead a horse to water...

That is exactly what we have done. The next step is up to you.

Respectfully,

Tom Stratton

President

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Treasures Report:

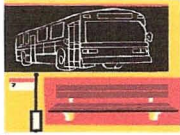
There are still some unpaid dues from property owners. Just a reminder, please get those in. If you would like to discuss your past due balance or your current amount due just contact Tom Stratton at the phone number above or our website www.aquietplacehoa.com click on the contact us link.

If you would like to make a donation to the Association to help us reach our goal for new signs sooner you can contact any one of the executive board members.

Roads:

The road surface seems to be holding up a little better than when it was fresh. The contracting company did say it would harden more in time. We just need to be careful of large tires turning too sharply on those scalding summer days.

Unfortunately someone thought that spray painting slander all over a section of road was tasteful. All that did was bring down the integrity of the neighborhood a notch. Very disappointing. If it doesn't start to wear off we'll see what we can do to clean it up.



Bus Stop:

The old palm tree benches were removed from the bus stop and we are currently looking at costs for a bench and bike rack made from recycled plastic that will be long lasting and have country charm. School is almost over so we plan on having that ready for school next year.

Watch Your Speed:

We have received complaints about speeding throughout our community. Sometimes the mornings can be very foggy. Our children are walking to their bus stops and many people walk and ride bikes through here. Let's take care of our kids and each other so please, slow down and share the road.



Hurricane Preparedness:

Hurricane season will be here before you know it. That means it's important for you and your family to have a plan that makes you as safe as possible in your home. If you have pets remember to include them in your plan. Get your list ready and don't forget to review your insurance coverage!



Website:

Our website is a work in progress. If you need a copy of the forms that we use or you would just like to contact us visit

www.aquietplacehoa.com.

If you need work done around the home check out the "working neighbors" link. These are all business owners from our neighborhood so we can keep the money in the family so to speak. For those of you that would like to receive the newsletter or other mailings by email click on the contact us link, send us your information and we will add you to our list!

Upcoming Neighborhood Events:

We will be having the annual garage sale again this year. It seemed as though everyone did well and enjoyed having it back. We will send out a postcard when we set the date.

The next meeting will be announced when we get closer to setting a date. We may decide to hold a meeting and picnic at the same time. Again, a postcard reminder will be sent out to all.

Upcoming Local Events:

May 16th – Free Concert

The MOONLIGHTERS

Location: Kenneth W. Parker Amphitheater, 2000 City Center Circle.

May 29th - Every 4th Saturday

Flagler Avenue "Art Walk" 10am-6pm

Flagler Avenue, New Smyrna Beach

May 31st – Memorial Day

Memorial Day Ceremony

location: Veterans Park, City Center Complex.

Important Phone Numbers:

Sheriff's Department - (386) 248-1777

Volusia County

Building Department – (386) 254-4680

Code Enforcement – (386) 254-8167

Mosquito Control – (386) 239-6516

Animal Control – (386) – 248-1790

Waste Management - (386) 257-6021

FPL (power outage) - 1800 4-OUTAGE

Customer Service - (386) 252-1541

Giuseppe's – (386) 761-4717

Papa Johns – (386) 322-9020

Domino's – (386) 756-2104

Pizza Hut – (386) 756-3490

Downwind Café – (386) 756-8811