

Mystic Reporter

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Our Meeting on Wednesday April 24th was very informative. Special guests Amanda Day from City of Orlando “Best Foot Forward”, which is to educate the public on Pedestrian Safety. She gave a great presentation. Orlando is number one in the country for Pedestrian accidents.



To find out more go to web site

www.iyield4peds.org

I want to thank Commissioner Jim Gray and Officer Edgar Malave for taking their time to attend our meeting. They were there to follow up on the parking issues in Mystic Cove. There were too many cars blocking driveways and the road, such that the garbage trucks could not even get through. This is also a safety issue if a fire truck would need to get to a home and could not get through, it could be yours. Do not block mailboxes as the post office will not deliver mail if they cannot get to the mailbox.



If you are not aware, the city put up No Parking signs at the Entrances to Mystic Cove. Since we are NOT a gated community the city is responsible for the enforcement of the roads and parking in our communities. The signs state where you can park, 30 feet from an intersection or 5 feet from driveways. There is also a phone number on the sign to call should you have an issue with parking. 407-246-2281.

Another parking issue that came up at the meeting is cars parked in driveways that block the sidewalks. It is against the law to block sidewalks. We know parking is an issue and do prefer parking in your garage or driveway and not on the streets, but just be aware of this and anything you can do to avoid blocking sidewalks is very much appreciated.



Mystic at Mariners Village HOA has adopted the UF/IFAS Florida Friendly Landscaping Guide for our Community. <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) means using low-maintenance plants and environmentally sustainable practices. The right plant in the right place.

There is also additional information on our web site www.mysticatmariners.com and click on the Regulations button.

If a homeowner wishes to take advantage of the environmental and financial saving of FFL, then the guidelines adopted by the board on our web site must be followed. **An ARB Approval Form must be submitted to the board prior to any landscaping changes.**

There are free workshops available for FFL through Orange County.

<http://www.occonservewater.net/residential/outdoor-programs/florida-friendly-landscape-workshops> Or call the Orange County Utilities Water Division at 407-254-9850

(Select option 1, and then option 2).

Homeowners are **NOT required** to put in FFL. You can still use traditional landscaping practices. Note that any Major landscape changes still require an ARB Approval Form to be submitted to the board.



Any tree removals must be approved by the City of Orlando first. That approval them must be submitted along with the ARB form to the board. Please see the [Tree Removal/Encroachment Permit](http://www.cityoforlando.net/permits/pdfs/TREE_ENCROACHMENT.pdf) (http://www.cityoforlando.net/permits/pdfs/TREE_ENCROACHMENT.pdf) - Permits are required for the removal of trees. These permits are handled through the Parks Department 407.246.4047.

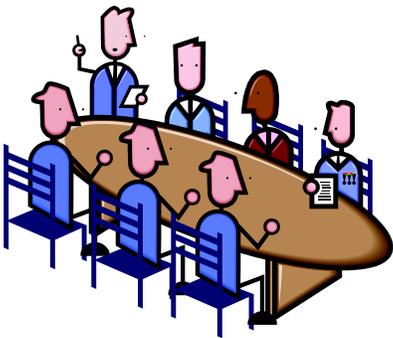


Remember to submit an [ARB approval form](#) for any changes to your house exterior or major landscape modifications. **Even if you got a violation notice we still need an ARB form.** You can download the form from our website at

<http://www.mysticatmariners.com/ARBApplicationForm2012.pdf>



A special Thanks goes out to the Homeowners that volunteered their time to get us a grant to have our wall repaired. This is a very big deal. They did an amazing job to get us the grant. The Homeowners are **Larry Brown, Janina Brown, and Patricia Stewart**. If you see or talk to them, please do thank them for all their efforts. They deserve a thank you from every homeowner for saving the HOA a lot of money.



The Architectural Review Board will be inspecting properties again.

The purpose of these inspections is to keep our community looking the best it can and also keep our property values up. The ARB is consists of homeowners that volunteer their time. I want to thank these homeowners for their time. It is each Homeowners responsibility to keep their property maintained. If you rent out your property it is still the responsibility of the homeowner not the tenant to keep the property maintained. Violations are only sent to the homeowner not the tenant so homeowners please inform your tenants.

The deadline for the Violations sent out this year is May 31st. The ARB will be doing another community walk through to make sure these violations are taken care of. They will also be looking for any new violations. If you have received a violation and have made plans to correct it but will not be ready by the deadline, please e-mail me (keithdowns@gmail.com) the situation and yours plans of **when you expect to correct the violation**. Communication with the board helps to keep our homeowners and the board informed and happy.



Neighborhood Watch

If you are not on the Neighborhood Watch E-mail list, please e-mail Patricia Stewart our neighborhood watch block captain. pstewart_2985@bellsouth.net and get on the list. You will get very good information on happenings in our community. We all have to work together to keep out crime.

We have sign at every entrance that says "No Soliciting". I know that certain groups are exempt from the non soliciting, however the criminals know that so you cannot trust that someone is really from a church or school etc. Leaving a flyer is also soliciting.

The best thing to do is to If someone knocks on your door, you don't need to open the door but speak through it and tell them this is a non soliciting neighborhood and they must leave or the police will be called. Get a license plate number if you can. Do not put yourself in danger by trying to confront them. Even if you see someone just going from house to house. If in doubt, call the police and e-mail Patricia so she can let everyone know to keep a look out.



Homeowners that rent out their home.

The HOA only communicates with the homeowner.

This newsletter only goes to homeowners.

If you rent out your property, Please please convey this information to your tenants.

They should get on the neighborhood watch list.

They should know about the parking issues.

Any Violations go to the homeowner. If you expect your tenants to keep up the lawn for example, it is the homeowner's responsibility to make sure it is being maintained. It is the homeowner that will get the violation, not the tenant.

You are more than welcome to send your tenants this newsletter.