
YACHT HARBOR MANOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

Greetings, fellow YH Manorins/Manorinins,

DEEDED BEACH ACCESS

Who knew pitching an umbrella and beach chair could fetch the law? Well, it's happening. So, after the last update, your Board approved up to \$750 for a new survey to determine our beach access lines of ingress/egress. We are splitting the cost with our sister Association, Palm Beach Isles (PBI). The good news: it will only cost us \$450, (\$900 total) as we were able to provide the surveyor with legal reference points from historical records. Many thanks to Wes Nichols, Jim Moogan and Bill Contole of PBI for making this possible. We are to begin the survey within the month, date/time TBD. When this is completed we will be able to set visual markers so our residents/guests do not intrude upon Marriott and Vista Blue owners/vacationers and they not upon us. We will also need to mitigate the dune so as to allow easier access. We'll keep you posted.

CONSTRUCTION

Julie Botel, our Island Rep, has confirmed Giannetti Construction will complete the road project by February 2019. (Expect the end of February plus punch out list items.) For those of you with yard damage, Giannetti has said it will restore to the original condition, but if any of you have unusual issues, please forward to me, at millworkflorida@gmail.com and I'll forward to Giannetti for action. No promises on how they will deal with it though.

Off topic: We have had several residents ask about water pressure. Giannetti said we now enjoy 76psi TO the meter. If you're showing less FROM the meter, it isn't related to construction. At 76 psi we're doing well. Miami has only 66 psi.

For those on lower Singer/Powell Drive, Giannetti has held off completion of the waste water until after Christmas. This is going to be tough. The Contractor knows how many homes will be inconvenienced by the bottleneck created. This dig, according to our rep, Jim Moogan, will be deep and it has to hook the corner at Ardmore and Singer to reach the pump station. In other words, they gotta move a lot of sand and then repack a lot of sand. If ever this were the moment, (...wait for it) yes, "pack sand!")

Curbs are done on lower Singer and Powell, and upper Singer is beginning to see curbs now. The Contractor is following a circular route. They still must redig Ardmore before grading and curbing will begin there.

As a follow up to the last newsletter, YHM lost its petition to the City NOT to reinstall the lower Singer Drive sidewalk. We rightly argued it would be significantly wider than the previous street. Unfortunately, the City elected to proceed. So, the Contractor is installing a new 5 foot sidewalk AND, due to a code issue, will install about 10" of brick between the new curb and the sidewalk. The only other choice was to install a 10" grass median. But that would have been nearly impossible to irrigate and tricky to maintain.

BOARD UPDATE

We have had 2 unexpected resignations from the Board: Gunther Murr and Harry Honan. Many thanks to Gunther for his many selfless hours helping with Covenants. And thanks also to Harry Honan, and his gracious wife, Judy, for their valuable time as 'Team Treasurer'. We miss them on the Board.

NEW BOOKKEEPER

Greetings to Kristy Higgins as our new bookkeeper! Kristy has taken over duties from our former Treasurer, Harry Honan. Welcome aboard, Kristy.

NEW ISLAND LANDSCAPING

Thanks to the forward thinking of Fred Dietz and Marianne Wiegand, we were able to meet with the Contractor to review a reinstallation of island irrigation and electrical lines. We had a productive and successful meeting. New lines will be installed BEFORE the new curbs go in. Kudos to Fred Dietz and Marianne! Still to be decided is how/where to install new plants.

ELECTION

It's that time of year when we need to ask for voters.....and board volunteers. Our election committee this year is Jim Moogan and Marianne Wiegand. Please see the enclosed letter.

DIRECTORIES

As we are preparing to send out the **2019 annual dues notices**, we ask your participation for the new Directory. If you got married, divorced or changed address, kindly let us know. Ditto for phone numbers.

SECURITY CAMERAS

Due to age and advancements in technology, we will need to upgrade our dated security cameras at both entrances. We paid \$90 to a Consultant, Fusion Security Solutions. Believe it or not, some of our cameras are now 6 years old and need upgrading. Our recording system is analog and it is difficult to retrieve data. Some cameras have failed. Unfortunately, we will need to wait until the construction is complete as we have only partial power on some outlets due to the activity. The Consultant recommends a digital system with an internet bridge to view events real time. However, as this will exceed the Treasurer threshold, the Board needs to address the projected cost in the future.

IN MEMORIUM

Ken Bowman, former President of Yacht Harbor Manor, passed away 29 June 2018. He is survived by his wife and our neighbor Joyce. From your fellow current Board brothers, fair winds and following seas, Ken!

Best Wishes to all,

Fred. Jolowski
President, YHM