



May 10th

**POOL AND PLAY AREAS ARE OPEN...YEA!** Remember to observe the rules and be safe. Guests MUST be accompanied by a resident. ALSO.... Kudo's to the ad hoc committee of pre-school and elementary school-age parents who researched and chose the great new play structure and especially to HARGRAY for their generous financial assistance in making it happen.

**INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS** Quotes are in and the board will be moving forward with awards. Watch for more info regarding repair work and traffic restrictions as the warm weather progresses. Water drainage and road issues are being addressed.

**PALM HOUSE INTERIOR UPGRADING** Kudos to the ad hoc committee of super ladies who did a excellent job of collecting samples and quotations on new carpet and furnishings. The board hopes to move forward on their recommendations and a terrific new look will be in the Palm House's future and for our residents to enjoy.

**SNAKES AND OTHER CREATURE NEIGHBORS** Yes they are our 'neighbors' and they do indeed live here in Island West. When walking our streets during morning and evening hours of darkness, especially with pets it's VERY wise to have a flashlight to light your path ahead. Both snakes and alligators are now active and out and about looking for food and love. Make sure you don't accidentally interfere with either of their endeavors. Best policy is to avoid them altogether and be alert. Not only on the street but in your own back yard.

**LAGOON ISSUES** You may have noticed in the last few weeks vegetation has begun to grow on the surface of the lagoons near the shores. This is somewhat common and has happened here in Island West in the past. One of the lagoons most impacted was near the 14<sup>th</sup> tee box along Blythe Is. This lagoon is owned solely by the golf course and they have a company under contract to address such issues....which they have. You should notice the vegetation dying and receding by mid-May. Our HOA owns only one lagoon...and is responsible for only one half of two others. Vegetation issues are being monitored and address there as well. This issue appears in our lagoons when natural events take place such as warm winters, low water levels, and fertilizer run-offs all come together to nourish enhance such natural growth. In the past the HOA and the golf course has teamed to address it with chemicals applied by a professional company and the introduction of vegetation-eating sterile fish. This approach will continue as needed.

**CONSTRUCTION NOISE** Those residents living at the end of Blythe Island Drive and some homes that are on the perimeter of our community are having to endure construction noise coming from the re-paving being done after hours on Buckwalter ( this should be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup>) and the huge development project which is on-going along Buckwalter as well. Fortunately, that is being done during working hours. There are big plans for the area as you may have found in recent editorials in the local papers and is pretty much a fact of life now in this area. Also, expect to see construction beginning to the left of the light at our side exit near Toyota.

**NEW LANDSCAPING IN THE POOL AREA** A few aged, dying and stressed palm trees and shrubs will be removed and some of the landscaping needs will be addressed in the coming month. The pool area may be closed for a few hours to allow work to be done safely. Please bear with our landscapers. They'll be most likely working in the less trafficked hours and work should be done quickly. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**REPORTED PROBLEM WITH EMS ENTRY AT THE GATE** There has been concern voiced regarding a failure of the gate to respond to an EMS entry earlier this month. This has been investigated and it was found that the fault WAS NOT IN OUR SYSTEM but was with the EMS universal entry device. It has since been corrected on their part.

**REMINDER...**Make sure you...or your contractor... have all the necessary permits for ANY major exterior work being done...Especially new roof shingle projects. Some work has been stopped by the county in our neighborhood due to lack of building permits. As always...If you have ANY questions or concerns please call IMC @ 843-785-4777 x 207