



King's Bay Community Newsletter

Agenda

- Elect new board of directors
- Insurance for community properties
- Maintenance of community properties
- Accounting Reports

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IMPORTANT HOMEOWNER MEETING

Hello King's Bay Families! My name is Staci Blair & I am the association secretary. I was elected to serve on the board in December 2011. Since my election, we have not held an association meeting. After speaking with several of our neighbors about the necessity & urgency of having an active

homeowner's association board, a **meeting is set for Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Winter Garden City Hall Chamber of Commerce.** Our city manager, Mike Bollhoefer, will be in attendance as well to give us some answers directly from the City's standpoint. It is

important & encouraged that all of our King's Bay neighbors attend this meeting, as many urgent issues will be discussed & voted upon. We look forward to seeing our established neighbors, as well as welcoming & meeting our newer neighbors since our last meeting.

Very Truly Yours,

Staci Blair

YOU Are the Most Important Asset In Our Community!

Although, as we often mention, the most important duty of our association is to protect the value of our property, the most important asset within our community is not the property itself, but the members who make up the association. Without you, the homeowner/resident, our community is nothing more than a collection of buildings, landscape and asphalt. As members of the community, homeowners bring their own individual tastes, likes, dislikes and preferences into the community. It is that diversity that makes our community interesting and full of life. It is also that diversity that creates the need for commonly accepted guidelines in order to help everyone get along and pursue a collective goal: peaceful and harmonious community living that benefits the investment we have in the community. By recognizing the diverse makeup of our most valuable assets, the homeowner members, each of us can begin to understand the need for commonly accepted rules and regulations, architectural guidelines and the need for a Board of Directors made up of a cross-section of homeowners in order to represent the full spectrum of individual

tastes and concerns. Without that understanding it is easy to become distracted and concern ourselves with the loss of individual freedoms and distaste of conformity that some associate with association living. In order for our community to develop to its fullest potential, each and every one of us must develop an appreciation of the others who make up our community. And with that appreciation will come a desire to contribute to each other's well-being within the community. We can choose to embrace the potential of our association and work within its framework to create an atmosphere of peaceful, harmonious living, or we can choose to ignore that potential and view our association as a hindrance in our own pursuit of unbridled happiness. Either way, we alone have the power to create the perceptions that we embrace. If you don't appreciate the benefits created by our community guidelines, then those guidelines will never be respected. The key to successful association living is to recognize the benefits provided by living within an association and accept that certain behaviors and actions detract from those benefits. By doing so, we are able to

contribute to the success of our association, our community and ultimately our own investment we have made in our property. Likewise, successful association living also relies heavily upon recognizing those behaviors and actions that enhance the benefits of living within an association. Conforming to community guidelines, active participation in association activities such as committees and the board of directors, and choosing to attend board meetings in order to understand the issues that face our association are perfect examples of how each and everyone of us can contribute to the betterment of our community. Our association may be legally obligated to preserve, protect and enhance the common assets of the association, but in order for our association to do that, we must also recognize the value of its most important asset: you the homeowner. Without your cooperation, support and involvement, our association cannot succeed. The investment each of us have in our property demands that cooperation, support and involvement. To neglect that responsibility is to neglect our investment, and few of us can afford to do that!

March Is A Great Month To...

- Get a jump-start on your spring garden by starting seeds in your garden window so that you'll have seedlings ready to plant as soon as the ground is ready. Garden supply stores and seed catalogs stock treated soil mixtures that are especially conducive to starting seeds, as well as biodegradable cardboard containers to plant them in. Once you've sown the seeds, set them in a bright south window and think spring.
- Start planning for your summer vacation. Check out the Sunday travel section of the newspaper. Send for

brochures of faraway places with strange sounding names. Maybe you're willing to save up for an extra special vacation next year, and make this the year you visit interesting places in your own hometown. Visitors to California get excited about the places we see everyday and sometimes take for granted.



- Go on a money diet. Self-made, wealthy Americans have a few self-imposed rules in common; namely, they live below their means, they budget their spending, they have a disciplined investment plan, they take on debt very

sparingly, they participate in serious tax-sheltering, they get help from a professional financial advisor, and they own their own business. None of these things are possible without adhering to the first rule: live below your means. That will make possible the investing, avoidance of debt, sheltering of funds, the need for a financial advisor, and the ability to own a business. Make this your motto for the year: "Use it up, wear it out, make do, or do without."



Spring.... It's nature's way of saying LET'S PARTY!



Neighbors working together to better our community

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