



The Preserve's Community Connection

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A New Year Is Here!



With the beginning of a new year, many people make resolutions describing changes they plan to make in the coming year. These changes are hopes and promises on how to make their lives better for the future.

Here at The Preserve, these changes for a better future can already be felt throughout our community. The hopes and promises for change in our neighborhood did not wait until we flipped our calendars to January 2017.

Certified Recall

Our change started on September 30, 2016, when the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Arbitrator certified our community's request for recall of Board members' receiving more than a majority of votes of the members. From the moment the community received the news, neighbors came together to start the change process within our community. The community will always be grateful for the efforts of the Recall Committee (Jim Rowell, Deidre Holmes DuBois, John Busacca, Cori Garavuso, Nicole Nichols, Jane Slone, Anselmo Raymundo, John Fisher, Jack Young and

Tim Cates). This committee put in much time, effort and perseverance to help this community reach this "New Year".

October Board Meetings

This community really did jump into action after the recall was certified. The four remaining board members (Jason Alday, Dave Mau, Phil Hampton, and Walt Lee) plus the two appointed board members from the recall process (Shelly Ott and Jack Young) held two October Board meetings open to all community members on October 4th and 26th. Our community had not had a community Board meeting in over a year. Many neighbors showed up to these meetings, filling the clubhouse, offering to support and help the Board rebuild our community.

Community Committees

Seven committees were established to address areas of concern and reinstate community processes that had lapsed over the years. These committees were Audit, Budget, Homeowners' Accounts, Documents Review, ACC, Maintenance and Social Committees. More than 30

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Next Board of Directors Meeting



Monday, January 16, 2017 at 7pm
In the Clubhouse

For 2017, monthly Board meetings will be held on the
3rd Monday of the month (unless noticed otherwise).

Everyone is invited to attend
to find out the latest information about your community!



A New Year Is Here! (continued)

residents volunteered to participate in these committees. Some of the committees completed their work in 2016. Many of the committees will continue working into 2017. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee, please e-mail hoa@the-preserve.org and your name and e-mail address will be forwarded to the appropriate committee chairperson.

Annual Meeting

The true sign of change for our neighborhood occurred on November 29, 2016, when nearly 200 neighbors filled the Faith Assembly Children's Theater for The Preserve's Annual Meeting. It had been many years since our community met the required quorum at an Annual Meeting to elect directors. Many said it could never be done. Neighbors lined up outside the room chatting and laughing as they waited to check in and receive their ballots. You could feel the excitement and energy from everyone as they witnessed their community being rebuilt. With 154 homes represented in person or by proxy, quorum was met and the election was held. Ten residents stepped forward to volunteer to fill the seven Board positions. After the ballots were cast, our 2017 Board was announced.

The new Board positions are:

President - Jason Alday

Vice-President - Dave Mau

Treasurer - Jack Young

Secretary - Shelly Ott

Directors at Large - Dale Donovan, John Fisher,
and George Ryan

At the conclusion of the meeting, these Board members got right to work, approving the 2017

budget.

Please continue to support these Board members by attending and participating in Board meetings and other community activities.

A Time to Celebrate

With all the hard work the community put in to bring about the change for this new year, the Social Committee put together a grand celebration on December 10th at our community clubhouse. Up to this point, our community had been focused only on rebuilding the business aspects of running our association. This event was an excellent time to focus on rebuilding the "community" aspects of our neighborhood. (More information and pictures from this celebration can be found on the next page.)

It's a New Year!

2017 is a new and exciting year for our neighborhood. For this new year, here are a few New Year's resolutions for all residents to consider:

- 1) Please stay active in our community. Volunteer to help out wherever and whenever you can.
- 2) Please reach out to your neighbors in a positive way. Wave and greet each other to show the warmth and friendship this community has to offer each other.
- 3) Please support those who are continuing to work hard to rebuild our community. There is still a lot of work to be done and many people have volunteered their time and energy to do this work. If you notice neighbors working to make our community a better place, please thank them in person or send them a quick e-mail.

Happy New Year to everyone in The Preserve! It is going to be a great year.

Management Company Change



One of the other important changes in our community has been a switch to a different management company. Our community has signed a one-year contract with Greystone Management Company to manage the financial and maintenance needs of The Preserve. Greystone has managed our community in the past so they are familiar with our property and many of our vendors. This should provide a smoother transition for our association operations.

You can visit the Greystone website at www.greystonefl.com for many of your community

needs, such as online payments, auto debit sign up form, architectural review application, gate access request, covenant violation notification, and contact information update. Every homeowner should have already received two coupon books (one for the Association and one for the Club) for your 2017 dues payments.

For any additional questions or requests you may have, you can contact Greystone Management Company at the e-mail address and phone number listed on the front page of this newsletter.



Illuminate The Preserve 2016 Holiday Celebration



The 2016 Social Committee put together a wonderful holiday celebration for our community on December 10th at our community clubhouse. There were lots of exciting activities with a sidewalk art competition, chili cook-off, and music and singing with our community band. Of course, there were delicious sweets with homemade cookies and hot cocoa. The clubhouse pool looked beautiful with all the luminaries decorated by our neighborhood artists. It was the perfect event to celebrate, meet neighbors and make new friends. A BIG thank you to all the Social Committee members (Charlene Salley, Jim Rowell, Jennifer Goldin, John Busacca, Pam Murphy, and Michael Hallman) who organized such a wonderful event for all of us to enjoy!



*Pictures courtesy of John Chapman

The Preserve Newsletter Update



In effort to continue to unify our community, The Preserve newsletter is being restarted. The intent of this newsletter is to highlight positive experiences within The Preserve, thanking those who help make our neighborhood a better place.

The community will continue to use social media websites, like Nextdoor and Facebook, for everyday communication within our neighborhood. However, the newsletter will be used as a more formal method of communication, especially for residents who do not use social media.

The plans are to bring back many of the features of past newsletters, like the "Community Bulletin Board"

where meetings or events can be listed, such as book clubs, etc. and "Questions, Questions, Questions" where frequently asked questions regarding our community will be answered. If you have any positive input, thank yous, community announcements, or frequently asked questions you would like included in a future newsletter, please e-mail newsletter@the-preserve.org.

Thank you to Jenny Wemert for sponsoring this community newsletter, covering the cost of printing and mailing. If you see Jenny, please thank her for helping our community unite through positive communication with each other.

