

## Island Woods HOA Newsletter December 2022/ January 2023



Sad Goodbye: In November Brad Wiggins, the Island Woods Property Manager, passed away after a short battle with cancer. This loss has left a huge void within the community. In the interim, Board President Jill Barbour has been acting Property Manager. Jill is deserving of praise not only for stepping into this position, but for all she continuously does for the HOA behind the scenes. We especially admire her ability to make sure vendors are contract compliant. She devotes many hours to the HOA while also holding down a full-time job, and that is commendable.



A big thank you goes out to Jim Brostmeyer and other homeowners volunteering to work on projects within the subdivision while the Board addresses the sudden Property Volunteers! Manager job vacancy.

Save the Date: The Annual Homeowners Association Meeting will be held Monday, January 23, Mark Your in the clubhouse at 7:00PM. Calendar!

The meeting agenda includes a year-end budget and project review, future projects, budgeting challenges, the Property Manager position, tennis court project update and vote for 2023 board members.

For homeowners unable to attend the Annual Meeting a proxy form is included in this mailing.

**HOA 2023 Quarterly Dues:** Due to rising maintenance costs for the Island Woods HOA, the March, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, billing cycle will reflect a 10% dues increase. A few budget challenges the Board has been facing are, 1) rising vendor fees of 15% or more 2) building reserve fund after tapping into it to repair 2 leaks beneath the pavement in the parking lot, a clubhouse watermain leak costing \$24,500, and a \$6,000 irrigation leak that couldn't wait to be budgeted in 2023, 3) funding for capital improvements, and 4) the biggest challenge being recurring increase of associated costs for maintaining and improving the HOA.

Hidden Island: The Board is looking for volunteers to attend Eagle City Council meetings to stay on top of the Hidden Island greenbelt gate issue. If interested contact Jill Barbour, Propertymanager@islandwoodseagle.com.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow: Now that the snow has arrived, its important homeowners keep the sidewalk clear in front of their homes. It's not just a common courtesy, but also a city ordinance. The ordinance information can be found under the City of Eagle, Planning and Zoning tab on the city website listed as Title 4, Public Health & Safety, Chapter 1, Section 3.

Secretary's News: New keycards are now available. If you're looking forward to using the tennis court and pool in the spring, now is the time to get your new keycard. The process is very quick. While not necessary, it's recommended you bring your old keycard with you to swap out when new keycard is issued. By doing so you alleviate the risk of trashing the wrong card and having to pay a \$25 replacement fee. Emails have been and will continue to be sent out with office hours for the issuance of new keycards.

What, you're not getting email notices? Go to the IslandWoodsEagle.com website and create an account. If you already have an account and aren't receiving emails, contact the Secretary at Secretary@islandwoodseagle.com.

**Social Committee:** Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of the Halloween decorating contest, the Lasher-Hardy family for their Nightmare Before Christmas display. Taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the Rowell family with their hand carved pumpkin arch. The varying creativity shown by all participants was amazing.

The Social Committee would like to thank homeowners for their November food drive donations for the local food pantry, and their December toy drive donations for the Ronald McDonald House. Many families will benefit from your generosity, and the toys are sure to put a smile on a child's face whose holiday is blighted by a hospital stay.

It's official the committee will be hosting social events throughout 2023. Once the 2023 calendar of events have been determined the website calendar will be updated and a schedule of events will be emailed to homeowners. If you have event ideas and would like to be a part of the Social Committee, contact Holly Szychulda at info@myinvestorschoice.com