

# Marsh Side

## Hilton Head Island

NEWSLETTER

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### **HOA OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9-5  
Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 -5  
(Someone is in office at 8:30 a.m.)  
Lunch break 12-1:30

### **Holiday Schedule**

The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, for the Independence Day Holiday.

### **A Message From The Manager**

The hot, humid weather is upon us as we officially ring in summer here in the Lowcountry. As we move closer to our Fourth of July celebrations, here are a few interesting facts:

\*Three presidents have died and one was born on the Fourth of July. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years to the day the Declaration was adopted. The country's 30<sup>th</sup> president, Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1872.

\*Americans consume about 150 million hot dogs while celebrating Independence Day. According to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, that number of hot dogs can stretch from Washington D.C. to Los Angeles more than five times.

\*Eating salmon on the Fourth of July is a tradition in New England.

\*There are around 15,000 Independence Day fireworks celebrations every year.

As we begin this summer with the Memorial Day Holiday, many of us will be gathering with friends and family at a BBQ or pool party. Let's remember to celebrate the legacy of the men and women in uniform who came before you and gave their lives for the freedoms we all enjoy today.

### **Insurance Update**

As was outlined in the previous Newsletter, Marsh Side is facing a significant increase in premiums for the coming renewal. We just recently received the final quotes and the anticipated shortfall was very close to what we expected. With that being said, very shortly you will be receiving a supplemental insurance assessment. This will cover the difference between what is



in the insurance fund and the increase in premiums for the coming year. In our May board meeting, the board voted and approved two payments options. If you elect to pay in one installment, your payment must be received prior to June 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid any additional finance charges. The other option is that you may pay in three equal installments with the last installment due prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Should you choose this option, there will be an additional 6% finance charge added to your assessment. **It is critically important that we receive these payments in a timely manner so that the HOA can pay the balance off quickly and avoid future finance charges.**

### **Front Entry Update**

As I type this update, we will have nearly completed the front entry upgrades! Improvements included all new plant material, irrigation, new bollard lighting for the center and mailbox medians and new lighting for the entry sign. A pinestraw application will be the final touch. The resident comments have been overwhelmingly positive as we wrap up the final phase of this paving project.

### **Pinestraw**

Pinestraw is scheduled to be installed sometime in late May, early June. This work consists of edging the foundation beds and putting down pinestraw around the building foundations. The budget will only allow us to put down pinestraw around the fronts of the buildings and common areas we can see from roadsides.

For those who would like to purchase additional pinestraw, you can do so by contacting the office.

### **Regime Payment Reminder**

With the ever present possibility of the country slipping into a recession, we understand the financial hardship many of you are enduring. It is important to understand that our Association must also meet financial obligations, and in order to do so, it depends upon the timely receipt of monthly maintenance assessments. When our community's budget is approved by the Board, it assumes two things: the amount of income must meet equal the amount of expenses, and that each homeowner will pay his or her maintenance assessment in a timely manner. If one or the other fails to happen, we have a cash flow problem and it usually results in costing all of us more money in the long run. Any regime fee payments received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month will incur a \$25.00 late. If not received by the end of the month, late interest will be added.

### **Continued Pet Concerns**

You will continue to see this note in our Newsletter until everyone adheres to the rules. When walking your dog in Marsh Side, remember it must be leashed at all times. It is also important to immediately clean up after your pet. There are **new** Doggie-Pot stations located throughout the property for our convenience. Please use them! By taking a few steps to clean up after your pet, you can eliminate what



continues to be an irritating nuisance in our community. Please also note that pets should not be left unattended or tied up on a deck or patio! Thank you in advance.

### **Pest Control Update**

As the weather continues to warm up, we will see a lot more bug and rodent activity. Please be sure to keep your kitchen counters, cabinets and floors clean in an effort to prevent any infestations for you or your neighbor.

### **Important Pest Control Reminder**

Over the last several months we have had problems with residents not securing their pet behind a closed door and leaving a note on the door before the technician enters the unit. Unless these precautions are taken your unit will not be sprayed.

For those residents who wish to be placed on the “no spray” list, please be sure to contact the office.

### **Termite Swarms**

Over the last several days the office has received numerous phone calls about termites swarming around or inside their unit. **Don't panic.** It is swarm season in the Low Country. These swarms start in late May and will run through the end of June. Most importantly termite swarms have no biting or chewing mouthparts and do not cause damage to your home. Additionally, it is not uncommon for these swarms to find a way into your home. 99% of swarms found in homes originate from the outside of the home and not from

an infestation in the home. We understand it is somewhat of an annoyance, but we should only have a few more weeks of this nuisance.

### **Grill Reminder**

It's that time of year when our residents are anxious to get outdoors again to enjoy the great smells and flavors of cooking on the grill. With that being said, there are some important reminders that everyone needs to be aware of and adhere to before uncovering the grill. First and foremost, charcoal and gas grills are not permitted on the porches, patios or decks. Residents are required to grill at least 10 feet from any combustible material which would include wooden decks, siding, steps, handrails, etc. In addition, we are reminding all residents to please keep the decks and patios tidy and clean.

### **Food Truck!**

Speaking of grilling, as a way of bringing our community a little closer together, we have made arrangements for the “Lunch Lady” food truck to visit our property on July 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-2 p.m! We plan to have them park in the pool parking area next to office so that residents can take their meals into the pool area or to the picnic tables next to the playground. We hope to forward a menu via email soon. Come on out for lunch that Saturday and meet your neighbors.



## **June 1-Official Start of Hurricane Season**

The 2023 hurricane season is expected to have “about average” activity, with 11-15 named storms—including 4-8 hurricane force storms and 1-3 major hurricanes predicted. It is very important to be prepared. We have attached a short list of items to consider during this season.

Please be sure to go the Town’s website <https://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/> for an extensive guide on how to properly prepare.

## **Code Enforcement**

Our Code Enforcement Office makes unscheduled patrols through the property from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. If you observe someone not adhering to our rules and regulations after hours, please contact Coastal Security at (843) 247-0788. Give the dispatch officer your unit number and as much information as possible concerning the violation or emergency.

## **IMPORTANT POOL NOTICE**

**Please remember that no pool parties are allowed.** Everyone enjoys a party but not at the expense of someone else. One party can interfere with another resident’s enjoyment of the pool. **Please use the trash cans by the bathrooms. There are ashtrays on tables or top of trash can you can take to your table.** Glass is not permitted in pool area. If you are going to use this amenity we ask that you pick up after yourself. We want everyone to have a fun and safe summer so we ask that you always keep in mind that you are sharing

this space with your neighbors. Each condo is allowed only two guests. The pool is for enjoyment of all of the residents of Marsh Side. In order to preserve this enjoyment, the pool activities are recorded. With the day and time, any improper behavior can be found, recorded and fines imposed if warranted. Pool safety is another concern and unsupervised children are at risk. No children under the age of 16 will be allowed in or about the swimming pool unless accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older.

## **POOL UMBRELLAS**

Please lower the umbrella before leaving the pool area. This prevents wind gusts from damaging the umbrellas. The umbrellas are very costly to replace. The umbrella bases have been replaced this year and we will replace umbrellas as needed. Thank you for doing your part in keeping your pool an enjoyable amenity.

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Owners are encouraged to express any new ideas or concerns to the Board in writing. Each item will be addressed at the next scheduled Board meeting. The next scheduled Board meeting is September 19<sup>th</sup>.







## **WATER SAFETY**

Swimming is one of the most popular summer activities in the Low Country. The best thing you can do is make sure everyone in your family learns how to swim. Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water such as the ocean, lakes, ponds and lagoons. Here a few tips for staying safe around water.

**SWIMMERS!** Since most drowning victims had no intention of being in the water and most people drown within 10-30 feet of safety, it is important to know how to swim. Never rely on float toys to stay afloat.

Don't take chances overestimating your swimming skills. Swim only in designated areas and never swim alone. No one can anticipate changing ocean currents, riptides, sudden storms or other hidden dangers.

**WHAT'S A RIPTIDE?** Actually it's an ocean current that has nothing to do with the tides. A rip current happens as water that's built up on shore returns to the ocean (all those waves need to go somewhere!). Rip currents are often found near fixed objects, like piers and reefs, which is why these are "no swimming" areas. If you swim into a rip current (you'll feel it pulling you out to sea), don't panic. Swim parallel to shore until you feel the pull stop. You can then swim back to shore.

**DIVERS!** Be careful about diving. Teens are more likely than any other age group to suffer diving injuries, many of which can result in permanent spinal cord damage or death. Only dive in areas that are known to be safe for diving, such as the deep end of a supervised pool. A "no diving" sign means that the water isn't safe for a head-first entry.

**WATCH CHILDREN!** Each year about 200 children drown and several thousand others are treated in hospitals for submersion accidents, accidents which leave children with permanent brain damage and respiratory health problems. Remember, it only takes a few seconds for a small child to wander away. Children have a natural curiosity and attraction to water.

**COLD WATER SURVIVAL!** Hypothermia is a condition in which the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. Violent shivering develops which may give way to confusion and a loss of body movement. If you fall in the water, in any season, hypothermia may occur. It's important to remember:

\*Don't discard clothing. Clothing layers provide some warmth. This includes shoes and hats.

\*Wear your life jacket! This helps hold heat into the core areas of your body.

**NO ALCOHOL!** Unfortunately many people ignore this warning and each year about 3000 of them are wrong...dead wrong. More than half of all people that drown had



consumed alcohol prior to their accident. Just one beer will impair your balance, vision, judgment and reaction time, therefore making you a danger to yourself and others.

Have fun this summer and stay water safe!

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Tuesday

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Thursday

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Saturday

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18 FATHERS DAY	19	20	21				
					29	30 TRASH PICK UP Insurance Assessment due	
25	26	27	28				



# July 2023

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