



# The Parkside Press

A newsletter for the residents of  
Parkside Place HOA

December 26, 2007

A lot has been happening within our community, and we'd like everyone to know about it, so welcome to another issue of our community's newsletter! There's also important upcoming events mentioned in this issue so we hope you'll all take note. But to start things off, let us express our hope that everyone has a happy and prosperous New Year!

## New Board Members

The Annual Membership Meeting was held on Nov 13, 2007, with the focus being on the election of the new Board members for 2008. After a lively session, I'm pleased to announce that our new Board members are: Jim Weemhoff (*President*), Mitzi Baxter (*Vice President*), Margie Solliday (*Treasurer*), Susan Roe (*Secretary*), Ed Farnsworth (*Director*), and Neil Harmeson (*Alternate Director*).

More complete contact information for all our Board members is provided on page 2 of this newsletter, so for now, please congratulate these volunteers, and have mercy on their souls!!

## 2008 Budget Approved

The 2008 Budget was proposed and approved by the Board of Directors at the recent Dec 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The formal notice is being mailed along with this newsletter reminding every resident that a copy of the budget is available by calling Dependable Management. But for those of you who'd rather not wait, you can get it right now by going to <http://www.highlandsoft.net/PPHOA>

We'd like to thank the hard work and effort that the Budget Committee put into keeping our monthly assessment as low as possible for the coming year

## Jackie Burns to Speak

Jackie Burns, our City Manager for Indian Harbor Beach, will be speaking at our Coffee Get-Together on Jan. 12, 2008, at 9:00 am in the clubhouse. Her presentation will cover the upcoming (Jan. 29) referendum regarding the new Property Tax Bill. This is an important issue that affects us all. It would be ideal to support her efforts to inform us, so we hope as many residents as possible can attend.

## Other Committe Announcements

### Long Range Planning

As a result of the election, the Chairmanship of the Long Range Planning Committee has been passed to Neil Normando. Jim "passed the gavel" to Neil to maintain committee independence from the Board, and so that the committee's important work gets the attention it deserves. Neil will continue to lead the committee in researching our options concerning the condition of unit roofs within our community, as well as other important topics.

### Bob is Back

Bob (Robert) Kendall has again volunteered his services as our Rules Committee chairman, after a very brief intermission. Bob's a hard worker and very dedicated to helping both the Board and our residents.

### Cost Reduction

Since the 2008 Budget was passed, the work of the Budget committee is complete. However, these committee members have spent a great deal of time and effort to understand our current costs and financial position. In an effort to capture this experience, Neil Normando has agreed to assume leadership of a second area of the LRPC, with the goal of finding *near-term* ways of reducing our monthly fees and/or getting improved service for our current costs. Neil has already had a positive response from several members that participated in the budget committee, and we wish him luck in this new concerted effort to keep our fees low.

### Special Board Meeting

A special Board Meeting has been scheduled for 7:00 pm on January 9, 2008, in the community clubhouse. A formal notice of this meeting is included with this newsletter, and all residents are encouraged to attend.

## Insurance Adjusters

If you hear feet on your roof, it's not Santa running late! It will be the sound of our public adjuster's company (NFA - National Fire Adjusters) doing roof inspections.

The Board has contracted with NFA to determine whether there was sufficient roof damage from the 2004 storms to resubmit a claim to Allstate.

It's important to add that Allstate will be up there looking around also, and any comments you make may be used by them in their own defense. For everyone's best interest, we ask that you not offer your opinions to any of these people.

## Shutter and Parking Policies

The Board approved updates to both the Storm Shutter and Parking policies at the 11/13/07 meeting, and copies of these are being mailed with this newsletter so that you can file them with your other Parkside documents.

These policies are meant to uphold the beauty of our community for *everyone's* benefit, and to assure that *all* residents have equal use of our common facilities.

## Good Neighbor Reminders

While we're mentioning policies, we'd like to remind everyone that, for your own safety and security, as well as the appearance of our community, please keep garage doors closed whenever you are not actually working there.

But on a more stern note, there have been a few of our residents who have been verbally abusive to personnel servicing our community. Needless to say, this behavior is out of order, and very detrimental to receiving the best possible service from our contractors. If you have a problem or concern, it should be taken directly to the Management Company or a Board member, and definitely not to the service personnel themselves.

## Parkside Documents are On-line

We're trying something new - try going to: <http://www.highlandsoft.net/PPHOA> and let us know what you think with an email to: [pphaa@highlandsoft.net](mailto:pphaa@highlandsoft.net)

## Betty Jo & FPL

Shortly after the last newsletter was sent out, Betty Jo Faulkner reported that FPL had completed their reworking of our main power feeds, correcting a problem that caused some 80+ of our residents to be without power for several weeks following the 2004 storms. We should all thank Betty Jo for her initiative in working with FPL to find and fix this problem.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Jan 9th 2008** Special Board Meeting -7:00pm

**Jan 12th 2008** Coffee - 9:00am

Jackie Burns of the IHB City Council has been invited to attend, and will speak on the tax referendum and important town issues.

**Jan 22nd 2008** Regular Board Meeting

Open Forum 6:30pm, meeting follows

**Feb 9th 2008** - Valentine's Day Dinner

Social Hour 5:00, Dinner 6:00, 50/50 drawing

**March 8th 2008** - St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Social Hour 5:00, Dinner 6:00, 50/50 drawing

**April 26th 2008** - Saturday Morning Coffee - 10:00am

Opportunity to chat and share Parkside Place & IHB news.

**May 24th 2008** - Memorial Day Party

Social Hour 5:00, Dinner 6:00, 50/50 drawing

Anyone interested in planning, setting up, participating as bar tenders, cooks, 50/50, name tags or clean up, please contact Susan Roe 773.3964, [skroe2169@aol.com](mailto:skroe2169@aol.com) or Dolores Gailey 777.1698

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We asked all our 'old' and 'new' board members if they had anything to say. Of course, some always do!

*Susan:* Working together can be fun, and it is nice to share the tasks. If there is a particular event that calls you to participate, we welcome your presence.

*Jim:* I'm excited and proud to be working with the new Board, they're already working *very* hard. But I'm even more excited to act on your behalf in finding new ways to improve our community.

*Ed:* Although I'm the newest member to the PSP Board, I look forward to working closely with the other board members and representing all it's home owners to make Park Side Place the best place to live "Beachside"!