

Hamptons Happenings

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TO ALL HAMPTONS HOMEOWNERS:

This is the beginning of The Hamptons Plan for our trees. The Town of Jupiter will begin to start cutting down the trees, that are marked for removal. The tree cutting, as stated by the Town of Jupiter, will begin on Monday, November 27, 2009. The Town has estimated it will take from one to two weeks to cut; remove and stump grind these trees. There is going to be a significant mess of tree parts and stuff around during this time, so we should all be careful not only when and where we are driving but also, please do not let children get around the workers or the trees while the trees are being cut down. Don't forget they cannot always predict exactly where these trees will fall, when they are cut. They will remove approximately 41 trees. As we previously discussed, The Town of Jupiter will incur the expense for the tree removal.

After the trees are removed, the stumps will be ground down and covered with fill and sod. At this point, the plan is to repair any irrigation problems. Treasure Coast Irrigations will be trailing the tree removal process to keep track of irrigation issues.

However there may be some times when there may be some deep or open areas when these trees are removed. These areas may not always be filled in by the end of the day. So please, for your safety and the safety of your family, be extremely careful when walking or any other outdoor activity until this work is completed.

Then, after the first of the year, we will begin to install the new trees. We are going to be installing between 45 to 50 trees.

These replacement trees will be located in more appropriate locations and will be of significant size to look good and improve the appearance of the neighborhood.



HAMPTONS HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Our Holiday lights will be starting this year right after Thanksgiving. The Board of Directors hopes that everyone will enjoy this year's lights, which have been upgraded from last year, so we will really be looking great. However, one thing to keep in mind, last year we had a problem with many of these bulbs being maliciously broken. This year, we ask that if anyone does see's this, please notify Bristol Management or the Town of Jupiter Police. We have to control the costs of this damage and some will not learn until they are caught.

NEW FOUNTAIN LIGHTS

In the ongoing effort by the Board of Directors to enhance our neighborhood, we have installed lighting on the fountain in the lake in the entrance of Phase 1 and the in the second lake of Phase III. These lights really enhance the appearance of the neighborhood and increase the curb appeal of the Hamptons. So, if you haven't seen these lights yet, please take a walk and enjoy them. They really look great! Also, we have finally got all the timers working correctly. where the lights and fountains will function at the correct times.

PRESSURE CLEANING

We have begun our yearly driveway and street gutter pressure cleaning. It really does so much to improve the appearance of our homes when we have clean driveways. So please pay attention, if your street is next to be cleaned, park your car in the street. We also plan to have the Town of Jupiter street sweeper come thru before the holidays.

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

It is the homeowners responsibility to maintain the safety of the driveway in their home. There are currently two contractors that have shown they can repair driveways correctly. They are

Florida Sidewalk Solutions **Tart's ArtisticConcrete**
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A VERY SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTEER FOR THE HAMPTONS

By Ricki and Mike Finnan

My husband and I like to landscape; we also like to walk. Well, when you put the two together, you start to notice things; like our entrance ways, yards, and hedges along our property walls, etc. You start to wonder who takes care of these things. I'm proud to say that we live in a wonderful neighborhood and we all would like it to look as good possible. So, I decided to go to the Board to ask if we had a landscape committee. Be careful what you ask for, because guess what? I'm it, your new landscaping committee!

My name is Ricki Finnan and with the help of my wonderful husband /landscaper Michael, we have brain stormed with Matt from Southern Exposure Landscaping and have created the newly designed entranceways for Phase I, II and III. We will be making some changes along Pinetree Trail as well.

About one month ago we decided to make the entrance walls and signs more visible. The first thing that we did was to cut down all of the plants in front of the monument walls to see if the lighting would be better at night and to see how much it opened up the space. We definitely liked it lower. I know that the plants looked ugly, but it was the only way to start so that we could determine how to change the look. We wanted an esthetically pleasing entranceway with some depth and color and to make our signs more visible as well.

Next, Matt and his crew removed the existing old plants from all three entrances. The shape of the bed on the SE side of the entrance of Phase I & II was changed and sod was added. All

entranceways will have three tiers of plants. Closest to the monument wall will be Green Island Ficus, a dark green, shiny leaf plant maintained at 18" high. The middle tier will have Golden Mound, a brighter green-yellow leaf maintained at 12- 14" high and the front tier will be Purple Queen; a deep purple plant with pink blossoms. The shape of the bed on have Golden Mound, a brighter green-yellow leaf maintained at 12- 14" high and the front tier will be Purple Queen; a deep purple plant with pink blossoms. This tier will kept at 4-6" high. Vern from Bristol Management & Matt from Southern Exposure Landscaping, our landscaper, will maintain a trimming and watering schedule.

Along with the entranceways, we will also be sprucing up Pinetree Trail. Old spent plants will be removed or replaced, we will be weed eating 10' back into the preserve and all of the planting along our walls on Pinetree will be mulched.

I'm sure that you have heard the saying, "action speaks louder than words". Well, I truly do believe that. Complaining and talking about things that you want to change will not make it happen. Michael and I moved into The Hamptons four years ago and we love it here. There have been many changes in those years. We feel that they have all been for the better and hopefully we will never stop being open to change. We have one of the prettiest neighborhoods in Jupiter, and I for one, plan on trying to keep it that way. Hopefully by keeping the look of our community fresh and inviting, we will keep our property values up and as people drive by looking for a new home they will be drawn into our neighborhood.

The Hamptons Board of Directors want to sincerely thank Ricki and Mike Finnan for all their effort to make our landscaping really look great. They both have been tireless volunteers and we could not have ever accomplished this without their effort. So on behalf of the Board and all the residents of the Hamptons, we want to thank Ricki and Mike for all their work and time. Give them a wave the next time your see them walking!

And please, let this be an example to all of our other residents. Just a little bit of volunteering can make such a big effect on our neighborhood. We already have a volunteer committee for paint color selection for next year, but we need volunteers for an Activity Committee and some other ideas the board is planning, So please come to a Board meeting and help, after all, it's your home as well!

JUPITER POLICE HOLIDAY PATROL

Once again, we have contracted with the Town of Jupiter Police Department to patrol the Hamptons during the holiday season. They will be enforcing our posted speed limits and watching for possible break in's and other problems. Many residents have expressed concerns about vehicles speeding in the Hamptons. As you know, we have had accidents where residents have hit trees and each other inside the Hamptons.

Because of this, we are asking residents, once again, to please slow down and observe the posted speed limits and stop signs, to protect our community. If you observe speeding, please contact the TOJ Police at 561-746-6201. Please inform them of the type of car and the license tag and the time. For all of our safety, we need to be concerned.

GARAGE SALES SIGNS

We all enjoy a garage sale. It's a chance to get rid of treasures and a chance to get some great buys

And the Hamptons are known for having garage sales. However, just because your garage sale is done, it does not mean that all of us have to continue to look at signs that you left. Please, just pick them up your signs and dispose of them. We asked in our last news letter for residents to please be responsible, but that is not happening. Board members had to pick up signs for a garage sale in Phase III that were left all weekend. Therefore we are left with no choice.

One more time, The HOA does not want to impose fines, we just want your cooperation! THANK YOU

REMINDERS...

Household garbage and trash are to be put out **ONLY** the evening/night before normal pickups. Pickups are currently scheduled on Wednesdays and Saturdays. No trash is to be placed prior to **5PM** of the evening before trash pickup. If you have yard trash, it is to be placed behind your gate and out of sight until then. Please adhere to these "Rules", our neighborhood is very unattractive when trash is placed earlier.

2009 HAMPTONS CHRISTMAS PARADE



Santa Claus will be coming to the Hamptons again this year, yes in that red convertible. He told the Board of Directors that he enjoyed himself so much that he had to come back. So our Christmas parade will be held December 19th, starting at 10am. This year's parade promises to be even bigger and better.

We will have local dignitaries, and various vehicles and some gifts for the children. This is going to be a great parade as it winds itself through our neighborhood. So residents get out your lawn chairs and your coffee mugs, listen for the sirens and enjoy the parade and make sure you wave to everyone.

We are also trying to get some television coverage of our event. If any resident has a music system that we can use to play holiday music, it would certainly be appreciated. We need some holiday music in the parade.

THINGS GOING ON IN AND AROUND THE HAMPTONS

Forget the Snow,
Let It Glow!

<http://www.brightnightspb.com/>

FLORIDA'S NEWEST HOLIDAY TRADITION! Capture the magic of the holiday season with this 20-minute dazzling light show synchronized to holiday music. This one-of-a-kind show, featuring more than 140,000 LED lights, 48 steel trees, a 50' tree, leaping arches, a twinkle wall and fireworks styled aerial displays will delight every member of the family. Free holiday activities to celebrate the season.

[Event Location & Free Parking Information](#)

CHECK OUT THE VIDEO! >



**Holiday Boat Parade
Sat, Dec 5th, 6pm**



**Riverwalk Events
Plaza & Harbourside**

THE HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS...

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAMPTONS WANTS TO EXTEND TO ALL THE HAMPTONS RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES, A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON, DURING THESE TROUBLED TIMES. LETS ALL TRY JUST A LITTLE HARDER TO BE FRIENDLY TO OUR NEIGHBORS AND TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. SO THANK EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PLEASE BE SAFE AND AGAIN, HAVE A HOLIDAY SEASON AND DON'T EAT TO MUCH.