

Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors

Officers:

President - Bari Schanerman
Vice President - Mort Braverman
Vice President - Sam Katz
Vice President - Jonathan Morton
Vice President - David Promoff
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Brenda Auerbach	Marvin Krutchik
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Bill Clayton	Trudy Lechner
Nancy Doyle	Karen Leslie
Julie Feldman	Jeffrey Levinson
Kenneth Friedman	Ed Margolis
Glenn Gopman	Robyn Savage-Jaffee
Scott Jay	Ronald Silver
Jose Klahr	Rhoda Stein
Marc Kleiner	Robert Weisblum

Standing Committees

Crime Watch:

Establishes networks of neighbors that work with Miami-Dade Police Dept. to promote safety in our neighborhoods.

Contact: Robyn Savage-Jaffee - robysav@hotmail.com

Neighborhood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):

Team of trained residents in emergency response. Join your neighbors so you can assist in the aftermath of a disaster.

Contact: Trudy Lechner - mammatrudes@aol.com

Education:

The committee works with the Principals, PTA and the Miami-Dade Public School District Representative on topics that impact the community.

Contact: Jonathan Morton - jonathan.morton@kkgates.com

Beautification/Code Compliance:

The committee works on projects to improve our common areas and code enforcement issues that impact our neighborhoods.

Contact: Bill Clayton - steviern1@bellsouth.net

Special Taxing Districts/Security:

The committees work on the security concerns within the special taxing districts and other parts of our neighborhood that do not have guardgates.

Contact: Sam Katz - SAK1@ntrs.com or Robyn Savage Jaffee - Robysav@hotmail.com

Sky High News

www.skyhighhomes.com

January, 2010

General Membership and Annual Meeting with Elections

Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 7 p.m.

Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building

Guest Speaker: Commissioner Sally Heyman

Hello Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Your Homeowners Association has been very busy this past year working on many different issues as we continued to promote the quality of life in our neighborhoods through advocacy, community and volunteerism. One of our goals for the coming year is to increase communication through the use of email bulletins from the website, one of the benefits of joining the association. The website has been redesigned by Cristina Hiraldo to make it easier for you to navigate to get information, see the many different opportunities to get involved and be informed of events that are happening in our community (www.skyhighhomes.com).

Video surveillance cameras were added to the security gates in the Highland Lakes community this past year to aid in the collection of information in this special taxing district due to the high volume of traffic from the schools in the neighborhood. The association helped the special taxing districts form committees to evaluate the neighborhoods with guard gates and through this process of working closely with the county and the special taxing district, our commissioner, Sally Heyman and our Board Member, Sam Katz made this implementation possible. Several new Crime Watch areas were set up in our neighborhood during this past year and a committee is being organized at this time to start increasing this effort during the coming year. The executive director of Crime Watch, Carmen Caldwell is constantly encouraging our community to set up these areas, because it's harder to commit a crime when there are more "eyes on the street" and "everyone knows everyone." We encourage you to visit the website to find out more about starting yours today.

The budget cutbacks have brought some financial challenges at our neighborhood schools. The Association is working with the Principals and PTA Presidents to find creative solutions by involving the community in this challenge and opening doors to new resources and ideas. Please get involved and help us find solutions by contacting bschanerman@aol.com today.

You are invited to join us at the Association's General Membership and Annual Election Meeting on Wednesday, 1/27/10 at 7 p.m. at Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building. This is your formal notification of this meeting where the slate for the new Board of Directors and Officers will be presented and approved.

Additionally, I want to extend a special thank you to the Board of Directors and other volunteers who have given their time during this past year for their community. During this past year the Board has started to lay the foundation for many new initiatives to improve our community in the coming years working with our Commissioner, School Board representative, and other county employees. We look forward to seeing some of these initiatives completed in the near future.

As 2010 begins, it is my hope that you will join me in giving your support to our association by sending in the enclosed membership application with your annual dues today, so we can inform you about your community and you can join us as we continue to fulfill our mission of advocacy.

Regards,

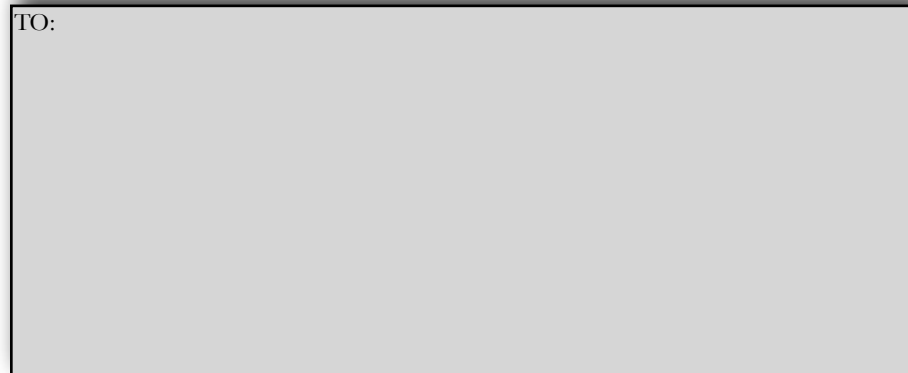
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Our Mission

To promote the quality of life for residents through advocacy, community and volunteerism.

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General Membership Meeting and Annual Elections
January 27, 2010 - 7 p.m. - Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building
Guest Speaker - Commissioner Sally Heyman
Visit the website for more information:
www.skyhighhomes.com

Please give us your feedback and suggestions to make the website more informative by emailing cristina@electronic-pre-press.com

Illegal Dumping/Code Violations in your neighborhood

by Bill Clayton

In an effort to address the numerous code enforcement issues which impact our daily living all the residents must help your homeowners association. We realize working through the system can be difficult, so we have established a system that we think will help expedite the process.

Problems should be reported by:

1. Calling the 311 Miami-Dade county system or
2. Going on line at Miami-Dade.org and report via the computer

You will need the address and description of the problem for the report. After making the report, please keep a record of the date, location, and case # for future reference if the problem is not resolved. Most problems will take several weeks to be solved. If after that period of time it has not been solved please email Bill Clayton with this information at steviern1@bellsouth.net so he can follow through on the complaint.

When these issues are not corrected Bill will be able contact the appropriate persons with your information and get answers as to why the problem still exists.

Remember we all have a responsibility to maintain the neighborhood so we may all enjoy the same high quality of life.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Bill Clayton at steviern1@bellsouth.net

Safety - Lights

Outdoor house lights, path lights, and flood lights help light up the neighborhood during the evening hours. Please help keep our neighborhoods safe by putting on your lights at night. This also helps the pedestrians who walk in our community.

Tips from Carmen Caldwell – Crime Watch – Miami-Dade Police Dept.

It is IMPERATIVE that you teach your cleaning personnel, child care personnel, grandparents or anyone that is home during the day, that when someone knocks, they are not to open the door BUT they must answer with a verbal command, WHO IS IT? WHAT DO YOU WANT? NO I DON'T WANT ANY...I WILL CALL THE POLICE IF YOU DON'T LEAVE....these verbal commands are important because now they know someone is home and will call the police. Secondly if they know someone is there they will move on. If you don't respond they will assume no one is home and try to break in. Please don't keep quiet, let them know someone is there. You also need to teach your personnel to call the police so place the number on the refrigerator where they can see it. Even if they don't speak English, tell them to call. If you have your phone available to them, tell them to call someone and you immediately. These are all prevention measures that we know work, so use them.

Carmen Caldwell, FCPP

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WEBSITE: WWW.CITIZENSCRIMEWATCH.COM

Security & Crimewatch/Special Taxing District

by Sam Katz

The special taxing district and security committees of the homeowners association have been quite busy over the past year. Several committees have been formed overseeing each neighborhood that has a special taxing district for security purposes. Please visit the website, www.skyhighhomes.com under Our Neighborhood, Special Taxing Districts, for more information.

Several crime-watch groups formed within the past several months to try and help with crime prevention in our neighborhoods. We have direct contact and regular correspondence with, our Miami-Dade County Crimewatch representative, Carmen Caldwell. We also have direct contact with our Miami-Dade Police Department, Intracoastal station officers. They are very responsive to our community and sincerely try to help us in whatever way possible. While we all realize that crime activity continues in our neighborhoods, the above committees and groups help us add "DETERRENTS" to crime. We all want to do as much as possible to help protect our families and homes. Please JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED. To form a Crimewatch in your neighborhood on your specific street/block, please contact Robyn Savage-Jaffee at robysav@hotmail.com

Important Contacts

Sam Katz - VP Security

Robyn Savage-Jaffee - Crimewatch

Special Taxing Districts:

Highland Lakes - Sam Katz and Robyn Savage-Jaffee

Highland Gardens - Ken Friedman

Enchanted Lakes - Rob Pushkin and Jeffrey Levinson

Coventry - Andy Rodman

Oak Forest - Rochelle Matza

Visit the website for email information for the above volunteers

Membership

As you complete your 2010 membership application, please note that many of you volunteered to get involved on a committee last year and you may not have been contacted. Please help us get organized quickly this year and indicate if you would be willing to work with a chairperson or be a chairperson on the committee you are passionate about joining. So we can get started in February with the many opportunities that we have to improve our community please email bschanerman@aol.com if you have some time in January and February to help us process all the forms that are received.

Neighborhood Parks

Did you know that you can rent the recreation buildings at Highland Oaks Park and Ojus Park for a child's birthday party, social event or shower?

Did you know that Highland Oaks Park has recreational activities such as soccer, karate, baseball/softball, and basketball programs?

Call Highland Oaks Park 305-932-2164 or Ojus Park 305-931-5726 for prices and details.

Reduce Traffic! Walk to School...

by Glenn Gopman

Walking is healthy - it builds muscle, stamina and endurance. Walking reduces stress, fat and improves circulation. It affords children time to think, appreciate nature, and meet neighbors. If more people walked to school there would be less traffic by the schools and less carbon emissions reducing green house gases. Think globally but act locally. You owe it to your children.

School News

Highland Oaks Middle School

wishes our neighbors a Happy New Year and thanks you for your continued support. HOM has had a wonderful opening of school with several success events thus far, including outstanding performances from our athletic teams, band, chorus, and orchestra. Our students continue to perform well academically having received the fifth "A" in a row in 2009. Our school's webpage, <http://.hom.dadeschools.net>, also provides a wealth of information about what is at happening at HOM.

As we enter 2010, our school continues its mission of excellence. To that end, the following additional materials and/or supplies are always needed.

Xerox paper, dry erase markers, general office supplies, extra uniforms for students in need, band instruments, and additional funds for smartboards, the library, and athletics/activities

Again, the faculty and staff of Highland Oaks Middle School wish you a happy and healthy new year.

Dawn M. Baglos, Principal - Highland Oaks Middle School - 305-932-3810

Aventura Waterways K-8 Center

Happy New Year fellow neighbors of the Highland Lakes and Sky Lake Communities. At Aventura Waterways K-8 Center, we have experienced continued growth over the past year and a half. We currently house over 1,650 students. We strive to continuously positively impact this community by producing both academically and socially prepared students. During our first year of existence, we are very proud to announce that we were awarded a grade of "A" by the state. Mr. Bello, the school's principal, says, "We believe that a strong foundation accompanied with project based, hands-on learning is essential in producing adaptable, globally prepared, articulate students who will be successful as they encounter future academic and social challenges." One of the many projects we are presently pursuing is a public address system installed where our students are picked up and dropped off. Having a PA System along the length of the pick-up area will hopefully lower the volume of the announcements currently being made by a bullhorn. The PA system would be a more efficient way of announcing the student's names during pick-up time. We would certainly appreciate and accept any donations that are given to fulfill this project. We look forward to the New Year and many new learning experiences for our students.