

Sky High News

The Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area
Homeowners Association Newsletter

Our Mission

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

www.skyhighhomes.com | January, 2011

Would you like a new playground located behind the Recreation Buildings at Highland Oaks Park?



Calling all residents – come out and make your voice heard!

Commissioner Heyman and Mr. Gregg, the Deputy Director of Planning and Development for the Miami-Dade Parks Department will speak about the opportunities we have to improve our community park on **February 2, 2011 at 7pm at Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building.**

The Board of Directors would like to help the residents accomplish the goal of modern playground facilities that are located near restrooms for the children who live and visit our community. This is the time to be present to make the statement that this is important to you!

There are several residents that have volunteered their time to lead this project and as a community we will need to support these individuals. **Please attend the meeting on February 2, 2011 to make your voice heard. If you would like to help with this project please email bschanerman@aol.com.**

Also, look for a partial renovation of the existing tot lot located by the lake at Highland Oaks Park, scheduled for January 2011.

2011

Mark your Calendar:

General Membership Meeting and Annual Elections

Find out what new and exciting projects are on the horizon for your community

February 2, 2011 – 7 p.m. – Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building

Visit the website – www.skyhighhomes.com for more details.

Please pay your Homeowners Association dues of \$25.00 for 2011, and be sure to give us your email address on the enclosed invoice.

Mail it today!

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President's Message

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Many of you expressed your desire to have a modern playground located by the recreation building at Highland Oaks Park. With your help, as a community we can begin the process to accomplish this goal. The larger our membership, the more effective our collective voice will be to our county officials.

Your Board of Directors worked hard this year to be responsive to the concerns and requests of the community.

Some of the 2010 highlights include:

- The flooding problem on NE 207th St. was highlighted to county personnel at the January General Membership Meeting. A major drainage project on NE 207th St. to decrease the flooding during heavy rains was just completed.
- Improvements to security at gates in Highland Lakes. Eliminated the visitor gates being placed in the up position while guards were unavailable.
- Hedges planted by fence surrounding the new culvert by the tot lot located next to the lake to address safety concerns highlighted by Homeowners Association.

Thank you to the Board of Directors and other volunteers who gave their time to our community. Any resident that would like to get involved should indicate their interest on the enclosed invoice for dues and we will contact you during the month of February. If you are not contacted please send me an email at the below address.

Regards,

Bari S. Schanerman

President

bschanerman@aol.com

Help our Police by reporting the following that occurs in our Neighborhood:

If you have a suspicious incident or a burglary, robbery, or other crime that has occurred to your property, please notify the Miami-Dade Police Department -
Emergency call 911

Non-emergency
call 305-476-5423
(305-4Police).



News from Highland Oaks Park:

Highland Oaks Park now offers Exercise Boot Camp, Yoga, and Guitar lessons, and various other classes. Please contact Danny at 305-932-2164, for dates and times.

Wish List: If you have any of these items please let Danny know at 305-932-2164:

1. Child level reading books
2. Arts and Crafts
3. Ice Machine
4. Sports Equipment

A message from Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally A. Heyman

As we conclude 2010, I want to thank the community for your continued support. I feel privileged to represent you and wish you all a safe, happy, and healthy New Year.

My office has made position changes to continue serving the community: Margie is downtown working directly with County departments and legislation; Margot is in the district working with local government and District 4 issues; Norma is a phone call away for constituent concerns and Juan will be working with community organizations and District 4 schools.

All staff is available to assist you with your County needs and concerns. They can be reached at 305-787-5999.

Sally A. Heyman



News from Highland Oaks Middle School:

The faculty and staff of Highland Oaks Middle (HOM) wishes the homeowners in the Highland Lakes and Sky Lake neighborhoods a Happy New Year and thanks each of you for your continued support.

Highland Oaks Middle continues its tradition of academic and athletic excellence, having received our sixth consecutive grade of an 'A' from the state and most recently, capturing the County Championship titles for both girls' and boys' soccer. Highland Oaks Middle has also developed a strong science program with eleven projects receiving superior ratings in the District's Science Fair and one project receiving recognition at the State level. Highland Oaks is dedicated to nurturing the key values of Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, and Excellence in all of our students, as is evident in our theme this year, It's a Matter of P.R.I.D.E. A key component to our P.R.I.D.E. theme is recognizing and celebrating student success. In order to accomplish this, HOM would like to partner with parents and businesses through our Parent Teacher Student Association and/or our booster club, Friends of HOM. Donations to either organization are welcome. For more information on partnering with the school through donations (monetary and in-kind), advertising, or volunteering your time, please call the school at 305-932-3810.

It's a Matter of P.R.I.D.E.

Dawn M. Baglos, Principal



Summary of Accomplishments/Improvements in 2010



- Major construction and installation of new drainage system on NE 207th St. and at Aventura Waterways K-8 School.
- Enhanced security allowing the gates in Highland Lakes to remain down when guards are not available.
- Created a \$500 college scholarship for a 2011 high school graduate who demonstrates their commitment to the community.
- Highlighted safety concerns by the tot lot at Highland Oaks Park. New hedges planted by culvert and the tot lot will be improved in the beginning of 2011.
- Continued to improve the website – www.skyhighhomes.com
- The county planted foliage on the south side of Ives Dairy Rd. by Highland Lakes Blvd. and NE 24th Ave in early 2010 in conjunction with the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl.
- Helped homeowners with parking concerns on NE 26th Ave. by Aventura Waterways K-8 School.

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To:

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General Membership Meeting
and Annual Elections:
Wednesday, February 2, 1011 - 7 P.M.
Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building

Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors

Officers:

President – Bari Schanerman
Vice President – Mort Braverman
Vice President – William Clayton
Vice President – Cristina Hiraldo
Vice President – Sam Katz
Vice President - David Promoff
Secretary – Rochelle Matza
Treasurer – Lynn Wenguer

Directors:

Brenda Auerbach	Marc Kleiner
Jennifer Ben-Saadon	Marvin Krutchik
Nancy Doyle	Madeline Langbaum
Kenneth Friedman	Ed Margolis
Glenn Gopman	Ronald Silver
Scott Jay	Rhoda Stein
Jose Klahr	Robert Weisblum

Our Boundaries:

We represent residents who live between Miami Gardens Drive to the South, County Line Road to the North, West Dixie Highway to the East and I-95 to the West.

Important Numbers/Sites

- New or Replacement Gate Cards
305-375-2702
- Code enforcement - Bulk Pick-up –
Illegal Dumping - 311
- Miami Dade Police – non-emergency
305-467-5423
- Highland Oaks Park – 305-932-2164
- Miami Dade County –
www.miamidade.gov
- Homeowners Assoc. –
www.skyhighhomes.com

Committees

- Crime Watch** – Establishes networks of neighbors to promote safety in our neighborhoods.
- CERT** – Community Emergency Response Team – Residents are trained.
- Beautification** – Work on projects to improve our common areas.
- Code Enforcement** – Set up teams to deal with issues that impact our neighborhoods.
- Security** - Security concerns within the special taxing districts and other neighborhoods without guard gates.