

**SKY LAKE &  
HIGHLAND LAKES**  
AREA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Who knew just four months ago when we were ringing in the new decade, we would be faced with a pandemic being compared to the flu epidemic of 1918? Since there has been issued a stay at home order for the next month this is an important time to reflect on the things that are important to us as a neighborhood.

In the last few weeks our streets have been transformed from the hustle and bustle of rushing the kids to school, getting to and from work on time back to a community full of families at home, trying their best to juggle care for the kids, work from home and stay healthy.

While things look quiet and serene outside our doors it is important to remember that we are currently facing a virus that does not see age, race, or socioeconomic status. The reality is the virus COVID 19 is spreading throughout Miami-Dade County and our community. It is critically important to follow CDC guidelines, social distancing, and shelter in place in order to protect yourself, your family and our neighbors, particularly those at high risk of serious illness.

Some of our more vulnerable neighbors may need assistance. We care for those in our community and as an HOA, it is our obligation and our great honor to do this “mitzvah” and help those in need.

After an emergency Board meeting we decided as a homeowners association, that while there are plenty of nonprofit organizations accepting donations, it is important to take care of and help those that live in our immediate community.

One of the members of this association Mark Schanerman, has volunteered to head this initiative and has begun collecting supplies that will be needed. On April 7th from 12pm- 5pm he will have a table set up on 207th street near the back entrance of the elementary school. He will be collecting canned goods, non-perishables, toiletries, masks, gloves, wipes, vitamins C/D and zinc. If you are unable to drop off any supplies but would like to contribute, he has also offered to personally drive and pick up any of these items (logistics can be explained upon request). Mark's contact information is: [MarkSchanerman@gmail.com](mailto:MarkSchanerman@gmail.com) (305) 332-3419

Once these items have been collected we will create care packages to distribute to anyone who identifies themselves or has been identified as being in need of help in our community. Any excess supplies will be donated to our police station of zone 6 as well as the hospitals we have come to rely on (Aventura Hospital, Mount Sinai Hospital).

We wish everyone good health and the continued support of this HOA during these trying times. We welcome your participation and would be remiss if we didn't encourage you to join us at the Sky Lake & Highland Lakes HOA and help take care of our community and residents.

Many Thanks! The Sky Lake & Highland Lakes HOA Board Members