

# ANCHORAGE

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*God bless*



*our men and  
women in service*



Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

**Notes From Dick:** I HOPE THRU THESE TRYING TIMES THAT EVERYONE HAS STAYED SAFE AND ARE IN GOOD HEALTH. WHEN THIS IS OVER, THINGS WILL RETURN TO NORMAL. MEANWHILE, STAY SAFE AND LISTEN TO THE AUTHORITIES.

DURING MY DRIVES THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, I SEE SEVERAL RESIDENTS HAVE STARTED THEIR SPRING CLEANUP AROUND THEIR HOME. BUT WE STILL HAVE SEVERAL HOMES THAT NEED MUCH ATTENTION. WE HAVE A LOT OF LAWNS THAT NEED TO BE WATERED AND IN SOME CASES RESEEDED. FOLLOWING IS WHAT OUR DEED RESTRICTIONS SAY ABOUT MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF OUR LAWNS.

**Lawn is hereby defined as the yard area of a Lot from the front or side of the building walls and a line extension thereof to the side Lot lines and to the road pavement line in front of the Lot. The Lots are to be kept in a clean, neat and attractive condition at all times which shall include, but not be limited to, the lawn being mowed, edged, properly treated for pests and fertilized as necessary to maintain a healthy appearance and free of all unsightly structures or debris. If an owner fails to comply with this Section, the Association shall be authorized pursuant to Section 14(C) to perform the necessary maintenance and charge the cost of same the Lot Owner as an assessment.**

SEVERAL VIOLATION LETTERS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THOSE OWNERS THAT THEIR LAWNS, FENCES AND HEDGES NEED ATTENTION. IF YOU RECEIVE ONE, PLEASE COMPLY WITH IT BEFORE YOU HAVE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FINING COMMITTEE.

IT'S OFFICAL THE POOL WILL OPEN ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30. PLEASE FOLLOW THE CDC GUIDELINES. OUR CAPACITY IS TEMPORARILY SET AT **14** PEOPLE IN THE POOL AND PROPER 6 FOOT DISTANCE WHILE IN AND OUT THE POOL. OFFICIAL GUIDELINES WILL BE POSTED ON THE OUTSIDE BULLETIN BOARD.

IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE ALL HOMEOWNERS WILL BE RECEIVING A LETTER PREPARED BY OUR ATTORNEY. THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER PLAINLY STATE THAT BEGINNING NOW IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL RESIDENTS READ YOUR DEED RESTRICTIONS AND BYLAWS AND COMPLY WITH THEM. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL OCCASIONS WHERE THERE HAS BEEN MODIFICATIONS TO HOMES AND LAWNS WITHOUT REQUESTING APPROVAL THRU THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AND APPROVAL BY THE BOARD. IT IS NOT THE INTENT OF THIS BOARD TO CREATE ANY HARDSHIP ON OUR RESIDENTS, BUT THE BOARD DOES HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE THAT OUR (YOURS) COMMUNITY REMAINS THE BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY THAT IT IS. PLEASE COMPLY WITH OUR DOCUMENTS AND AVOID RECEIVING A VIOLATION LETTER OR POSSIBLE FINE.



**Wine Down Friday**  
**Our Wine Down Fridays are still in limbo, hopefully we will be able to have a "Grand Finale next month**



**MY DAY OUT**

We are still waiting for the County to announce what the policy will be for restaurants to reopen again

*March 2020 Financial Report  
 Not Approved*

Balance Forward .....	82,238
Dues .....	3,600
New Owner Fee .....	600
Delinquent Fee .....	50
Income For The Month .....	4,250
Expenditures For The Month .....	3,410
Checking Account Balance .....	83,078
<b>Money Market</b>	
Beginning Balance .....	49,057
Interest .....	2
Balance .....	49,059
<b>Reserves</b>	
Swimming Pool .....	8,000
Air Conditioning .....	12,033
Roof .....	3,500
Hurricane Deductible .....	18,699
Building Improvements Budgeted .....	6,822
Total Reserves .....	49,054
Total Money Market .....	49,057
Unallocated Money Market .....	5
Total Funds Available .....	132,135

*Condolences*  
*To*  
*Margie Moore*  
*and Family*  
 of Crowsnest Drive  
 at the loss of her  
 husband  
*Brooke*  
 on March 30th.

**Happy  
 Mother's Day**





# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ANNUAL MEETING

## Submitted by Barb Kanehl

The theme of our annual Neighborhood Watch meeting held on March 11th and facilitated by Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputy Sean O'Brien, focused on "Scams and Identity Theft". His presentation mirrored our January 2020 newsletter article relative to "scamming", safeguarding our credit cards/debit cards, and our article in the December 2019 newsletter pertaining to "spoofing" wherein apps are used; i.e. phone numbers similar to our area (727-754-1234). These calls are programed to reflect legitimate companies on your caller ID such as Duke Energy. Deputy O'Brien noted that 50% of the calls received on US phones are scams. He provided the DO NOT CALL LIST national phone number 1-888-382-1222, or [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov), to aid in deferring these calls, along with Florida state 1-800-435-7352 or [www.fldnc.com](http://www.fldnc.com).

Phishing – Another scam that attempts to acquire information masquerading as a trustworthy entity.

Other topics related to Internet Fraud, Stranger in Need, and IRS scams. Be very wary of anyone wanting cash, or money transfers immediately, for any reason, or who use threatening tactics if you don't comply.

Internet medications - Less than 2% of online pharmacies are thought to be legitimate. Most are produced overseas in deplorable conditions and environments.

ID Theft - 2017, 16.7 million people fell victim to this scam; \$16.8 billion was stolen.

2014, 12.7 million fell victim with \$16.4 billion stolen.

Hacks & Breaches – Gas pump skimmers. Deputy O'Brien urged that cash be used in lieu of credit/debit cards. Additionally, he noted that WaWa is one of the more reputable places to purchase gas, and cautioned that we be diligent when pumping at ma and pa gas stations, i.e. Marathon. He added that if your card for payment moves when inserted; don't use that pump; or if you notice the "seal" has been broken. Additionally, he suggested that when using the gas pump, try to position your car so you can be seen by the store clerk. In most cases, a "skimmer" would not be installed due to visibility from the store.

ATM's - He discouraged the use of stand-alone machines.

Internet safety – If you didn't go surfing for it, don't install it. If you don't need an app, remove it. When shopping on line, be sure the website address ends in "s", i.e. <https://www....> He suggested using credit cards. If there are issues, all money will be refunded; however, that's not the case when using a debit card.

Passwords - Should be 10-12 characters and include both upper and lower case.

WiFi – If using this service outside of your home/office, i.e. Starbucks, be sure it's encrypted to prevent intruders from invading your computer/laptop, etc. Starbucks was noted as not having encryption.

Free credit report – It was suggested this be obtained every year.

If you decide you don't want to receive prescreened offers of credit and insurance, you have two choices: You can opt out of receiving them for 5 years or opt out of receiving them permanently. To opt out for 5 years: Call toll-free 1-888-5-OPT-OUT (1-888-567-8688) or visit [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com).

There are 3 different types of fraud alerts that can be added to credit reports:

Initial fraud – It's easy to add, and it's a good precaution even if you only "suspect", but aren't certain that a fraud occurred,

Extended fraud – lasts for 7 years.

Active duty fraud – This is for active members of the military who want to minimize their risk of identity theft while on deployment. It lasts for a year.

You can place any of these alerts by visiting one of the credit report agency's website (TransUnion, Equifax and Experian) that can be found on line.

Society today must be vigilant in safeguarding their personal information. There are too many scams in which we may become a victim, and more are being developed as I write. Be aware, alert, and if it sounds too good to be true, it is. Don't let hackers, scammers, etc. con you into things you know are not legitimate, or those who use scare tactics to get what they want; your personal information . . . all of it! Knowledge is the key to protecting yourself. Don't open emails from people you don't know, check their email address; don't open solicitations for things you did not seek and most of all be vigilant in your quest to prevent any intrusion to your computers, mail, and telephones.

## A Message From The Pool and Grounds Director Rick Lyons

I asked Dick for a paragraph in the newsletter to introduce myself and give you an update on a few items. My name is Rick Lyons. My wife, Lori and I moved to Anchorage in September of last year. We are extremely happy with our choice and plan on spending many years here. I was approached at one of the Wine Down parties and asked if I would be interested in helping with the pool. The next thing I know I'm on the board as the pool and grounds person. It was a bit overwhelming at first (it was leaf and pollen season...need I say more?) but I got it together and now have a pretty good handle on everything. I look forward to continuing to serve on the board and helping the community make Anchorage and even better place to live!

Last month, the day the newsletter was delivered, it was reported that the pool would remain open. However, shortly thereafter we were instructed by officials to close it. The good news is Pinellas County voted to allow public pools to re-open as of April 30, 2020. Lucky for me, I can get back to my morning swims!----

Some of you may have noticed or seen on our Facebook page that our Anchorage website is down. We are completely redoing the site, giving it a more updated look and adding some user-friendly features to it. We're about a week or two away from having it ready to go and could use some help from the community. If you have any medium to high-resolution pictures you think would work on the website, please email me. We're looking for pictures of the community, the clubhouse inside or out, the pool area, the grounds, etc. We would also love to see any pictures of our spectacular wildlife. The bottom line is we want the best pictures available to show off our amazing community!



# Food Collection

BARBARA SMITH OF 1057 MAINSAIL WAY HAS STARTED A COLLECTION OF **NON**-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO BE DONATED TO THE METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES. SHE WILL HAVE A BIN OUTSIDE HER FRONT DOOR TO COLLECT THESE ITEMS WHICH SHE THEN WILL DELIVER. THE COLLECTION WILL RUN UNTIL MAY 25TH.

AS A COMMUNITY, LET'S ALL TRY AND HELP OUT THE LESS FORTUNATE DURING THIS HORRID, TRYING PERIOD IN ALL OUR LIVES.

**Tobacco-free  
Campus**

For better health,  
smoking and use of  
tobacco products are  
prohibited everywhere  
on our property.



**The Board has approved that the Clubhouse  
and Swimming Pool Area is a Smoke Free  
Campus.**