

# **BAY WINDS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

**January 2014 – March 2014**

*May all the warmth and peace of the Christmas Season be with you now and throughout the coming year! The Bay Winds Board of Directors Wish you a Holiday Season and New Year filled with Warmth, Peace, Prosperity and Happiness! Scott, Bob, Kathy, Ron and Bob Brown*

Here are the latest updates on Bay Winds happenings since the last newsletter in September. As always, if there are any questions, feel free to contact any of your directors. I can be reached by e-mail at [rbresky@neo.rr.com](mailto:rbresky@neo.rr.com) or by phone at 330 633 8858. Scott's e-mail is [wspritchard@hotmail.com](mailto:wspritchard@hotmail.com) and his phone number is 440 748 2845.

1. **2014 Budget Approval:** The budget for 2014 was approved at the Director's Meeting held on Saturday October 12, 2013. After reviewing the budget with the other directors, the budget was approved as presented. There will be NO increase in quarterly assessments for the year 2014. Assessments will remain at the current amount of \$280 per quarter.

2. **Bits and Pieces from the Director's Meeting of October 12, 2013:**

The board approved a Christmas gratuity of \$125 for Matt Minto for his continuous work of doing an outstanding job in providing lawn service here at Bay Winds. The gratuity was the same as last year's.

We also discussed the increase that we received in the contract with Jeff Wadsworth for the installation of our new sewer system. The \$6000 figure was not part of the original proposal of \$56,270. There was confusion as to whether or not the county would provide the backfill gravel. It turns out that they do not and we need to absorb that cost. Jeff Wadsworth estimated a cost for the gravel of \$6000 which is 500 tons at \$12.00 a ton. The \$6000 figure was only an estimate and we will pay only for the actual tonnage used during the construction. The total cost of the Sewer Project (excluding hitting rock and paying the \$150/hour rock clause fee) is \$62,270. Connection of laterals to each unit is at the home owner's expense. (At the time of this writing, construction has already begun and all of you were notified of the need to close the road at Bay Winds to vehicular traffic from Tuesday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> to approximately Tuesday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. During this time they will be digging the trench down the center of the road, installing the manholes and laying the main sewer pipe. The trench needs to remain open for pressure testing of the pipe and connections and approval by the county before it can be back filled. After that is done, the connecting of the laterals to each unit will begin. Once all units are connected, the old

sewer line will be disconnected. After it has been jet cleaned, the old line will be redirected toward the marina for storm water drainage. The final phase of the project will be to install the new water line from about Aliff's to the pavilion. Remember that even though we are expecting the project to take about three to four weeks, it may be longer than that depending on the weather.) As per our contract with Wadsworth construction, we have issued a check to them in the amount of \$18,000 which was due when the project began. The balance is to be paid upon completion.

Scott Harris again will do our snow plowing for the winter season. The cost is \$300. Auto plow for 2" or more of snow as needed -- December 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

The contract with Matt's Lawn Service for next year was approved by the board and renewed at \$188 per cut. This is an increase of \$10/cut from 2013.

Finally, the board will try to have bids for road resurfacing-- both asphalt and chip and seal so that it can be discussed at the annual meeting in May. That way, a decision can be made at that meeting as to how to proceed and move forward with the road resurfacing as soon as practical.

3. **Insect spraying and pressure washing for 2014:** A flyer will be sent to all residents in December with the quarterly statement asking if they would like to have their unit pressure washed and sprayed for insects next spring. Pressure washing will again be done by John Henry and insect spraying will be done by Richard Kmetz. You will be asked to fill out the form and return it by a certain date indicating what your choices are: pressure wash and spray; pressure wash only; spray only etc. You will then be billed for that cost with the next assessment in March. That way, the association will receive one bill for the cost. This saves book keeping costs and time for both John Henry as well as Richard Kmetz. Richard has agreed to spray the pavilion, fence and sign for free if we do it this way.

4. **Condolences to the Family of Chris Meyer:** John Meyer's brother Chris passed away at John's Bay Winds home on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>. All of us at Bay Winds offer our deepest sympathies to John and to Chris's family. No funeral service was held, but a memorial service will be held at a later date when all family members can be present. The family suggested that any memorial contributions be made to the Island Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary Inc.

5. **Thank You Darlene and Jim Kolesar:** We would like to offer our gratitude once again to Jim and Darlene for their tireless efforts in planning and hosting our social events over the years. It goes without saying that there is a lot of work involved in planning the social events and making sure that there is enough food and spirits for all. Thank you also to all the folks who have pitched in to help Darlene and Jim make our social events throughout the year very memorable, by helping set up the tables and the canopy, cooking at the grill and cleaning up after the event was over. It is a lot of work, but when people pitch in to help, the burden doesn't fall on just a few.

6. **Director's Terms Expire:** The terms of Bob Bresky and Kathy Good will expire this year. Two directors need to be elected at the Annual Meeting in May 2014. If you are interested in running for election as a director, please contact any of the current board members so that your name can be placed on the ballot.

7. **The Marina Is Now Ready For Winter:** The marina is now ready for whatever Old Man Winter has in store for us this year. A **heartly thank you** to the following people who gave of their time on Saturday October 12, 2013 to put away the summer furniture, winterize the water lines and move the docks to their winter positions: **Shari and Scott Aliff, Paul Chontos, Kathy & Craig Good, Steve Cifranic, Jim & Darlene Kolesar, Ron Potter, Craig Hejl, Sue Hejl, Mark Gorrell, Scott Pritchard and Bob Bresky.** We all enjoyed the camaraderie, laughing and joking with each other, but also accomplished much on behalf of the association, thereby saving us the expense of paying to have the docks moved and the other work done. Again, thank you to all who came to pitch in when the request was made. Thank you also to Jim and Darlene for hosting the luncheon on that day for all the workers. Also a big thank you goes out to Jim & Marilyn Lutheran who allowed us to store the summer furniture for the winter on their enclosed sun porch.

**May you all have a wonderful and blessed Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!**