

Sea Country

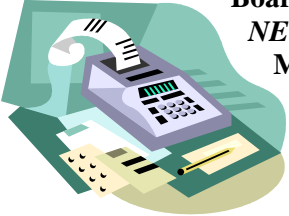


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2009 BUDGET

The 2009 Budget has been approved by the Board of Directors and the *GOOD NEWS* is that there is *NO* increase in Maintenance Fees for 2009. Your Board of Directors is doing everything possible to keep expenses under control. But please keep in mind that with the huge increases in water, sewer, electricity and other expenses necessary to operate Sea Country, an increase in maintenance fees may become necessary in the future. It is important to remember that D. R. Horton continues to contribute \$5,000 *per month* toward the expenses for Sea Country Master Association.



expenses? Money from vending machine sales and recreation room rentals helps to offset the Master Association expenses. Every time you purchase something from the vending machines or rent the recreation center, you are actually contributing right back to your community! It's a good thing.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next REGULAR Board of Director's Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 5:30pm in the Sea Country Club House. All interested owners are invited to attend. The meetings typically last about 2 hours, so by the time most folks get home, the meeting is still going on and owners will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues important to them.



Many folks are still confused about what their \$32.50 Master Association Dues pay for. Some are under the impression that these dues are simply for the pool. Your Sea Country Master Association dues pay for *much more* than that. It pays for the gardeners to maintain the Master Association common area landscaping throughout the property (over \$60,000 per year). It pays for the water for the landscaping (almost \$60,000 per year), and the electricity to run the recreation center and pool equipment. It pays for restroom supplies, janitorial supplies and the insurance for the recreation center. It pays for the resident manager's salary and health insurance and much more. The Board is constantly looking for lower costs without sacrificing service or quality. Contracts are bid out as often as necessary to make sure we are getting the best prices.



Mark your calendar! Sea Country Master Association's ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009. You will be receiving some important information by mail in mid-December. Please don't get it mixed up with your holiday mail. You will be requested to mail in your proxy. Owners can save the Association quite a bit of money by sending in your proxy as soon as you receive it in the mail. Multiple mailings cost the Association a lot of unnecessary expense! Please do your part to keep fees down. Mahalo.

PET ETIQUETTE

Did you know that all of the money collected from vending machine purchases and recreation room rentals are deposited directly into the Master Association's operating account and used toward paying Association

Because this is such a hot topic, it is in almost every newsletter! This is a friendly reminder that pets must either be carried or on a leash at all times when on the common areas. Please be a responsible pet owner and pick up

after your pet when they do their “business”.



Some pet owners are forgetting to pick up after their pets. Remember that picking up after your dog is not optional, it is the law. Your kind understanding and consideration is greatly

appreciated!



SEA COUNTRY WEBSITE

For those of you who have not visited the Sea Country Community Association website, accessing the site is easy. Simply go to <http://www.sea-country.net/> and you are at the site! If there is something you would like to see on the website or have any suggestions, please contact Ed Laur (Resident Manager) at 630-7157. If it is a good idea, every effort will be made to implement your suggestion. Please take a moment to look at the site and become familiar with its features.



DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Everywhere you look, Holiday decorations are already going up, and it is not even Thanksgiving yet! If you are planning to decorate for the Holidays this year (and we encourage you to do so), please remember that your exterior decorations should be removed within 15 days after the holiday. Again, this applies to exterior decorations. For example, if you want to leave your Christmas tree up until Easter, that is up to you (as long as it is inside your house!) Some friendly “neighborhood competition” might be fun to see who has the best decorations!



SEA COUNTRY CLUB POOL ID TAGS

The Photo ID program has been underway for several months now. There are still many residents who have yet to obtain their Sea Country Club Pool Photo ID tags and new residents who have not obtained their key



fobs. Since the inception of the Photo ID, the amount of uninvited “guests” has decreased dramatically! This means that the Sea Country recreation area can now be enjoyed by more Sea Country residents and their invited guests. If you have not picked up your ID tag, they are issued on the 2nd and last Tuesday of each month between

the hours of 8am - Noon and 3pm to 7pm at the Recreation Center. Homeowners will need to bring a photo ID and renters will need to provide proof of residency by bringing a copy of their lease or rental agreement. The cost for the photo ID pool access card is \$1.50 each. The \$1.50 cost per ID tag is to help defray the cost of the equipment to produce the ID tags. If you have any questions or need more information about the photo ID cards, please call the Resident Manager, Ed Lauer, at 630-7157 or 447-9723, or you may call Marc Udoff, the Sea Country Master Association Property Manager from Hawaiiana Management at 593-6819.

SAFETY FIRST!

The Sea Country Community continues to grow at a fast pace. It is very important that all residents are conscious of safety issues. An important place to start would be to ask each and every driver within Sea Country to PLEASE come to a complete STOP at the STOP signs. It is especially dangerous near the Recreation Center, where the highest concentration of children and adults are crossing to get to the pool. *Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.*



QUIET HOURS

The Holidays are right around the corner! With the Holidays come holiday parties. Please be considerate of your neighbors by lowering the volume after 10pm as outlined in the “Quiet Hours” guidelines. Please remind visitors not to blast their boom boxes while driving through the property. Let’s have a Holiday Season everyone can enjoy!

