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## President's Corner by Maurice Boudreau

Since this is my first President's Message, I would like to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Maurice J Boudreau and I have lived in Merritt Island since 1999. I am a licensed Real Estate Broker selling both residential/commercial real estate and businesses around the world. My wife Pat is also a Realtor here in Merritt Island.

I would like to welcome all new members to the East Merritt Island Home Owner Association (EMIHOA) and thank the current members for their continued support. Through my leadership, I hope to ignite a spark of enthusiasm and involvement in our 52 year old association. I'm determined to address the issues critical to Merritt Island over the next year. Your Board's objective will be to listen to members and to keep focused on issues directly affecting our great community and hopefully have a little fun while doing it. Our proverbial doors are always open for discussion and we will do our best to answer your questions, concerns, and ongoing matters of interest to residents in Merritt Island. Feel free to email any of your Board members with your questions, comments, or concerns.

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## Scheduled meetings for 2015-2016

Scheduled meetings for 2015-2016 are listed below (meeting time 7:00 p.m.):

September 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

October 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

November 10<sup>th</sup> 2015

January 12<sup>th</sup> 2016

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

March 8<sup>th</sup> 2016

April 12<sup>th</sup> 2016

May 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Annual Meeting

Newsletters are mailed to paid members 8 times a year and to all Merritt Island Residents twice a year. If you would like to advertise your Merritt Island business or post an announcement, contact Ben @ Ben@ReelEstateBrevard.com

All meetings are held at the Lighthouse Christian Church at 1250 North Banana River Drive. Please attend if you are able. Minutes from the meetings will be made available on EMIHOA.org shortly after each meeting.

**THANK YOU to Picnic Attendees and Sponsors!!**

The weather was perfect for the 10th Annual EMIHOA picnic which was held on April 26th at Kelly Park on East Merritt Island. Once again, the food was outstanding, and a big kudos to Joe Hain and all the chefs, including those who brought a dessert and dishes to share. We had a great crowd, many of whom received one of the many wonderful gift certificates donated by various businesses on the Island. Fun was had by all! We want to take this opportunity to thank the following Picnic Sponsors and door prize donors, and local businesses located on East Merritt Island:

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**Dr. San H. Thiha - Carrie's Island Produce - Outback Steakhouse - Carrabba's Italian Grill - Triangle Auto - Wal-Mart Super Center - Crest Cleaners - BJ's Wholesale Club - Robin Lake of Desbrit Styles - Bonefish Grill Sports Authority of Merritt Island - Island Art by Bruce Reigle - Mike Erdman Toyota - PIP Printing of M.I.**

**Proposed EMIHOA Bylaws amendments!**

In an attempt to stay current, we are proposing the following changes to the EMIHOA Bylaws. Please come to the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to be a part of these changes.

PARAGRAPH V – General Membership

Section 1 – Member

- A. Any person, 18 years or older who is a resident or property owner in the peninsular area bounded on the west by Sykes Creek and Newfound Harbor, on the east by the Banana River, and on the north by the Barge Canal may be a member of this Association.
- B. Change above language to include area within the zip code of 32952 may be a member of this Association.**

Section 3 – Dues

- A. Annual membership dues amount shall be determined by the Board of Directors, and affirmed by vote of the general membership.
- B. Change proposed Annual membership dues will be billed at the rate of \$25 per year on January 1st due and payable upon invoice.**

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PARAGRAPH IX – Procedures for Amending these Bylaws

Section 1 – Who May Initiate

Any member in good standing may submit proposed amendments to these Bylaws to the Board of Directors in writing.

Section 2 – Notification and Voting

- A. Members shall be notified prior to the general meeting by newsletter that Bylaws will be discussed and changes considered. At the general meeting there shall be a discussion of the proposed amendment or amendments before voting.
- B. A 2/3 majority approval of members present will make the amendment or amendments part of this document.

**2015 Hurricane Season is under way!**

The 2015 Atlantic hurricane season is well under way. The season officially began on June 1, and will end on November 30. These dates describe the period each year when most hurricanes form in the Atlantic Ocean. However, the formation of tropical cyclones is possible at any time of the year. You can visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s website at [Ready.gov/Hurricanes](http://Ready.gov/Hurricanes) to view the recommended steps to take to be prepared in the event a hurricane will be in the area.

**County Commissioner Resolution Opposes Port Rail Route!**

**BREVARD COUNTY • VIERA, FLORIDA – Brevard County District 2 Commissioner Jim Barfield wants to make one thing clear when it comes to a resolution he drafted opposing a proposed cargo railway that would service Port Canaveral – he isn’t against the rail, he’s against where port officials have proposed**

**to build it. UPDATE:** The non-binding resolution, which passed unanimously during Thursday night's Commission meeting, asked the Canaveral Port Authority to seek an alternative route for the railway that would run over the Banana River and through the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. The commission also asked that the port meet with them for a workshop to discuss their differences on the plans.

**Open Letter to the Port Canaveral Commissioners**

Dear Port Commissioners,

The East Merritt Island Home Owners Association has expressed their dissatisfaction with CPA both verbally and now in writing regarding the proposed Cargo Rail Routes. As we work to involve the community in this process, we recognize that many events have shaped the discussion. None have been so important as the resignation of John Walsh this past week. We are confident that our collaboration with Commissioner Jim Barfield to put forward his resolution opposing the Rail Routes through Merritt Island was successful because of community involvement. He has been our champion and he intends to continue to stand up for the community he serves, unlike the actions heretofore demonstrated by the CPA Commissioners.

In the past few years it has become obvious that the CPA has had little concern for the welfare of the citizens it serves, but in fact their only design has been to maximize profits by engaging in increasingly risky endeavors. Stepping outside the Port of Canaveral in land acquisition is one example of that hedge fund-like mentality. Historically, CPA would only invest in facilities that had been previously contracted and paid for by new revenues. Since the absurd construction of the Exploration Tower where CPA missed the mark dramatically, we the citizens of Brevard County see ourselves in grave jeopardy of bearing the tax burden for poor investment decisions. Trying to compete with Port Everglades, Port of Miami and Port of Jacksonville is totally beyond the absurd. They have a massive infrastructure that our Port could never hope to match. Land acquisition miles away from the Port in a foolhardy attempt to compensate for the Port's logistical deficiencies is neither cost effective nor functionally logical.

In closing, for our future wellbeing, it is imperative that the CPA return to the mission for which it was chartered and put a stop the unaccountable and unanswerable behavior that has put our whole community in a state of panic.

Sincerely,  
Maurice J Boudreau  
President EMIHOA

**For more information or to sign the petition opposing the Port Canaveral rail project, visit:**  
<http://stopportcanaveralrailextension.com/>

**For Port Canaveral's Project Website & EIS, visit – <http://www.portcanaveralraileis.com/>**

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