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President's Corner

I hope everyone like me is happy the election is over. Regardless if your candidate won or lost, I hope we can all come together and support the winners in this election. That is how democracy works.

This past month EMIHOA was proud to host a Make A Difference day event. To all that participated I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We had a smaller group of volunteers, but made a major impact on our neighborhood. We need to do more community related events like this in the future. I have to thank Marilyn Prout in particular for pulling this event together and helping to clean up our neighborhoods for at least this one weekend.

This month Bob Harvey gets placed as our new Port Commissioner thanks to all of you. He will be introduced at the Nov 16th meeting starting at 9:00am. He asked me to be one of his two Ambassadors and I have agreed that I would be honored to help him in any way possible. So, please join us if you can to show our support for him. He is looking forward to meeting with us on a regular basis so he can hear us share our thoughts and concerns regarding Port issues. -Maurice Boudreau



EMIHOA Meetings

Please Join us at our meetings!

Lighthouse Church
1250 N. Banana River Drive
Merritt Island

- November 15th 7:00pm
-Short meeting about what we would like to accomplish next year.

If you would like to recommend a speaker please email president@Emihoa.org.

You can also find all of our scheduled meetings on our website at EMIHOA.org

Sponsor Spotlight: Karen Hartung

A Licensed Realtor since 1993, Karen Hartung co-owned Hartung Real Estate from 2004-2013 at which time Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate bought her company. Her background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and an Associates of Science degree in Interior Architecture and Design. She has been in all aspects of the field of residential construction from design and engineering, to remodeling, to sales.

Since entering the sales force, Karen has consistently been a top producer and has been recognized as such locally and nationally. She attributes her success to her knowledge of the industry and local knowledge but also to her savvy way with numbers... being able to work creatively with numbers in order to make it work for her buyers and sellers.

As a real estate investor, Karen believes in the 'buy and hold' concept of wealth building and enjoys helping people make money on their investment whether it is their primary residence or an addition to their real estate portfolio. She especially loves helping young people get started in wealth building through real estate. Karen has closed nearly 400 transactions and has the experience to help even the most inexperienced to make the best choice for themselves and their family.

Professional Education and Designations:

B.A. Biology/Chemistry
High School Teaching Certificate
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Real Estate License
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Residential Specialist
Certified International Property Specialists

Karen has been a Brevard County Resident since 1988 and currently resides in Riverwalk in Island Crossings. In her free time she enjoys traveling around the world, photography, renovating and decorating, spinning and cycling, gardening, reading and walking the beach. She loves dogs and photographs them whenever she can. She is and has been involved in many civic organizations such as Rotary and The Angels Society as she believes in giving back through service to her community.

All About Litter

A loud shout-out of thanks to all of the very hard working and devoted volunteers who joined us for our first annual Make a Difference Day cleanup. It was a success! We were able to cleanup all of North Banana River Drive, Sykes Creek Parkway, and the 520 Merritt Island Causeway from NBRD to Kiwanis Island Park. The yield was 41+ bags, including large pieces of debris.

During the cleanup litter was thrown at one of the volunteers and at several the "Stop Litter" signs. It began to reappear almost immediately. What is this malicious defiance? Why do people litter?

Research on reasons for littering is ongoing and remains inconclusive. Some theories include: it's an expression of anger; it instills a sense of power; look-at-me-I'm-not-invisible, similar to graffiti; people believe that whatever they do, others will pick up after them; people are lazy. Litterers have no sense of responsibility. When people litter, they know they're littering. They are fully conscious human beings.

FACTS ABOUT LITTER

- 1. Estimates from 2013 indicate that 1.9 billion tons of litter ends up in the ocean every year. This is more than the amount of trash generated every year which is only 250 million. Locally, 350 "washback" baby sea turtles are in the Sea Turtle Healing Center, weak and dying from eating tiny pieces of plastic they mistook for food. Ocean currents carry plastics across the planet.
2. \$11.5 billion is spent every year to clean up litter.
3. 50% of littered items are cigarette butts. They take 10 years to decompose.
4. A State of Tennessee poll shows that 50% of smokers claim to properly dispose of their butts.
5. 75% of people admit to littering in the past 5 years.
6. The most common object found in descending order: fast food wrappers; aluminium, glass and plastic.
7. Men are more likely to litter than women.
8. Most people who deliberately litter are between 18-34 years old.
9. Sources of litter include motorists, pedestrians, uncovered loads, persons fishing, and boaters.

Littering is illegal. Littering is expensive. Litter is dangerous. Litter can be controlled. People need to be educated about the ill effects of littering.

Reducing litter is just a 3 step process: stop littering; pick up litter; report if you find someone littering illegally. Be responsible. If you won't, who will? Code Enforcement Office: (312)633-2086

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