

Placid Lakes Home and Property Owners Association, Inc.



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You Paid or

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News and Views

Your Dues?

Please Do

Look on Page 3 for the membership form.

Special Events

Christmas Party

For members and guests of the Association at Town hall
December 14, 2009
5:00 PM — 7:00 PM

Dinner food will be provided by the Association
Members may bring their own desserts

General Membership Meeting

Town Hall
December 14, 2009
7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Annual Meeting: Town Hall

February 15, 2010
7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

Election of board members,
By-Laws and other valuable information will be presented
Access our Web Site for up-to-date Agendas, Minutes and other information.

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Board of Directors (all addresses are Lake Placid, Florida)

Bliss, Sam
President

Yeager, Diane
Vice President

Bailey, Seldon
Treasurer

Brewer, Pam
Board Secretary

Bailey, Seldon, Chair
Roads and Lighting

Koderhandt, Richard
Chair Recreation & Canals

Susie Lee
Chair Membership

Mason, Barbara
Office Manager
Chair Special Events

J. P. Plunkett
Past President

Non-Board Members

Brown, Mavis
Associate Secretary

Members may obtain a set of the Bylaws, Standing Rules and Management Action Plans at Town Hall from the volunteers.

Membership, dues, and key card lists and other interesting facts are being stored on the computer at Town Hall.

Board of Directors & Membership Meetings

The Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month (no meeting in July) in Town Hall 7:00-9:00 PM.

Membership meetings are four times each year in Town Hall 7:00-9:00 PM. The Board welcomes your comments and ideas.

Town Hall is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Open hours: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Town Hall Usage

Birthday parties and other events must be scheduled through the Office Volunteers at Town Hall.

August Tobler Park Use

Park usage must be reserved and scheduled through the Office Volunteers at Town Hall.

A special request form must be completed prior to the use of Tobler Park and Town Hall.

Maintenance of Town Hall and Park

Dave Jackson, Maintenance work

Placid Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

Business Meeting is held the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p. m. at the Fire Station.

Highlands County

Board of County Commissioners

Meet on Tuesday of each week starting at 9:00 AM
County Public Information (863) 402-6833

**The Lake Placid Annual Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 12, 2009**

Placid Lakes Subdivision

Placid Lakes Home and Property Owners Association, Inc. (Association) is an organization that serves all persons who own property in Placid Lakes. The Board of Directors (Board) welcomes and invites you to actively participate in the affairs of the Association. By doing so you will help make Placid Lakes Subdivision a better place to live.

All Board members are volunteers as well as the persons who open the Town Hall building during the week. The Town Hall volunteers are there to meet and provide valuable information to all people who either live in and/or have questions about Placid Lakes Subdivision.

The Association was founded as a not for profit corporation by the State of Florida on August 29, 1969 and is governed by Corporation Articles and By-Laws. Later on June 20, 1985 the Association was recertified by the State of Florida according to Department of State, State of Florida.

Persons who own property in Placid Lakes Sub-division can become members by paying a voluntary membership fee of \$25.00. Membership entitles person to attend Membership meetings with voting privileges and access to the park with a key card. The Board meetings are operated under an agenda as are the membership meetings. Agenda, Minutes and financial information are available free at Town Hall and on the Association's Web site.

One of the more important responsibilities of the Association's Board and the volunteers is being your advocate and communication intermediary to the Highlands County Government and the administrators working in the county offices. The Board meets each month of the year (no Board meeting in July) to manage affairs of the Association and its responsibilities to Highlands County for all persons living in the Placid Lakes.

Other responsibilities include preparation of annual budgets for the Association, management of operations and expenses and conducting board meetings and general membership meetings. In addition, the Board of Directors assists Highlands County with the development of the Special Benefit District Budget, assisting in reporting code violations, monitoring the road system and oversight of the Park and maintenance of Town Hall.

How to help?

Here are some suggestions for you to make Placid Lakes a healthy, safe and enjoyable place to live. Assist in helping to make this community so that all persons are proud to say that they live and own property in Placid Lakes Sub-division.

1. Become a member of the Association.
2. Contact any Board member with your ideas and issues related to the Placid Lakes Sub-division.
3. Attend the Board and General Membership meetings.
4. Become a member of the Board of Directors and/or be a volunteer worker.

Mission of the Association

To unite home and property owners for the purpose of planning and working together for the social, economic and cultural betterment of people owning property in Placid Lakes Sub-Division as stated in the By-Laws.

Planning and working together we will make a difference in Placid Lakes!

Here's How To Join

Visit the Town Hall located at:

2010 Placid Lakes Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida 33852

The Town Hall office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A volunteer will be present to assist you. You may wish to contact a Board member and request a membership application be mailed **Town Hall is closed the entire month of July each year.**

The membership voluntary fee is \$25.00. We accept check payments or cash. Complete the membership form on Page 3 cut it out and mail it or take to Town Hall.

Welcome Center

The **Welcome Center** displays and provides information, forms, and messages for all who wish to stop by the outer Screen Room of Town Hall. A visitor can leave a message for the volunteers when they are not on duty in the Office of Town Hall. The Screen Room is open 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Volunteers organize and provide up-to-date information about Placid Lakes Home and Property Owner Association, Inc. activities and other regional events.

Special Benefit Districts (SBD)

Placid Lakes Subdivision is one of 24 Special Benefit Districts (SBD) in Highlands County. SPD were created under Florida State law to assist counties to provide services for sub-divisions. Highlands County collects a non-Ad Valorem tax each year to pay for these services. The non-Ad Valorem tax for Placid Lakes Sub-division is \$20.00. This appears each year at the bottom of your property tax form. The non-Ad Valorem tax of \$20.00 was set when the SBD for the Sub-division was created. Over the years it has never been increased.

Examples of services provided to Placid Lakes Sub-division are security, mowing of streets, electrical power for street lights, care of flower beds, maintenance of the park and gate at Arthur Tobler Park and the gate entrance, etc.

The Board of County Commissioners conducts Highlands County business on Tuesday of each week beginning at 9:00 a. m. The business of the SBD follows the County Agenda on the same day.

Board and Membership Meeting Dates

Meeting dates may change. Please call the Town Hall office to verify actual date of the forthcoming meeting. Meeting Dates 2009-2010

General Membership

Mark your calendars and plan to attend these important membership meetings of your Association.

- December 14, 2009
- February 15, 2010
- May 17, 2010
- September 20, 2010
- December 13, 2010
- February 14, 2011

Board of Directors

- December 8, 2009
- January 12, 2010
- February 9, 2010
- March 9, 2010
- April 13, 2010
- May 11, 2010
- June 8, 2010

July No Meeting

- August 10, 2010
- September 8, 2010
- October 12, 2010
- November 9, 2010
- December 7, 2010
- January 11, 2011

Office Notes From "BARB" Office Manager

I would like to wish everyone "Happy Holidays". Hope this coming year will be the best for all. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 10:00 to 1:00 P.M. I would like to thank the following office volunteers for their hard work and dedication: Bonnie Hopkins, Betty Harshbarger, Joyce Briski and Susie Lee.

Without their help our office would not and could not run.

The Placid Lakes Home and Property Owners Association, Inc. is always looking for volunteers, so if you have any free time, please talk to me about finding a job for you, telephone 465-4888.

The 2010 membership dues are payable now. Please come in or mail your \$25.00 along with the form in this newsletter and as always, we are looking for and need new members.

Keep Placid Lakes a beautiful place to live.

Highlands County collects yard trash the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month if it is put in front of your home yard. **They will not pick up trash on empty lots or in the median of streets.**

Be a litter "picker-upper". "Go Green"- do things such as: plant trees, shrubs, herbs and flowers that are native to Placid Lakes area. Recycle paper, plastic, book, glass and take hazardous items to the County dump on Skipper Road.

GOOD TO KNOW

County Commissioner Don Bates, has selected Placid Lakes for creating a Model S u b d i v i s i o n . The Board is planning with Mr. Bates to define and implement the Model Community concept. The Board of Directors have completed a survey all roads, defined their condition and identified the need for repair. The Board presented the findings in a meeting with Mr. Bates and Mr. Kyle Green, Director of the county's road system.

Coming Soon in 2010

Neighbor Watch Program
Firewise Program
Bar-be-cue by Placid Lakes Fire Department
These programs are in the planning stages and will be discussed at our future meetings.

Cut along this line to mail or take the completed Form to Town Hall

Membership Application FY 2010

Placid Lakes Home and Property Owners Association, Inc

2010 Placid Lakes Boulevard, Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-4888

Membership fee is \$25.00 per year. The membership year is January 1 through December 31. The Association collects yearly fees October 1 through September 30, the fiscal year of the Association. Your participation helps the Association maintain the office and give a united voice for our community. New Member Renewal of Membership

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Lake Placid Address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Alternate Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Contact Me—I want to Volunteer _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Year:	Log in Date:	Cash/Check #:	
Key Card #:	Database Date:	Recorded By:	NL 12/04/2009

**Placid Lakes Home and Property
Owners Association, Inc.**

2010 Placid Lake Boulevard

Lake Placid, FL 33852



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The Association's Bylaws Article IV Board of Directors in Sections 1 through 8 describes how the board members are elected, their terms of office and responsibilities. Also, included in Article IV are sections that set forth the requirements for board meetings, determination of a quorum, voting, removal and vacancies.

The Board of Directors members are elected or re-elected by the Association's Membership at the Annual Meeting in February each year. The elected Board of Directors then elect the Officers of the Board (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary). There are currently 9 Association members on the Board of Directors.

Board Activities

- ◆ The Association is an advocate, intermediary and liaison with the local, county and state government for the purpose of ensuring the maintenance and improvement of Placid Lakes Sub-division.
- ◆ Management of the Board of Directors meetings and the General membership Meetings.
- ◆ Presenting a united front in support of legislation favorable to Placid Lakes Subdivision.
- ◆ Management of the budget and expenditures. The fiscal year is October 1st to September 30th.
- ◆ Collection of annual membership fees and membership records of members in good standing (dues paid).
- ◆ Establishment of programs that will enhance and/or maintain the value of all properties in Placid Lakes.

The Board of Directors thank current members who have contributed time and effort to help our community. If you are not a member we encourage you to join us to work for the place where you live.