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Hammer Point's Newsletter

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If you spot a crocodile in Hammer Point canals, try to get a picture of it and call FWC Nuisance Alligator and Crocodile Division (866.392-4286) register a complaint as to its location, date of sighting and then email the picture including the complaint number to snap@myfwc.com. They will ask if you want the animal removed.

We will keep you advised and informed of activities and events in and around our area, but we need your help. Not all of us live full time in Hammer Point, therefore we do not always read the local newspapers. If you know of activities and / or events that you think would be of interest, let us know. The email address is hpnewsletter@aol.com. Please get the information to us by the 25th of the month so we have time to include it. Items can be submitted anonymous or not.

Iguanas have become a regular in our canals and on our docks and now we are receiving complaints of chickens roaming and rooster crowing. It turns out that both of these animals have something in common besides being pests. They both can carry diseases that can be infectious to humans.

Thought for the day: "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." **Eleanor Roosevelt**

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Items of interest:

The Hammer Point Owner's Association annual meeting was well attended and highly informative. In case you missed it here are some of the highlights:

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office District 7 Tavernier had four representatives in attendance, Captain Spenser Bryan, Lt. Chuck Kellenberger, Sgt. M. Benedetti and Sgt. James Hager. Crime is low in Monroe County but just because it is don't get lax. They spoke about the importance of keeping your eyes open and watching what is going on in your neighborhood and to never not report any suspicious activity or goings on to their

office, 305.853-3211. Don't leave things out thinking to pick them up later because they may not be there later. Be suspicious of strange PWCs in your canal as they may be "casing" the area. It is far better to report a suspicious activity than to ignore it because making the Sheriff's Office aware may assist them in tying that activity to one previously reported or to give them something to be on the lookout for.

President Helen Shinnars talked about the wild chickens roaming Hammer Point and that the HPOA investigated the cost of having them removed, but as long as residents feed them they will multiply making it a never ending battle. Editor's note: The Pelican Press published this six months ago: "Raising chickens in Monroe County residential neighborhood is illegal. If you have a neighbor who has chicken coops in their yard report that address to Animal Control 305.451-0088." Each month since we have mentioned that wild chickens have something in common with Iguanas, both are pests and both can carry diseases that can be infectious to humans. See the paragraph above **Thought for the day.** Yard waste must be less than 4 inches in diameter and 4-foot lengths; it can be placed loosely in cans, or cut to 4-foot lengths and bundled. Cans or bundles should not exceed the 50-pound limit. Branches should not extend more than 12 inches above the trash can.

Bulk Waste Pickup. Large items, including furniture, carpeting, appliances, can be removed free for residents. Call 305.367-4236 and it will be scheduled for pick up.

The by-laws were modified and amended, and some case streamlined. The annual dues were increased from \$70 to \$100 with the hopes of building the reserves. Unfortunately not all Hammer Point residents support the HPOA.

Mike Turner (Secretary for HPOA) spoke about that on a regular basis several homeowners voluntarily walk around the neighborhood picking up trash along the common roadways which has helped a lot. He also inquired of the Homeowners in attendance if additional initiatives e.g., considering some landscaping and lighting enhancements at the entrance to Hammer Point would be something they consider important and would want to HOA to pursue. The homeowners overwhelmingly and enthusiastically agreed that this would be a worthwhile undertaking that they could get behind. With this positive reinforcement, the HOA Board will undertake an exploratory effort to determine what would make sense as well as how such an effort could be funded. One homeowner suggested a voluntary "Beautification Donation" from homeowners as something other communities have done. Stay tuned for more on this topic.

Al Aldridge updated the goings on of the planned development at the old Cemex site on the East side of US 1 across from the Dairy Queen. Publix is planning a 68,000 sq ft store there, much larger than either the store in Islamorada or Key Largo. The affordable housing seems to be lagging behind. The project is not a full go yet. The developers are still trying to get some zoning variances and there are a couple of organizations against the entire project because of these variances and the impact it will have on traffic etc.

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