



Indian Lake Estates Community News

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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

The primary goals of this board when we took office in January of this year were to return all the Special Assessment monies and to initiate a plan for a vital increase in our annual maintenance.

Nearly three months have passed since we mailed out the ballots seeking that vital increase. Since that time, we have received nearly half the necessary votes. Speaking as one whose glass is always 2/3 full, I think this is a great start. I realize it falls quite short of the necessary mark; however, in 1994, the last time such an effort was underway, it took a year and a half to get the required number of ballots. So, I think we are doing great. Ballots continue to trickle in and efforts are underway to contact many of these owners to remind them about the ballots and the importance of protecting their investment here.

I have heard many comments and listened to many opinions regarding the increase. They range across the board. I have heard that we are not increasing the commercial lots enough. They are being raised \$50. This is the same amount the base is being increased on all the lots.

Some are opposed because of the economic climate. True, it is poor timing. I wonder, though, what would be a good time to request an increase? And, that same economic climate is one of the things making it so imperative for us to get the additional maintenance monies.

There are some who think the increase is too much or that there is no need to maintain many of the amenities that we have here. Frankly, I would not want to be trying to market real property in Indian Lake Estates if there were no amenities to offer. I am sure that the local real estate agents would confirm the importance of these items. And, yes, the real estate market is anything but brisk right now. However, history has shown that the markets rise and fall. The day will come when things start selling again. We are poised to benefit from that. Development in Florida follows road expansion. The expansion on Route 60 that leads right to our entrance had just been completed when the bottom dropped out of the economy. The good things we anticipated as a result of that have just been delayed. Unfortunately, we cannot delay maintenance without it costing us considerably more.

So, I appeal to those of you who have not yet sent back your ballot indicating support of this increase. Please do so now while you are thinking of it. If you have lost or misplaced the ballot, there is a copy in this newsletter. Or, give our office a call or check the internet for a copy. It can be faxed, scanned or emailed back to us. For the many of you who have already sent in your ballots, we sincerely thank you.

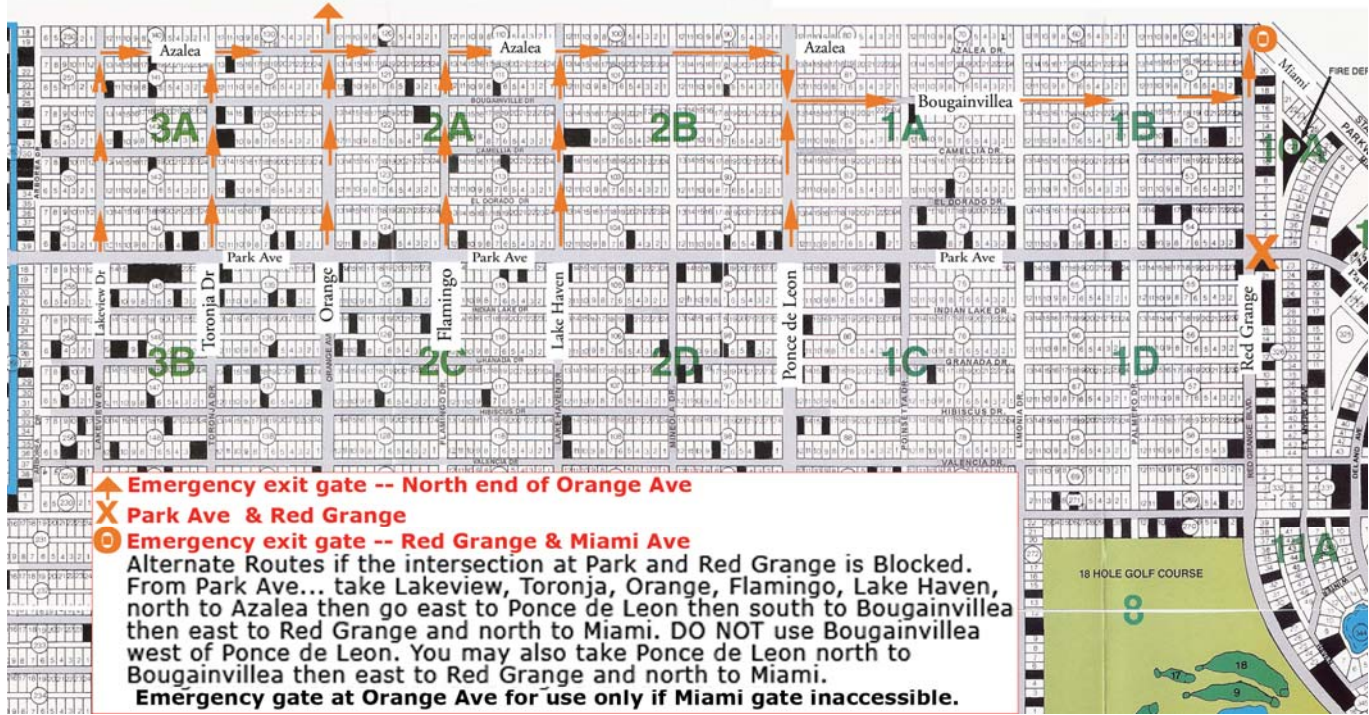
Please look at page 4 to see the proposed increase and page 6 for the most current financials.

Susan H. Sohni
President

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A larger version of this map can be printed from the Indian Lake Estates website.... <http://indianlakeestates.net/>



PARKWAYS

Water meters were read and other water department duties were accomplished such as replacing a split water pipe. The area around the fountain was weeded and sprayed with weed killer.

Parkways also placed signs, provided by Mr. Peter Cassidy, at Routes 60 and 630 and replaced signs in other areas which had been knocked down. We also repaired the directory at Park and DeLand and returned the Community Bulletin Board to the Post Office as instructed by the board. The rest of the structure will be removed and placed near the boat ramp and will have a bench built-in. This will be done toward the end of mowing season.

Parkways repaired the corner of Amaryllis and Park with road mill grading and also two corners of Lake Haven and several other streets.

This was done to prevent further erosion of the roads.

Parkways made some repairs on the backhoe which is currently being used by the golf course but is co-owned with the water department. We also repaired the Case, mowers, and every other breakdown from blades to tires, pumps and other odd items. Dump sites have been cleaned up on our common property.

Mowers are out every day cutting grass in this community. Parkways staff are removing dead trees that are in our streets after heavy rains which has become commonplace this year. Street lights, struck by lightning, have also been repaired.

These are just some of the many things accomplished by our Parkways staff during any given month.

GOLF OPERATIONS.

The sand hill cranes have lost their playground. Finally the pile of sand has been removed from our clubhouse parking lot. All 55 sand traps are completed. They have been filled with fresh sand, edged and raked. All they need now is visitors.

A big topic has been the “back nine”. We’re looking forward to the snowbirds returning to see the difference from this past spring. We still have 3 greens, using a scale of 1 - 10 that are between 7 - 8 with the balance around 8-½ to 9.

I’ve only been involved with the golf course since January and can’t believe all the things that can affect the greens. You work hard to eliminate one problem and everything is great and then 3 days later, mole crickets again. You have to purchase more chemicals, spray and pray. Everything is great. Then, a hydraulic leak causes a burnt stripe around the green and down the fairway. There is always something. All said and done, we believe you’ll be pleased with our progress so far.

The course employees and I want to again thank all who have donated their time and money to help with our expenses and especially your patience during this time. We all know the money is tight for everyone, especially I.L.E. (Your YES vote for the much needed maintenance increase will help.)

After many years employed with I.L.E., Lee Harper, our golf course mechanic, has decided it’s time to hang up his tools. We want to thank Lee for his years of dedication and wish him and his family the best.

I’ve been approached by several members asking “When are you going to overseed this year and are the fairways going to be done?”

I can assure you, unless a miracle happens financially, we cannot afford to overseed the fairways. We are going to barely get by financially by doing the tees and greens this year and hopefully the weather will be on our side. Some may remember a few years ago, the overseed was washed away by a heavy rain storm. As far as when the overseeding will be done depends on the weather which plays a big part. The tees and greens will be done probably sometime between mid to end of October.

As in any business, fault is always placed on certain people, never on the situation. A quote from an article I recently read: “To some, overseeding is a simple operation - just scatter some seed and wait until they germinate. But to the professional turf grass manager or golf course superintendent.....overseeding is a complex operation that requires preparation, timing and luck. Unfortunately, knowledge and experience do not always suffice. Just plain bad luck, usually unfavorable weather conditions, can sometimes ruin sound procedures.” Please think before you criticize.

The back nine will be open for Labor Day weekend. I welcome your comments, good or bad. I can’t fix it if I don’t know it’s broken. Just remember, I might know it’s broken and just can’t afford to fix it!

Archie Meyers
Board Representative

Proposed Maintenance Increase for Indian lake Estates

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

\$50 increase to the Base cost to all Properties

And a new cap so no one will pay more than:

Vacant Lot Maximum
\$175 annual

Home Maximum
\$375 annual

The same formula will apply that we have used since 1994:
\$2.86 per thousand of Net County Assessed Valuation
added to the base. The new base will be \$100.

COMMERCIAL - MULTI FAMILY PROPERTIES

\$50 increase

All lots with or without buildings will now pay \$80 annually.

Maintenance Increase Vote

In late May, an appeal was sent to all owners asking for support of a much-needed maintenance increase. At that time, it was a crucial issue in terms of our ability to maintain this community. Now it is an issue of our very survival.

The County has recently completed a reassessment of all properties; this is a devastating blow to ILE because we calculate the maintenance billing by the assessed property value. We are anticipating a huge reduction in maintenance fees as a result. This is in addition to the major reduction of last year.

If you have not yet sent in your postcard voting YES, please understand the importance of your vote in determining the future value of your investment here. You can be instrumental to our future existence or be part of our demise. There will be nothing to offer potential buyers without amenities, roads, etc.

Below is a copy of the ballot. You may use it to submit your vote if you have not done so already. You must sign it and it is imperative that you place your name and mailing address in the box where indicated. If you need more information about the increase, you may find it on our website or call the office (863-692-1433) and we will be happy to furnish you with whatever you need.

Please sign the ballot on the signature line and PRINT your name and address in the box.

<input type="checkbox"/>	By affixing my signature on the line below, I hereby give my written approval, for all lots I own within Indian Lake Estates, to the Maintenance Fee increase (as described in the letter and documents dated May 14, 2009 that were enclosed with this ballot) at Indian Lake Estates, Florida.
YES!	
Signature	
Property Owner	_____
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>Name : _____</p><p>Address : _____</p></div>	
Fax to (863) 692-1436 and/or Mail to PO Box 7395, ILE, FL 33855.	

SOCIAL

A summer tradition here in ILE has been the celebration of Independence Day, hosted by the Yacht Club and held at the Lakefront pavilion. This year, however the key organizers in the yacht Club were not in town so Social stepped in to fill the void. With our thermometers reaching into the 90's every day; a more comfortable location was used this year, our ballroom.

The picnic had a menu of fried chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, deviled eggs, fresh fruit salad and dessert. Almost seventy people turned out for this delicious meal and everyone appreciated being "cool" that afternoon!

Submitted by Betty Ward

On Labor Day, Monday, Sept 7th, the Social Club is sponsoring another indoor picnic at the ballroom. We will be serving Chicken with all the 'fixins'. Tickets are available for \$7 apiece.

October the activities start picking up with some snowbirds returning and the weather cooling down (I hope). Big plans are underway for an Oktoberfest to be held in the ballroom on October 3. The menu will include the traditional Brats, hard rolls, German potato salad, soft pretzels with mustard and we plan on tapping a keg.

Social will be sponsoring the Trick or Trunk event again in the parking lot of the Clubhouse from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. We always have a good turn out with the kids, so come with you car trunks decorated and stuffed with goodies. Prizes will go to the best trunk decorations.

Prior to Trick or Trunk night, the adults will be having fun at our Halloween Party on Friday, the 30th. Plans are still in the works, but we anticipate a band, some heavy hors d'oeuvres, and we would like to see everyone in costume, but it's not required. There will be prizes for the best overall costume, the funniest, and the cutest. Watch for flyers and ticket prices. Hope to see you there.

Joanne O'Neil,
Director Social

COVENANT REVIEW BOARD

Our committee is still reviewing and revising our application for building/renovation approvals for both commercial and residential standards. Some county building standards have changed and we're incorporating those changes in our forms. Once the committee has finished their review and update, the Covenant Review Board will submit our revisions to the ILE Board of Directors for approval. Once approval is obtained from the Board, we will file our application procedures with the county in hopes that the Polk County Board of Realtors will then make use of our revised application for building/renovating structures approval form.

As a reminder to our residents, you are living in a deed restricted community and any architectural building changes or an addition to any structure requires an approval from ILE, Inc. and Polk County.

Joanne O'Neil, Director
Covenant Review Board

WEATHER REPORT

The meteorologists on TV tell us that the "mild" weather we are having will continue indefinitely. With nighttime lows in the high 70s and daytime highs of 90 plus degrees, it seems that HOT is a more descriptive word for our sweltering summer months!

So far, so good, for our hurricane season with just a few tropical waves approaching the Caribbean after leaving the coast of Africa. But keep those cans of tuna and Span and jars of peanut butter on your pantry shelves for a few months longer. Not until late November are we really free of a hurricane threat.

The August 12 CBS (local) special "Charlie, Frances & Jeanne-5 Years Later" gave viewers a good sense of what central Florida endured in 2004. This fearsome trio cause the most damage seen in this area since Donna back in 1960. Let's hope for another 44 year lull-or, better yet, just a little rainstorm or two instead!

Mary Margaret Krinbill
Reporter-at-Large

JUNE 30, 2009 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

		2009 ADJUSTED PROJECTION	2009 ACTUAL THRU 06/30/09	
MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS				
<u>INCOME</u>				
	Maintenance Fees	625,700	550,653	88%
	Miscellaneous	11,746	18,126	154%
	Prior Year Carryover	8,290	8,290	100%
	Total	645,736	577,070	89%
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
	Administrative	223,933	110,708	49%
	Clubhouse	77,706	40,476	52%
	Roads & Grounds	306,154	150,497	49%
	Pier, Beach, Marina, Canals	22,000	10,782	49%
	Security	15,943	8,692	55%
		645,736	321,155	50%

CIVIC & BINGO				
<u>INCOME</u>				
	Bingo Prior Year Carryover	19,100	10,922	57%
		2,595	2,595	100%
		21,695	13,517	62%
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
		21,695	5,368	25%

RESTAURANT				
<u>INCOME</u>				
		68,142	31,434	46%
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
		68,142	35,617	52%

GOLF OPERATIONS				
<u>INCOME</u>				
	Prior Year Carryover('09 Memberships Pd in Dec. '08)	482,062	270,053	56%
		15,718	15,718	100%
		497,780	285,771	57%
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
	Golf Shop	120,727	74,973	62%
	Golf Course	377,053	187,857	50%
		497,780	262,830	53%

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All Articles and Announcements
for the Sept/October issue of the
**Indian Lake Estates
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must be submitted to the Business Office
no later than October 15, 2009.

Please keep your article brief and to the
point,
no longer than 350 words.

Please include your Name and Phone #.

For more information, please call the
Business Office at (863) 692-1433

Churches

First Baptist Church
1561 Park Ave.

Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Service: 11:00 AM

ILE United Methodist Church
6910 Deland Ave.

Sunday School: 9:15 AM
Service: 10:45 AM

Capernaum Ministries
6911 Deland Ave.

Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer: 6:00 PM

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Indian Lake Estates BINGO opens Tuesday, September 8.

Doors open at 5:30. Play begins at 6:30.

**OPENING NIGHT SPECIAL:
FREE HOT DOG TO ALL PAID
PLAYERS!!**

New games and new 6 week club.

Come and try us.

Admission is still only \$10.00

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Library News

The library has been quiet this summer. Our usual visitors have been borrowing books, tapes and puzzles to occupy themselves on long hot afternoons. Every once in a while a new face will peek in the door and a voice will say in total amazement “Oh, I had no idea the library was this big. I’ve lived here for X years and I’ve never been in here before.” ILE has a wonderful library....please make use of it!

The majority of our collection is fiction in both hardcover and paperback. In addition there is a small section of non-fiction which includes politics, sports, travel, religion, science, poetry, cookbooks and health. There are also movies, travelogues, exercise and

documentaries on VHS tapes and a growing number of DVDs. New to the library are a group of games that can be played on your computer.

There is a wonderful group of volunteers who serve on the library board, staff the library and work behind the scenes to keep things organized. They work at the library because they feel that it is an asset for ILE, because they love books and because they want to share that with their friends and neighbors. So visit 10 - noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and check us out!

Karen Wolzanski
Library Board President

Golf Pro Shop

Anita is up north, tending to family, and asked me to write some news regarding the Pro shop. Happy to do it!

Barbara Kelleher, a fellow golfer and ILE resident, volunteered to help out in the Pro Shop when we were short handed. Barb has been a great addition to the staff and has agreed to stay on for the season. Sharon will be back in the fall. With David and myself filling out the team, we're all set for a busy fall and winter.

Our Women's Golf Association has been traveling on a few Tuesdays to other courses. Lots of fun. We've played Lilly Lake and Pinecrest. Each time, we were about the only golfers on the course. Considering we are only offering nine holes (temporary greens on the back), I'm grateful we're doing what business we are.

Norm Leslie commandeered his golfing buddies to service our fleet of golf carts. These men are all part of Wayne Greer's golf group. It's hot, back breaking work, cleaning battery terminals, cleaning underneath the plate by the pedal, etc. This work is very time consuming but necessary, in order for us to maintain our warranties with Yamaha Corp. We all thank you.

Our membership has shown time and time again that they love and appreciate this golf course. They have proved this with their volunteer work and monetary donations.

The membership, and community as a whole, owe Archie Meyers a world of thanks. He is out mowing, or in the maintenance barn repairing equipment, eight to ten hours every day. Without Archie, this operation would not succeed.

Meliciano (Bubba) has stepped up to the task, and is doing a wonderful job as Greens Superintendent.

I would encourage any resident who is not familiar with their golf course, to drop into the Pro Shop and get acquainted. It is never too early or too late to learn the game of golf. Take advantage of the wonderful facility that is one of the jewels of your community.

Janice Masotti

The 19th Hole Restaurant

As most of you know by now the 19th hole Restaurant is closed for the months of August and September. We will re-open the 1st week of October. In the meantime, we plan to do some painting and decorating inside the restaurant. Thanks to Dale Gray and his painting crew, who have volunteered to donate their labor to paint the interior walls and bar. Thanks to Jack Robinson for his assistance in the project. We also want to thank Jack and Elaine Robinson for taking the restaurant ice machine all the way to Wisconsin and back to have it repaired and for donating the Hot Dog machine. That's a big hit. We would like also to take this opportunity to thank all the people who supported the restaurant by showing up for lunch each day, and to all the Golfers who came in after their rounds of golf for some refreshments, and a huge thank you to Diana, who has to be the fastest cook and waitress in Polk Co. for all the hard work and effort she put in each and every day. To every one who contributed to the success of the restaurant, we could not possibly name them all, we say thanks and we sure did appreciate each and every one of you. Stay Cool, and we will see all of you in October.

Jack Kelly

ILE Station #14 Fire Dept

For the few weeks, regardless, be it in the morning, afternoon or evening, any time of the day, heavy clouds or sunshine visits us at ILE.

We need the rain as the heat had dried up the ground, but surely makes our lawns nice and green plus our flowers bloom.

The signs of "No Burning" are up once more. Permits are needed for any legal burning of trash, etc. and we're on the alert for illegal burnings. Violators will be fined.

With all this rain, fire is tricky and a lightning strike can start this, so be careful.

School is starting up again, be careful, children will be near their homes to be picked up by the school buses. Labor Day weekend is our last big celebration. Family cookouts will be held or picnics, camping. Be careful and check out your fire extinguisher to see if their in working order. Sparks from the charcoal pillows may spark out on the grass and ignite, also have your garden hose handy.

In on the road traveling, drive within the speed limits, and enjoy the colors of the trees and their leaves. We are now celebrating our Indian Summer Season.

Since our last report of 911 calls, we have responded to:

Bldg fires	2
Vehicle fires	2
Brush fires	3
False alarm	1
Automatic fire alarm	2
Control burning	4
Medical	30
Motor vehicle fire	3
Public assist	7
Cancellation	4
Total	57

Station #14 Fire Dept wishes you have a wonderful and safe Labor Day weekend.

Ed Wilke
692-9036

Lakefront

Plenty of bass and bluegill have been pulled into our residents' boats in July and August, despite the hot days of the summer months. The lock on the marina gate was accidentally dropped lost in the water by a resident and since we had no spare, two locks are on order. One for immediate replacement and one for a spare. In addition, since the gate needed to be locked until those replacements arrived, a temporary combination lock is now on the gate.

Lightning hit the bathhouse and the electric door latch and key card reader were destroyed. Since that particular lock is no longer manufactured, we secured a replacement and a backup. The pad which was replaced had been on there since 2005. Let's hope this one lasts a bit longer than that!

Canals

Bass boats are fishing in several canals during daylight hours. As the sun is getting closer to setting, you can see a fly rod at work many days of the month.

ATTENTION CANAL LOT OWNERS

If you are clearing a lot, you need to place a silt screen barrier on your lot line to stop dirt from filling in the community canals. This is to insure proper navigation and also to maintain integrity of the original construction of the canals.

Richard Dureault

2009 COMMITTEES

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Director</u>
Animal Control	Richard Barnett	Greg Gilchrist
Bingo	Shirley Dureault-Betty Ward	Greg Gilchrist
Canals	Richard Dureault	Richard Dureault
Clubhouse	John Robinson	J.W. Kelly
Covenants	Leo Lyttle	Joanne O'Neil
Elections	Archie Meyers	Archie Meyers
Fire Department**	Ed Wilke	Greg Gilchrist
Garden Club**	Vanessa Thrall	Joanne O'Neil
Golf	Marv Henrich-Norm Leslie	Archie Meyers
Golf	Marv Henrich-Norm Leslie	Anita Whitesell
Lakefront	Richard Dureault	Richard Dureault
Library**	Karen Wolzanski	Joanne O'Neil
Marina	Richard Dureault	Richard Dureault
Newsletter	Pat Landy	Joanne O'Neil
Parkways	Richard Dureault	Richard Dureault
Restaurant	J.W. Kelly	J.W. Kelly
Security	John Hudson	Greg Gilchrist
Social	Barbara Kelleher	Joanne O'Neil
Yacht Club**	Bob Miller	Greg Gilchrist

** Indicates private organizations that work in conjunction with ILE Inc., but does not report to the Board. Board Representative is simply a liaison.

Indian Lake Estates

Volunteer Opportunities • Community Clubs • Activities

Neighborhood Watch

Volunteers Needed

For More Info: John Hudson 692-9788

Yacht Club Meeting

2nd Thursday each Month • 7:00 PM

For More Info: Bob Miller • 692-0067

Garden Club Meeting

3rd Monday • Ballroom • 1:00 PM

New Members and Guests Always Invited

ILE Library

Monday • Wednesday • Friday • Saturday

10:00 AM to Noon starting October

Bookmobile • Clubhouse Parking Lot

For More Info: Karen Wolzanski - 692-0038

Bingo

Tuesday Nights 6:30 PM

Clubhouse Ballroom

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Re opens in September

Ladies Golf

Tuesdays • 8:30 AM

Mens Golf

Wednesdays • 8:30 AM

Bridge

Monday & Friday • 9:30 AM

Wednesday • 9:00 AM

For More Info: Sally Cameron • 692-2705

Tuesday Breakfast Club

Everyone Welcome

Women's Christian Fellowship

1st Thursday • 9:30 AM

Methodist Church • Deland Ave.

All Ladies are Welcome

Exercise Room

Available to all Residents

Key in ILE Office during regular business hours

Approved by the Board of Directors 01/15/2009

Board Meeting	September 17, 2009	6:00 PM
Board Meeting	October 15, 2009	10:00 AM
General Meeting	October 15, 2009	7:00 PM
Board Meeting	November 19, 2009	10:00 AM
Election Meeting	December 3, 2009	7:00 PM
Board Meeting	December 10, 2009	10:00 AM
Reorganization Meeting	December 10, 2009	3:00 PM

**2009 ILE BOARD & GENERAL MEETING
DATES & TIMES**

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