



A Quiet Place In The Country



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well we did it. With your support along with the work of the board and the cooperation of the county they're done.

I have to admit it took longer than we anticipated and I know many of you began to question the method to our madness but the logistics of the project were quite challenging.

First of all, the county doesn't allow signs in the right of way any longer. So, we had to apply for approval. Then, we couldn't spend money to have the signs made unless we knew we could actually *get* a permit! So we had to get a permit, two actually.

The tricky part was the sign manufacturing, removal of the old signs and building the structural system for the new ones all had to be planned around our one time annual income and accomplished within the expiration date of the permit. The timing had to be right, and the income had to be there otherwise, the investment in planning, permitting and approval would be wasted. It was tricky because these signs aren't a piece of plywood mounted on some four by fours. The stone piers sit on thirty inch concrete footers and are built to meet the 2004 Florida Building Code. The two inch thick, sandblasted, hand painted sign faces are made of western red cedar and are mounted on a pair of solid core aluminum struts. The other catch was we couldn't mount the sign faces until the stone work was done and this is where we set our expectations a little too high. We expected a higher amount in donations.

Now don't get me wrong, we *greatly* appreciate all the members that donated but it wasn't quite enough to get us there quickly, or at least as quick as we expected.

We really wanted to have the signs completed before the Holidays, so we managed to postpone the final stone column bills until Feb when they can be funded by part of the 2013 dues. If you have been meaning to send in a donation to the Sign Project, it is not too late! We are still accepting donations towards the final bills. This will help ensure we have funds necessary for any unforeseen expenses in 2013.

The good thing is they're done, and guess what? Now you won't have to explain where to turn when you order pizza!

Did you notice the horse? It's an exact copy from the old signs. Thought we'd tie something old to something new.

This was the largest project this neighborhood has ever tackled and one that we all benefit from. The board sincerely thanks you not only for your support, but your patience!

Now that the sign project is done some of our future plans are to make some required electrical upgrades and repairs, clean up some of the landscape in the south island and add crape myrtles along with some other landscaping to the north entrance to match the south island.



Treasurers Report:

According to Beverly, this year 122 out of 171 property owners have paid their "dues". That's 71.3%. Our annual dues are \$77.00 per year. That's less than a quarter a day. If every property owner paid we would have an annual income of \$13,552 and if we collected all of the unpaid dues that would be an additional \$16,500.

Just think how quick we could accomplish things with full participation.

Construction News

The new home at 204 Quiet Trail Drive is coming along nicely and is a welcome addition to the neighborhood. It might be a good time to do that home project you've been putting off and add some extra value to your home. If you have a project that you would like to share with us send us your story with some before and after pictures and we'll post it on our page if you like!

We've also had eight other homes sell this year – please take the time to meet your new neighbors if you have not already!

Lake Property Owners:

Clear Waters Lake Management handles maintenance for lakefront property owners. The people who have been using their service have been very happy with the results. All of the products they use are safe, environmentally friendly and pose no risk to wildlife or fish. Because of the amount of people that participate, the cost is very reasonable. If you would like more information or would like to be included contact Clear Waters, Inc. @ 386-767-4928. Their website is: www.clearwaterslakemgmt.com



Website:
Our website is an ongoing work in progress.
www.aquietplacehoa.com

You can now find us on Facebook too!



In closing I would like to thank everyone again. Thank you to the residents and thank you to all the board members past and present for your hard work.

This will be the end of my run as President.

As of November 15th 2012, I will no longer be serving as President for A Quiet Place In The Country Inc.

It has been my pleasure to serve you and I hope that you feel my service has been a benefit to our community. I feel very fortunate to have worked with such great people and serving as president has taught me to have a great appreciation and respect of all those that have served before me.

I would say that my only regret is not being able to accomplish more for you. The job doesn't come without gratitude. I have been thanked many times and shaken many hands and once again, I thank you.

It's time for me to step aside and someone else to step forward and give what they have to offer for their community. It's time for someone else to make a difference.

There is still a lot that needs to be done and there is no limit to what we can accomplish as homeowners working together.

Respectfully,
Tom Stratton
President
A Quiet Place In The Country Inc.

Annual Garage Sale:

The annual garage sale will be held in our neighborhood on Saturday, October 20th, from 8:00-2:00pm. Signs will be put at both entrances, feel free to add your own directional signs if you are on a side road. Be sure to put something RED on or near your mailbox to show you are participating. The Garage Sale ads will go in the newspapers and on <http://daytona.craigslist.org/>. In the craigslist ad we will add a comment: "To search Craigslist for other items being sold by participants in the community Garage Sale, search for **AQPITC**." Then when you post your own Ads with details and pictures, simply include the text **AQPITC** in the body of your ad, and potential buyers can do some pre-sale shopping. You might even search early and buy your neighbors treasures. Good luck & happy selling!

Annual Meeting:

Thursday, November 15th, 6:30pm at the Rock Church in Port Orange located at 1818 Taylor Rd. If you have an item you would like placed on the agenda please contact Becky Morin at 386-756-1753.

Email addresses: For those of you that would like to receive the newsletter or other mailings by email click on the contact us link, send us your information and we will add you to our list!

Upcoming Local Events:

DeLand Art Walk

Self-guided tour, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 28

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Downtown DeLand

Mount Dora Fall Craft Fair

Self-guided tour, Oct. 27th & 28th

Location: Downtown Mount Dora

www.mountdoracraftfair.com

Turkey Rod Run

Nov. 22nd-25th

Location: Daytona Speedway

www.turkeyrun.com

Important Phone Numbers:

Sheriff's Department - (386) 248-1777

Volusia County

Building Department – (386) 254-4680

Code Enforcement – (386) 254-8167

Mosquito Control – (386) 239-6516

Animal Control – (386) – 248-1790

Waste Management - (386) 257-6021

FPL (power outage) - 1800 4-OUTAGE

Customer Service - (386) 252-1541

Giuseppe's – (386) 761-4717

Papa Johns – (386) 322-9020

Domino's – (386) 756-2104

Pizza Hut – (386) 756-3490

Downwind Café – (386) 756-8811 (Spruce Creek Fly In)

Thank you so much for your donations
towards the beautiful Entrance Signs!

Our Total so far, 48 Members donated \$2895.00

Anderson, Jeffrey & Tanya	Linssens, Jerry
Bosco, Burley Scott & Cheryl	Maresco, William & Melanie
Bull, William H & Charlene	McEver, H. Scott & Cynthia
Carter, Shelburne & Maureen	Morin, Russell & Rebecca
Cartiglia, Mark & Nicoletta	Myers, Nicole Myers & Michael
Chabrian, Jerry & Peggy	Ohlsson, Leonard & Patricia
Conlan, Ralph & Patricia	Ottendorf, George & Nancy
Cotter, Jack H.	Pearson, Scott & Nancy
Cowfer, John & Lucienne	Pierce, Jolene R
Crovella, Eugene	Presley, John & Jane
Davis, Daniel & Beverly	Rochester, Randy & Liz
Dilts, Douglas & Mary	Rosenthal, Nicolas Psathas & Hope
Donovan, David & Vema	Sava, David & Allison
Feaster, Dave & Karen	Scheffler, Barry & Gail
Foster, Joanne S.	Sharp, Kathleen T.
Friedman, Diana	Shiflet, Beau & Shelly
Gulbrandsen, Fredrika	Stipanovic, Tim & Dawn
Harbeck, Charles & Cheryl	Stratton, Thomas & Denise
Harvey, Ronald & Deanna	Van Iderstine, Megan
Henderson, Larry	Vary, Robert & Lila
Herman, Robert	West, Tina
Huck, Colin & Pauline	Westlund, Sharon
Lampert Shepherd, Joe & Barbara	Wright, E. M.
Lilavois, Michelle	Wright, Gary & Sarah