



General Meeting and Lunch March 21st 10:00am at the Gazebo

A Letter From The Board:

Our board members; President-John Lopez, Vice President-Matt Horton, Secretary- Bryan Drew and Director-Bob Shearman met briefly on Thursday October 2nd, 2008 at 6:30 pm. The topics discussed were as follows: Addition of properties to the dredging project, General Meeting scheduling, Continuance of Web site, Newsletter, and Front maintenance.

We will be holding a General Meeting for the community on March 21st at 10:00 am in the front of the community. These meetings are outlined but informal and informational for all that attend. It has been several years since we have held one of these meetings.

There will be a cookout lunch following the meeting provided by the association. Burgers, dogs, snacks, and drinks will be provided by the association. If would you like to bring an appetizer or desert please do.

One of the main objectives of this meeting will be to elect new board members or directors for the association. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone to a board or director position please make it known on the attached notice on the back of this newsletter.

On the back page of this newsletter is an invoice to contribute to the association's capital fund. It has been two years since we have collected for this fund. The requested amount for the fund is \$100.00. For a long time neighbors from the Riverfront Keenan street have volunteered their time and their personal funds to maintaining this area. It was decided at the meeting held October 2nd that this will now be handled by the association and we will again begin to draw on the capital fund for maintenance.

Neighborhood Picnic Sat. May 16th 10:00 at the Gazebo



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Special Thanks To:

McGregor Isles would like to thank Dave Norton, Bob Shearman, Tony Popolous, and their families for their volunteered time maintaining the front entrance since 2006. We also would like again thank John Shue and Stewart Stafford for taking care of the long patch of grass along Prather which they have been maintaining for years.

An Introduction From Our New Social Chair

Hello everyone! My name is Jessica Kurtz and I am the new social director for McGregor Isles. Let's work together to plan some McGregor Isles events and keep things happening in our great neighborhood. If you have any ideas or want to get involved, please email or call.

Not long after my husband and I moved into McGregor Isles, I realized that we had stumbled upon a special place. Time and again I hear neighbors talking about how much they love living here. The houses are nice and the water access is a treat, however what I hear most is how people love the small town feel and closeness to those living around them. Now that we have two small children we are looking forward to raising them in such a wonderful place. I look forward to planning events where we can meet and enjoy each others' company. Let's keep this small town feeling alive.

Keep watching for upcoming neighborhood social events!

Meeting and Lunch – Front property Saturday March 21st 10:00am

Neighborhood Picnic – Front Property Saturday May 16th 10:00am

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Taking Back our Streets

Amid concerns expressed by our residents regarding traffic speeds and pedestrian safety in our neighborhood, the board has chosen to contact Lee County's department of transportation (DOT) for help. A study was conducted on January 8th, to explore both traffic volume and vehicle speed at locations on Keenan Avenue and Prather Drive. Please see the following letter summarizing the results of the study, provided by Bryan Miller of LeeDOT.

I look forward to discussing these results with you at the annual meeting, as well, the additional steps we can take as a community to improve the safety of our streets.



Mr. Horton,

As a follow-up to your recent phone conversation with Steve Jansen, P.E., of our Office, we have summarized the results of the 24-hour Hi-Star electronic counts we did on the captioned subdivision streets. These counts were done on a representative weekday for the purpose of measuring the actual traffic operating conditions, and in response to the safety concern you registered on behalf of the community. The results are as follows:

In reviewing the summarized data results, there does appear to be a slight up-tick in speeds during the 2-4:00 pm period which may be associated with high school age driver activities after school dismissals. The period after 8:00 pm at night to about 6:00 am in the morning is another period showing higher than average operating speeds, when compared with the daytime speeds. This is often due to lower traffic volumes and less friction from driveways and residential activities roadside.

The 85th percentile speeds shown above reflect the speed at which 85 percent of the traffic was recorded traveling at or below. By Florida Statute, the maximum speed limit in the community is 30 mph. From a comparative perspective, the above speed profiles indicate a relatively good voluntary motorist compliance with the statutory maximum speed limit. Granted there are a few drivers who do not appreciate the need for slower operating speeds in residential areas such as your community. With drivers often being "creatures of habit", and neighborhood street networks like yours reflecting mostly local traffic, the number of actual drivers exceeding 35 mph may be on the order of about 10 or so on Kennan Avenue, and about 15 or so on Prather Drive to the west of Kennan Avenue. While this is speculative, it does have some reasonable basis.

Targeted law enforcement is the best available means of changing the behavior of those drivers seen as the greatest menace to the residents. By copy of this e-mail we will forward the results to the Lee County Sheriff Office Traffic Branch for their information. Shrinking resources available to all public agencies in this economic downturn is a current reality. It may be appropriate to consider that the first line of defense in a neighborhood taking back its streets is for the residents themselves to commit whether formally or otherwise to moderate their own driving behaviors while they travel on the community streets. As your probably know, this usually requires a core group of committed residents to maintain a high level of interest and provide frequent reminders to their neighbors of the need to be pro-active and set the example if they want slower speeds.

In closing, based on the above recorded speed profiles and the local street conditions in McGregor Isles, we could not substantiate an "excessive speed or cut-through" traffic problem. Consequently, the County is not in a position to recommend or fund traffic calming measures as requested. This finding is consistent with the guidelines provided in the County's Administrative Code, AC-11-14, Traffic Calming in Residential Areas. Should you have any questions or concerns with our response, please do not hesitate to contact our office for assistance. We do appreciate the resident's safety concerns, and should conditions materially change may consider other traffic engineering options. Thank you. Bryan Miller Traffic Studies Supervisor - DOT millerbm@leegov.com Phone: (239) 533-9508 Fax: (239) 694-1332

Location	24-hr Volume	Average Speed(mph)	85 th % Speed(mph)	No. (%) Vehicles Over 30 mph	No. (%) Vehicles Over 35 mph
Kennan Av Btw Bruce Cir & Kennan Ct:	554	22	27	45 (8.1%)	21 (3.8%)
Prather Dr Btw Adele & Baker Cts:	882	25	29	63 (7.1%)	29 (3.3%)
Prather Dr Btw Northwood & Parkway Cts:	490	20	23	15 (3.1%)	6 (1.2%)

