

# ISLE OF PINES

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

December 2011

## IOPPOA'S Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11th

5:00pm ~ 9:00pm

For more details please go to page 4.

MEMBER'S ONLY



## Annual Decorated Golf Cart Parade

Saturday December 17th

6:30pm - 10:00 pm

For more details please go  
to page 9!!



## From The IOPPOA President

Greetings Neighbors,

As we near the end of 2011 in the Isle of Pines community. As the countdown continues for the beginning of 2012, we can be thankful for the many blessing bestowed on our community in spite of the troubling times that our country and world is going through.

We have had a good year here in the Isle Of Pines we are finishing the year in good shape for our community this is due a lot due to the fund raisers and volunteers donating their personal time and efforts to coordinate and work the different events that we had during 2011. Without the donation of personal efforts by our members and the participation by the community with attending the IOPPOA events, the association would not be the quality community organization that it is today.

I want to personally thank all the members of the association for their participation and being a member of the IOPPOA.

We will be having our IOPPOA 2012 Wine and Cheese Membership Signup on I believe Saturday, January 28, 2012. Dues normally are \$125.00 per year per household, but if you sign up at the Wine and Cheese Party, you will receive a \$10.00 discount off the normal price bringing the total for a membership to \$115.00. Additionally, if you worked as a volunteer at any of the IOPPOA sanctioned events, you receive an additional \$5.00 off your membership dues for 2012. Also on this night we will be taking nominations for board members We would really like to see some new faces on the board for the coming year.

Let's take a minute and do the math here on the cost of an IOPPOA membership for the parents out there in the community with kids that want to participate in the events at the park, but don't join for one reason or another. Normal cost is \$125.00 which breaks down to .35 cents a day for the year. Mom and dad, that's a lot less than most kids allowance these days. Now if you sign up Saturday with the \$10.00 discount it breaks down to .32 cents a day. If you volunteered and worked a maximum of five sanctioned events for an additional discount of \$25.00, the breakdown is .25 cents a day for membership. Of course we require payment for the entire year up front, but my point is at these prices we should not have a single child or teenager having to sneak into the park to play basketball or be part of the family events we schedule such as the Easter party, fishing tournaments, 4<sup>th</sup> of July party or the Christmas Party. I am sure we all work with people who pay a lot more for association dues and don't get the things that we offer

Also would like to take the time to remember Robyn Tipton She passed away on November 15 2011. Most of you would remember her from the country store. Robyn will be remembered most for her laughter. She will be missed.

Thanks

Al Eastburn President IOPPOA



## The IOPPOA Needs You

**To get involved and JOIN our Board!**



Each board member serves a 2 year term with 1/2 of the positions up for re-election each year. There are many members willing to serve multiple terms if needed - but there are still open positions that we need to fill with member's that care and want to get involved. We would like to keep the fun going for next year - but we need a full and active board! Please contact any board member with questions or to be added to the ballot! Voting will be held on January 28th at our Cheese and Wine Evening.

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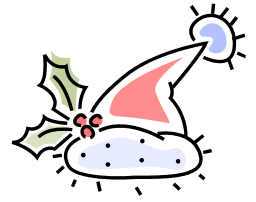
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# IOPPOA'S Annual Christmas



Join us for a traditional Christmas Dinner  
and the much anticipated arrival of **SANTA!**

We will be Serving the following From 5.00pm ~



Turkey and Ham

~

Mashed Potatoes

Mixed Vegetables

Stuffing and Gravy

~



Soft drinks will be available.

Please bring a dish to share to complement our menu.

If your last name starts with A ~ L bring a side dish.

M ~ Z bring desserts

**DON'T BE LATE !**

**Santa** will arrive on the fire truck bearing gifts for the kids by 6 pm! Important details forthcoming via e-mail (or call the number below to make sure Santa brings a gift for your child).

**White Elephant** gift exchange for the adults (bring a wrapped \$10 gift for a fun game!)

Volunteer elves are welcome and **NEEDED** to help decorate the day of the event. Please contact John Worcester on 321 231 1591.





# Announcements'



The Isle of Pines neighborhood has a new  
certified marine mechanic!

Congratulations Jonathan Nichols  
on your recent graduation from **Marine Me-  
chanic Institute** – a Division of **UTI**!

Way to go Jonathan – we are proud of you!

....Your family

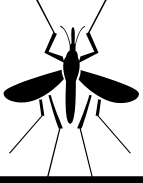
**Erma Bombeck**

**“A friend never defends a  
husband who gets his wife  
an electric skillet for her  
birthday”**

Please e-mail any announcements you would like for the  
Newsletter to [iopnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:iopnewsletter@yahoo.com)

Mosquito Control (407.254.9120)

The season is upon us again, so keep this number handy. They will come out every time (almost) that someone calls.



**Reminder** – the new pad lock at the gate will not release your key until it is locked back up. Do not leave the gate unlocked when you enter or leave! The park is for IOPPOA members only and their Guests. Guests can be friends or family that do NOT live in IOP. If you have family members or friends that live in IOP in a separate home – then they are need to sign up as members and have their own keys.



***Please Slow  
Down  
Speed Kills.***

***Kids will be on the streets waiting for school buses, riding bikes, skateboarding and walking.***

***Please use caution entering and exiting the neighborhood.  
(YOU NEVER KNOW...YOU  
COULD BE ON RADAR)***

Join our LMJ Neighborhood Watch program and help keep our community safe! For more info, or to receive confidential emails, contact Suzanne at

[SuzArnold@mindspring.com](mailto:SuzArnold@mindspring.com)

## **IOP Pre-K Playgroup for babies & toddlers**

Fridays from 9-10:30am in the IOP park

For more info email IOP neighbors

[Amanda.Starcher@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.Starcher@gmail.com) and  
[Dawn.Little@uscm.org](mailto:Dawn.Little@uscm.org).

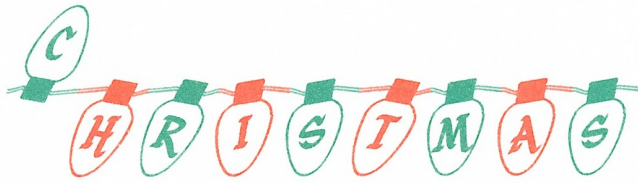
The IOPPOA Board meets the First Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at the South Beach Park.

All are welcome to attend.

Contact an officer if you would like a topic to be put on the agenda.



# Kidz Corner — No parents allowed



What kind of bird can write?  
A pen-guin



How does Santa take pictures?  
With his North Pole-roid.



Make Santa's Christmas merry and bright  
By helping him through this maze of lights!



Why does Santa Claus  
go down the chimney  
on Christmas Eve?

Because it soots him.

What do you mean if you cross  
an apple with a Christmas tree?  
A pineapple.



What did the Gingerbread Man put  
on his bed?  
A cookie sheet!



# Kids Fishing Contest





## The Isle of **Slash** Pines

When you moved into the Isle of Pines neighborhood you moved into what is called a slash pine flatwoods forest. There are no longleaf or loblolly pines here. These three types of pines look similar. One way to tell the difference is that slash pine needles come in bundles (fascicles) of 2's and 3's while longleaf and loblolly always have needles in bundles of 3's. All these pines are native to Florida.

Our neighborhood was once a turpentine camp. Laborers would "cat-face" trees by slashing V-shaped cuts into the trunk and adding tin strips that would guide the flow of sap into clay pots called Herty cups. You can still find cat-faced trees and Herty cups in our neighborhood. There is a tree in my yard that bears the scars, has the tin strips, the nails that held the cups, and broken pieces of the clay pot still lay at the base of the tree. Pine sap was collected then heated in turpentine stills. The vapors distilled off and cooled to become turpentine. The thick solid left behind was rosin and was used as naval stores to seal ships hulls, as a preservative coating on sails and ropes and in medicine like Vicks Vapor Rub.

Slash pines can grow to 100' and live up to 200 years. IOP residents didn't move out here for the sidewalks, street lights and nearby shopping. Actually many of us wanted away from all that. What we did want was the trees and the country atmosphere. So it strikes me as funny that some folks move 20 miles out of town to the IOP and then cut down all the pine trees on their lot. Even some people who want to save their trees end up killing them because they simply didn't know the right way to save them. Using heavy equipment to clear vegetation by scraping around the pines will surely kill them. Once a tree is weakened the pine beetles will finish it off and then may spread to a neighbor's trees. Be careful around your pine trees. We don't want the Isle of Pines Neighborhood to turn into Lone Pine Development.

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## FROSTY THE CHEESE BALL

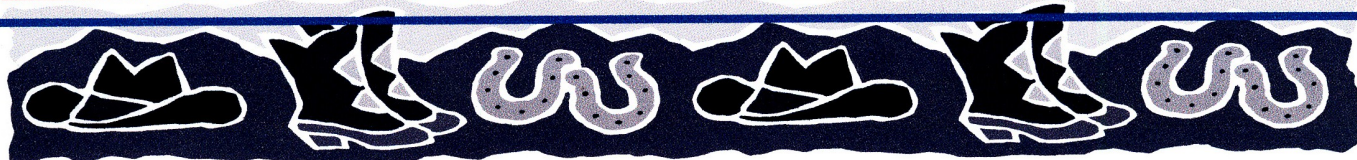
This cheery fellow won't have a chance to melt — he'll be gobbled up too quickly! And as is true of any snowman, dressing him is half the fun. We've suggested a few fashionably edible choices, but he's equally festive in other tasty apparel.

### Ingredients

- 16 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 10 raisins for eyes, mouth, and buttons
- 1 piece of carrot for the nose
- 4 crackers for the hat (we used Ritz and Dare water crackers)
- 1 thyme sprig for the hat (optional)
- Strips of carrot for the scarf
- 2 broken pretzels for the arms
- 1 (1/2-inch) piece of a canned baby corn for the pipe
- Toothpick for the pipe

### Instructions

1. In a large bowl, let the cream cheese soften at room temperature for about 30 minutes. Stir in the garlic salt and the onion powder, then cover the bowl with plastic wrap and chill for 2 hours.
2. Make the snowman by rolling two thirds of the cheese into a ball for his body and the other third into a ball for his head. Stack the balls, then add the facial features, clothing, arms, and pipe as shown. Serve with crackers or mini bagels.



You Might Be  
a Redneck If...

Your momma has "ammo"  
on her Christmas list.

The neighbors started a  
petition over your Christ-  
mas lights

Your favorite Christmas present  
was a painting on black velvet.

You stand under the  
mistletoe at Christmas  
and wait for Granny and  
cousin Sue-Ellen to walk  
by.

You go Christmas shopping for  
your mom, sister, and girl-  
friend, and you only need to  
buy one gift.

Your Christmas tree  
is still up in February.



# GOLF CART PARADE

**Golf Carts to meet at IOP Park at 6:30pm**

**Parade will be leaving the park at 7:00pm**

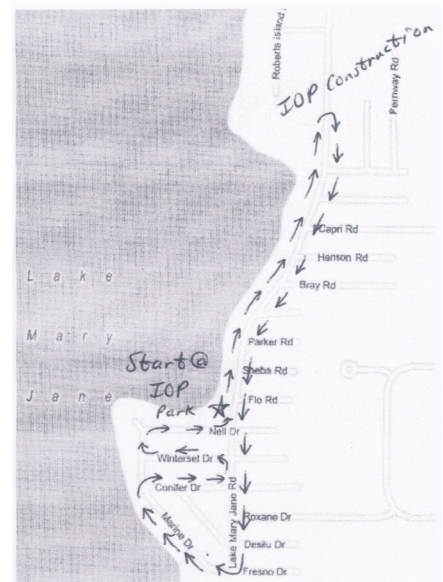
**Refreshments after the Parade**

**Please bring a dish.**

**The Parade will follow the route as shown.**

**All members are welcome to enter or to come and check out the golf carts and vote on the best decorated this year.**

**Non Members must have a decorated cart to enter.**



**Santa's sexual harassment trial takes a dramatic change for the worse**



**Please Note:  
CHISTMAS IS CANCELLED**

**Apparently, YOU told Santa that you have been GOOD this year ...**



**He died laughing**

# IOP Calendar of Events

## December 11th

5:00pm - 9:00pm Christmas Party

## December 17th

6:30pm - 10:00pm Golf Cart Parade

## January 28th

7:00pm- 9:00pm Membership renewal/  
Cheese and Wine Evening

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## IOP Membership Details

### 1) Dues for 2012:

- Membership Calendar: Jan 1 – Dec 31
- Regular Dues: \$125 - \$10 discount if you join during the Membership Drive Party Jan 28th
- Senior (65+): \$75
- Volunteer Discount: \$5/ event Max 5 events (\$25)

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# Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Special Issues Fact Sheet 1

## Septic Tank Additives

### Description

Because of the presence of significant numbers and types of bacteria, enzymes, yeasts, and other fungi and microorganisms in typical residential and commercial wastewaters, the use of septic system additives containing these or any other ingredients is not recommended. The benefits of consumer products sold as septic system cleaners, degraders, decomposers, deodorizers, organic digesters, or enhancers are not significant or have not been demonstrated conclusively, depending on the product. Some of these products can actually interfere with treatment processes, affect biological decomposition of wastes, contribute to system clogging, and contaminate ground water. The septic tank/soil absorption field system is the most commonly used onsite wastewater treatment system in the United States. It is relatively low in cost, has no moving parts, and requires little maintenance. Septic tanks have a number of important functions, including:

*Remove oils, grease and settleable solids.* The septic tank is designed to provide quiescent conditions over a sufficient time period to allow settleable solids to sink to the bottom of the tank and floatable solids, oils, and grease to rise to the surface. The result is a middle layer of partially clarified effluent that exits the tank to the soil absorption field.

*Store settleable and floatable material.* Tanks are generously sized according to projected wastewater flow and composition to accumulate sludge and scum at the bottom and top of the tank, respectively. Tanks require pumping at infrequent intervals (e.g., 1 to 7 years), depending on sludge and scum accumulation rates.

*Digest/decompose organic matter.* In an anaerobic environment, facultative and anaerobic bacteria can reduce retained organic molecules to soluble compounds and gases, including H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, and CH<sub>4</sub>. This digestion can significantly reduce sludge volume in warm climates.

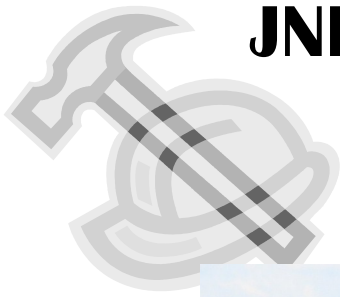
### Types of additives and effects on treatment processes

There are three general types of commonly marketed septic system additives:

*Inorganic compounds, usually strong acids or alkalis,* are promoted for their ability to open clogged drains. Product ingredients (e.g., sulfuric acid, lye) are similar to those used in popular commercial drain cleaners. These products can adversely affect biological decomposition processes in the treatment system and cause structural damage to pipes, septic tanks, and other treatment system components. Hydrogen peroxide, once promoted as an infiltration field reconditioner, has been found to actually degrade soil structure and compromise long-term viability of soil treatment potential. Its use to unclog failed infiltration fields is no longer recommended.

*Organic solvents,* often chlorinated hydrocarbons (e.g., methylene chloride, trichloroethylene) commonly used as degreasers and marketed for their ability to break down oils and grease. Organic solvents represent significant risks to ground water and wastewater treatment processes. These products can destroy resident populations of decomposer and other helpful microorganisms in the treatment system. Use of products containing organic solvents in onsite treatment systems is banned in many states. Introduction of organic solvents into onsite systems located in states that ban the use of these products may trigger liability issues if ground water becomes contaminated.

*Biological additives,* like bacteria and extracellular enzymes mixed with surfactants or nutrient solutions, which mirror but do not appear to significantly enhance normal biological decomposition processes in the septic tank. Some biological additives have been found to degrade or dissipate septic tank scum and sludge. However, whether this relatively minor benefit is derived without compromising long-term viability of the soil infiltration system has not been demonstrated conclusively. Some studies suggest that material degraded by additives in the tank contributes to increased loadings of BOD, TSS, and other contaminants in the otherwise clarified septic tank effluent.



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