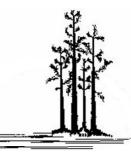


ISLE OF PINES

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

December 2012



ANNUAL DECORATED GOLF CART PARADE

Saturday December 15th

6:30pm - 10:00 pm



For more details please go to page 4!!





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PART

Sunday 9th December 5.00pm ~ 9:00pm Santa Arrives at 6:00pm Please bring a side dish DON'T BE LATE!

MEMBERSONLY



From The IOPPOA President

President's Letter

This past year serving as IOP President has been fulfilling and challenging. The fulfillment is as always putting back into this wonderful neighborhood the challenge has been to connect to more people and to provide more information about this neighborhood we all call home. I would like to continue receiving information to share in the newsletters about the history of my neighbors.

The Annual Membership/Wine and Cheese/Board Election is January 19th 2013 join the IOP board, the meetings are the 1st Tuesday of every month, and they last about 1 hour. Let me or someone on the board know if you are interested and I will put your name on the ballot, get involved in your neighborhood. You will have an opportunity to sign up for next year's upcoming events.

Keep in touch and stay updated on events with <u>http://www.facebook.com/IOPPOA</u> or <u>www.isleofpines.org</u> or email share great IOP pictures. The billboard next to IOP construction on the North Beach property is going to be updated so it can be used for current information and newsletters.

Its good to see young people enjoying the IOP park but did you know you can get community service and be involved in your own community by volunteering at IOP events. There are projects that are in need volunteers contact a board member or come to an event you are always welcome.

See you in the IOP,

Terry Aikens





HISTORY OF THE ISLE OF PINES

The Isle of Pine Preserve is located in southeast Orange County off of Lake Mary Jane Road and is managed by the Orange County Environmental Protection Division. This property was purchased in 2007 by Orange County.

In my research for information about the IOP I came across this site about our preserve <u>http://tomchoma.blogspot.com/2012/02/isle-of-pines-preserve.html</u>

Isle of Pine Preserve Florida Hikes and Other Outdoor Information by Tom Choma

This is another of the "Green Place" preserves created by Orange County. The preserve is reported to consist of 464 acres and was formally known as "Hampton Bay". It was originally part of a Florida Home-stead before developers purchased it. In turn Orange County purchased it from the developers and created Isle of Pine Preserve. It is bordered on the West by Lake Mary Jane as well as a canal, and on the other three sides by private property. All surrounding property is private and very well protected, so don't cross any fences. I know that Desert Ranch owns much of the adjourning property and they do not take kindly to trespassers. Orange County's Moss Park is just across Lake Mary Jane. Because much of the preserve is wetlands, there are two access points, one at the end of Lake Mary Jane Road and the other at the end of Lace Bark Pine Drive. Parking is provided at both locations – more details about that later.

I did find a few areas and items that I felt were part of the old homestead which I am sure existed here once upon a time. That section consisted of cleared areas in the oaks, as well as some cinderblocks and wooden relics. As it seems with all Florida historical items, many things have gotten bulldozed under or burned out. I always feel someday this will be regretted by the powers to be when they want to know more about the county's history. *I did spot a few pine trees in a couple of areas, which were used a long time ago to harvest sap with which to make turpentine. Just look for pine trees with major cuts in their sides. Usually if you look closer you will find a piece of metal in the cut used for the pots etc.* If you do decide to try and venture west you will just hit wetlands. The tall pines along the trail are quite impressive.....to see more information go to this website.



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

Parade will be leaving the park at 7:00pm



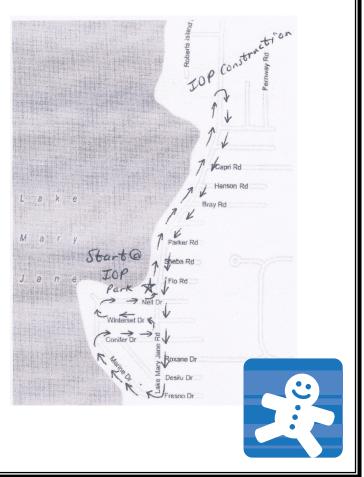
Refreshments after the Parade

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.









Q. What do elves learn in school? A. The elf-abet. Q. What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? A. The Christmas alphabet has no L (Noel).

Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?A. It's Christmas, Eve.

Christmas Ornament

Peppermints are the coolest holiday sweets -especially when transformed into edible hanging ornaments. Lay five or so peppermint candies in a circle to form a wreath; bond sides together with icing. Adorn front with cinnamon candies or mints. Let dry two hours before hanging. Loop twine around ornament; knot

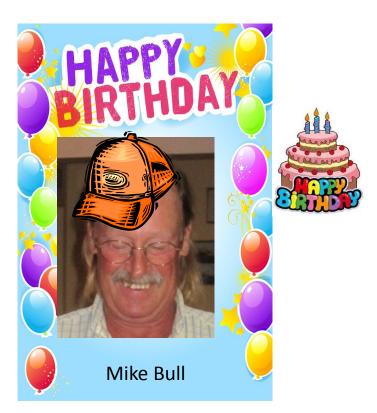


Q. What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents? A. Silent Night

Q. What do you call an Eskimo cow?A. An Eskimoo.

Announcements'





Positive thought for the day

When you feel that nobody loves you, Nobody cares for you, Everyone is ignoring you, and people are jealous of you You should really ask yourself...

Am I TOO sexy?



Banana Pancake Snowmen Recipe

Ingredients

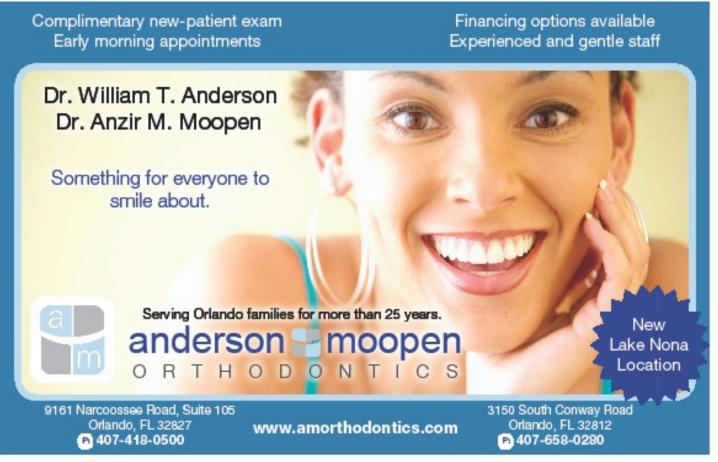
- 1 cup complete buttermilk pancake mix
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/3 cup mashed ripe banana
- 1 teaspoon confectioners' sugar



Pretzel sticks, chocolate chips, dried cranberries and/or halved banana slices

Directions

- In a small bowl, stir the pancake mix, water and banana just until moistened.
- Pour 1/4 cup batter onto a greased hot griddle, making three circles to form a snowman. Turn when bubbles form on top. Cook until the second side is golden brown. Transfer to a serving plate. Repeat with remaining batter.
- Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Decorate snowmen with pretzels, chocolate chips, cranberries and/or banana if desired. **Yield:** 7 snowmen.





We have set up an official IOP POA Facebook page. Please share it with any friends that are residents in the Isle of Pines, not just members. We will be using it to post events and happenings in the Hood (parties, triathlon dates, road construction, volunteers needed, etc).

http://www.facebook.com/IOPPOA

IOPPOA IS TAKING BIDS

FOR THESE SERVICES:

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NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

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If you are interested or have questions about submitting a bid for any of the above services please contact a board member. Sealed bids may be mailed to Hugh Blair 14217 Nell Dr, Orlando, FL. 32832

blairhugh@yahoo.com

Bids will be voted on at the February meeting. Successful bidders will be notified by mail.

The IOPPOA Needs





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 19th at our Cheese and Wine Evening. Please checkout the Newsletter atwww.isleofpines.org to see it in color

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.

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