



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES HOA

Connecting neighbors, building community

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LEARNING ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Annual Meeting Recap

The January annual Homeowners Association (HOA) meeting served as an important opportunity to assess the current state of the community and address key issues. A total of 107 individuals attended, including homeowners and those who submitted proxies. The meeting did not reach quorum. The current board members will remain in their positions for the upcoming year, as noted to the right.

Key topics discussed

During the meeting, several community concerns were raised and discussed. These included the ongoing issue of speeding within the neighborhood, with residents expressing safety concerns, especially for children and pets. The nuisance caused by motor-operated bicycles was also a hot topic, with complaints about noise and disruption during late hours. Additionally, issues with the functionality and security of the front gate were addressed, with the board looking into repairs and potential upgrades. All these concerns will be a focus for the board as they work to improve the community in the year ahead.

CCSO Presentation and Q+A

At the February 13th HOA meeting the Collier County Sheriff's office stopped by and covered several topics. During the meeting, CCSO expressed gratitude to IGE for their community support. They highlighted the size and safety challenges in Collier County, which has a population of nearly half a million full-time residents, 500,000 seasonal residents, and attracts approximately 2.3 million visitors annually. With traffic crashes at 11,172 in 2024, the county is taking an aggressive approach to address these problems. CCSO's strong partnership with local schools has helped enhance school safety. CCSO also discussed various crimes, highlighting distraction thefts, vehicle thefts, and elder care scams, urging residents to be vigilant. Concerns about speeding and issues with motorized bikes and scooters were also raised, with discussion surrounding legislative action to address them.

CCSO Crime Alerts to be Aware of:

- Bank jogging: targeting people withdrawing money + following them
- Vehicle thefts targeting cars at gyms and parks
- Dinner set burglaries by sophisticated crime groups from Miami
- Home burglaries by pretending to be FPL or similar worker
- Caretaker exploitation in elder care
- Identity theft and financial scams via email, phone, or text
- Scams preying on fear or presenting too-good-to-be-true offers
- Dangerous apps for kids, such as ghosting apps



Thank you CCSO!

ARB REMINDER

This is a friendly reminder that any changes or improvements made to the exterior of your property require the completion of an ARB (Architectural Review Board) form. Please ensure that the form (accessible on the IGE website) is submitted for approval before proceeding with any work. One of the most common delays in approval is the absence of a required certificate of insurance from your contractor. Please be sure to provide this document along with your submission to avoid any unnecessary delays in the approval process.

ENTRADA BACK GATE

Please remember that duplicating passes or piggy-backing through the back gate is prohibited. The HOA actively monitors these actions, and passes will be suspended if violated. Additionally, the board may revoke back gate access for individuals misusing motorized bikes. Trailers are also not allowed through the back gate. Those needing pedestrian access can obtain a fob from Vesta.

MAINTENANCE

Tree and lake maintenance took place to ensure the continued health and beauty of our community. Additionally, the benches were power washed and repairs made, to ensure they remain in good condition. These improvements help to enhance the overall look and feel of the neighborhood. A special thanks to Mark Thieme who fixed the Zac Lake bubbler system! The bubbler helps keep the lake at the required depth, preventing an expensive and major dredging process.

Did you know: what are the ARB set back lines?

Front lot line: 30 feet

Side lot lines: 10 feet

Rear lot line: 25 feet

Pool cage or other pool enclosure to rear lot line: 15 feet

Pool and/or deck without enclosures to rear lot line: 15 feet

**Next HOA Board Meeting:
March 13, 2025 @ 10am
Lower level conference room
at Imperial Golf Club**

FRONT GATE NEWS

The IGE board is aware of the various issues at the gatehouse. The Greater Imperial Board, which includes representatives from all Imperial neighborhoods and the golf course, is looking into options for addressing the issues. They are currently waiting for quotes to move the gate to create a turn around. They are also looking into options to implement remote service late at night.

Interesting Fact

Last year, the front gate was down 38 times, with GIB successfully recouping 33 of those incidents.

CHECK POINT APP



The Check Point App serves as the essential tool for managing guest access at the front gate. The front gate no longer has a phone for calling in guests. All guest entries must be done through the Checkpoint app.

[Click Here for the Checkpoint App for iPhone](#)

[Click Here for the Checkpoint App for Android](#)

What if I need to reset my password?

Occasionally, you may need to reset your password, such as if you get a new phone and can't remember your password while trying to log in on the new device. Password resets can be done through the web browser link below, by clicking "Forgot Password."

[Checkpoint Website for Password Reset](#)

QUICK NOTES

Pet Reminder



Please remember to pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste properly. Instead of leaving the bag behind, kindly take it with you and place it in your own trash.

Rezone Outcome



In December, the School Board approved rezone Option B, keeping Imperial zoned for Veterans Memorial Elementary. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort—your involvement made all the difference!

Quick Info



The Imperial Golf Club has asked the IGE HOA whether IGE would allow them to increase the cart path width west of the 4 way stop. The HOA is investigating this matter.

CRITTER CORNER

Contributed by Pam Meyers

Of the four venomous snakes found here in southwest Florida, three will look the same from the time they are born through adulthood making them fairly easy to identify. The cottonmouth, also known as the water moccasin, is the one whose appearance will change from juvenile to adulthood.

Cottonmouth

Cottonmouths have a stocky body with a short stocky tail. They can also be identified, by what we like to call the Zorro mask. The inside of their mouth is quite white as well, thus how they got the name cottonmouth. As they mature, they will become darker. Too often, water snakes are misidentified as a cottonmouth. Water snakes do not have a Zorro mask and they have linear lines running along their jawline, cotton mouths do not. Cottonmouth also have cat like eyes.

Next edition we will highlight the Pygmy rattlesnake.



Juvenile



Adult

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