



Election Results

Our HOA Board President, Dave Cunningham was re-elected for another two-year term with 100% of the vote. Congratulations!

We Need Your Feedback

- The Social Committee has proposed June 23 or June 30 as possible dates for our Summer Social. If you have a preference, please speak to one of our board members or let Sam Sandy, our property manager, via email.
- The pool pump is approaching the end of its life but it's still working. However, it is noisy. If this constitutes a nuisance, please let Sam Sandy know via email.

Tot Lot Project Has Been Completed



The tot-lot project is finally complete with new, state of the art playground equipment. The old sand was replaced with 50 yards of playground, engineered wood chips. The new equipment does not include a swing because the code requires ample space around a swing for safety reasons. The area would not have allowed for the slides and other activity equipment that we installed.

Pets on Plum Island

We ask that, if you walk your dog on Plum Island, please observe the leash rule. Also, please pick up your dog's poop. A homeowner reported a large amount of dog poop in the tot lot area. Please cooperate and help maintain Plum Island beautiful and clean.

Spa Cover

If you use the spa, please remember to replace the cover. We have noticed that sometimes the cover is not replaced. Remember, if the cover is off, our power bill goes up. We need everyone's cooperation.

Tennis Courts

Last year we resurfaced the tennis/pickle ball courts. Saviano, the contractor that carried out the project, came to check the courts because the pickle ball players had noticed some spotty areas. The technician explained that there are two reasons for this: bird poop and sodas. Both are acidic and damage the surface of the courts. We have instructed our janitorial service to clean the bird poop on a weekly basis. Please abstain from taking sodas to the courts.

Suggestions and Articles for our Newsletter

Please speak with any of our board members who are often seen walking around the neighborhood if you have an idea or suggestion to improve our neighborhood.

If you'd like to contribute a short article for the newsletter, please send it via email to Sam Sandy, our property manager.

Contacting the Plum Island Board of Directors

You may send written correspondence for review by the Board of Directors by emailing Manor and requesting that your email be forwarded to the board.

Current Board of Directors

Dave Cunningham, President

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State of the Island

2017 - 2018

Presented by Dave Cunningham, President

Pool:

- Repaired a long-standing drainage problem and instituted annual checks to preclude such problems in the future.
- Restored the solar water heating that had been off for a couple of years.
- Repaired bottom of pool fence (filled in holes with concrete and covered with board).
- Fixed pool and spa leaks.
- Purchased two new umbrellas.
- Sealed equipment room and hired rodent control/exterminator.

Streets:

- Repaved and seal coated the streets.
- Repainted curbs.
- Replaced STOP and speed signs.

Street Drains:

- Cleaned and flushed all 21 storm drains.

Street Lights:

- Painted the light poles.
- Upgraded to 15 watt, brighter LED lighting with an expected life of more than 11 years and significantly lower operating costs.
- Failing wooden poles were replaced with metal poles.

Tennis Courts:

- Color coated.
- Removed tree roots that were invading courts and pruned tree by court.
- Added two portable pickle ball courts.

Tot Lot:

- Replaced the playground equipment.
- Replaced sand in the playground with engineered playground wood chips.
- Added an accessible route to the playground making it wheelchair accessible.
- Upgraded to LED lighting.

Website:

- Established an HOA website.

The Coming Year

2018 – 2019

PG&E Electric Transmission Tower between 803 & 805 Grenada:

- The tower will be repainted with lead-free paint the week of September 24th. Adjacent visitor parking spaces will be closed during the work.

Other: No major maintenance activity is anticipated.

Annual Committee Reports

Pickleball

Courts and Nets-The new pickleball courts are being used very actively by the community and are holding up well. We requested that Saviano take a look at the south court because of some damage to the paint, and it appears that the problem is bird droppings on this side of the tennis courts which are very acidic and are creating divot like spots on the court. We are requesting that the maintenance group hose down at least the south end of the pickleball courts each week to minimize this damage in addition to clearing the leaves at the north end which accumulate rapidly due to the large trees which overhang the courts.

The portable nets are still in good condition after a year of use.

Gates-The pickleball players have all been made aware that the gates should not be propped open with stones.

We would like to thank the Board for providing this wonderful venue for pickleball. We have about 14 Plum Island residents who play pickleball.

(Presented by Kyn Dellinger)

Tennis

1. **Gates and latches:** The wire "fences" at the bottom of the gates are working pretty well and should be more durable than the folded rubber "fences" attached to the bottom of the gate frames. We appreciate your posted sign to not prop the gates open, and I have stopped using them to prop the gates open, but the large stones around the courts are convenient props easily used to let in latecomers to your tennis or pickle ball group. The hinges and latches are all working fine with my annual application of WD-40.
2. **Windscreens:** All screens continue to survive well enough. Historically, we have asked that the section of windscreen from the southwest gate to the swimming pool southern fence be removed at the start of daylight savings time and replaced at the start of standard time, to allow breezes to flow through encouraging quicker drying of the backcourt winter shadow at the eastern end of the southern court.
3. **Trash Cans:** The new concrete trash can holders work very well, do not blow over, and are being emptied regularly - a very good improvement over the plastic cans.
4. **Court Surface:** The surface of the courts continues to be quite good after the resurfacing last year. There are a few divots from unknown sources (but almost certainly **not** from tennis rackets hits/scrapes), but nothing major (tripping hazard or anything that noticeably interferes with ball bounces).
5. **Nets/Posts:** These are all good, with proper tension, height and general condition.
6. **Trees:** The trees overhanging the court fences continue to be a problem:
 1. Leaves falling on the courts (worst on the west side of both courts and in the northwest corner). This has been overcome in the recently past couple of weeks on Fridays only by our asking the Bayscape blower crews to come into the courts and blow the leaves and other tree droppings out of the courts, but the overhanging tree cause of the problem still exists - should this not be part of their regular routine work on Fridays?
 2. Seeds or peppercorns on the southern portion of the southern court (which are a foot slippage hazard because they roll and do not crush); and
 3. Long winter shadows on both courts from trees on the north side and the two very tall eucalyptus trees at the southeast corner of the swimming pool. Can or should these trees be topped or replaced with dwarf trees?

(Submitted by Richard Divine)

Emergency Preparedness

--Emergency Preparedness Committee was setup with six coordinators (three for each side of Plum Island)

--Emergency Preparedness Plan for Plum Island was approved by board and subsequently shared with Brad Davis, Foster City CERT coordinator, who provided suggestions that were incorporated.

--Two homeowners completed CERT training

--Census of Plum Island population (human and pets) was done as well as inventory of resources was completed.

--Coordinators distributed educational materials to all homes

--Pending for 2018-2019:

- Finish working on the Plum Island Directory and share it with homeowners
- Distribute more educational materials
- Encourage more homeowners to sign up for CERT training
- Carry out emergency drill

(Presented by Nilda Chong)

Social

In the past twelve months, we have held three social events, the annual Plum Tree Celebration (usually in late February or early March), the summer pool party (previously late May, but we are working on trying to find a more summery date complicated by the fact that many families are out of town in those months), and new this past year, the Plum Island holiday lighting event, held the last Sunday in November in which the Plum Island children decorate the entrance to the island. We would like to continue to acquire more solar lights for the next few years for the lighting event. We have had very positive feedback on all three activities and welcome feedback as to how we can improve social life on our island. We have also put together a newcomer's survey to have a plan to welcome newcomers to the island, and we presented the overview at the last board meeting.

For 2018-2019, we have the following agenda items to consider:

1. Expand the number of members on the social committee
2. Implement the newcomer welcome package
3. Promote the new tot lot equipment by having a ribbon cutting ceremony and perhaps an event there
4. Consider an Oktoberfest celebration; Stan Wong is our resident brewmeister and has offered to make beer for such an event.
5. Purchase additional lights for the holiday lighting ceremony.
6. Include more activities for Plum Island Children
7. Consider Neighbor Alert Email Program when one of our neighbors is ill or needs assistance
8. Work with Emergency Preparedness Committee to distribute updated Plum Island Directory to residents to allow neighbors to communicate events/news/needs to one another.

(Presented by Kyn Dellinger)

Landscaping

1. Island landscaping for most part is in a good shape
2. We are preparing to remove and replace several trees.
3. The garden on Aruba with a new play ground looks beautiful.

(Presented by Inna Zatulovsky)

Architectural

1. 815 Grenada: They had sliding glass doors change position on their back wall.
Action: Approved
2. 840 Grenada: They had new sliding put on and new landscaping.
Action: Approved
3. 910 Aruba Lane: New windows on the entire house.
Action: Approved
4. 926 Aruba Lane: Requested a review of plans for an addition.
Action: Approved

(Presented by Marion Lowrance)

If you would like to contribute your time and serve on a committee, please contact the committee chairs and let them know. We need volunteers!