

For all Forest Hills East residents, courtesy of Forest Hills East Civic Association, Inc.

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Our Next General Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 in the church on Berry Hill and Grand. Social time 6:30 pm, meeting will be called to order at 7:00 pm. Have a safe Summer, and we'll see you in September (The Happenings 1966)

Dues: 2024 Dues are still being collected. The amount will remain at \$30, but we are asking, for those where it does not create a hardship, to pay \$50. At our meetings discussing how the money is spent and what we could be doing is always an open topic. Mail your dues to Forest Hills East Civic Association, PO Box 3781, Holiday, FL 34692. Include a note with your remittance providing your email address, so we can email you our Newsletter.

Island Committee: Brian Thompson has been in frequent contact with a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers, the following is their final decision:

"Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act regulates "work and structures" in waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of tides. Excavation/dredging is a work category that is covered under Sec 10. The Anclote River is subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and is therefore a Section 10 body of US water. However, under Sec 10 the only option we have for a Federal Case is Criminal. Furthermore, since the Act regulates "work", once the work has stopped the violation is no longer ongoing. Enforcement is also discretionary.

While there may have been machinery there, it was not there at the time I visited the site. I also did not witness any evidence of machinery in the area. The berm area has private property to the North and South of it and the machinery would have either needed to come through private property or by barge. I have not spoken to the property owner on the north side of the breach, but I did not see anyway for machinery to access the site from the southern property when we accessed the berm from there.

Based on what I saw onsite, no work ongoing and no clear evidence of machinery in the immediate vicinity, I have made the recommendation not to pursue an action. Even if I did recommend it, based on my conversations with our Office of Council, I do not believe the Department of Justice (DOJ) would warrant this to be a Criminal action they would be willing to pursue. I know this determination is not the outcome or answer you would like, but at this time it is not something we are going to pursue."

Community Yard Sale: The last community yard sale we held was a big success. We are looking at having the Autumn Community Sale in September-October. No definitive dates are set, so we are soliciting your thoughts.

2024 Hurricane Season: The season has begun. According to many, who study these weather patterns, the 2024 Atlantic is forecasted to be the busiest and most severe hurricane season on record. Be forewarned and be prepared.

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