



## **HAMMOCKS UPDATE: PART I**

*December 2018*

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### **Annual Owners Meetings January 26**

The annual owners' meeting for each of the three associations that govern the Hammocks will take place January 26, 2019 at the Ibis Clubhouse. The Master Association will meet at 10 a.m. with the Preserve and Villas Associations meetings following the Master Association adjournment.

Owners will receive a follow-up mailing about the owners' meetings that includes a ballot and proxy for owners to complete. It is very important that the associations have a quorum to conduct business. Even owner who plans to attend the meetings is encouraged to return a completed proxy and ballot in case there should be a problem that prevents their attendance.

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### **Traffic Islands Refurbished!!**

ArtisTree refurbished the traffic islands at Amberjack Circle and Amberjack Way. The good news? The work was done by ArtisTree at no cost to the Hammocks because earlier landscaping they have done there had failed, and their work is warranted as long they have our maintenance contract.





## Nature's Corner

By: Merry Shaurette and Karen Ackinson  
Certified Florida Master Naturalists

In this edition of Nature's Corner, we will be focusing on defining and describing the Certified Florida Master Naturalist program and designation by answering some basic questions.

### ***What is a Certified Florida Master Naturalist?***

In 2001, the University of Florida developed an intensive educational program that is offered to anyone wishing to promote awareness, understanding and respect of Florida's natural world among Florida's citizens and visitors. The program is the Florida Master Naturalist Program, (FMNP), and is offered at many local extension offices and other locations around the state. FNMP is open and available to anyone and will benefit people interested in increasing their knowledge for use in education programs as volunteers, employees, ecotourism guides and others.

### ***What all is involved in becoming a Certified Florida Master Naturalist?***

To become a Certified Master Naturalist, a person must successfully complete a total of 120 hours of both class work and field experience in three core course areas. Those areas include Coastal Systems, Freshwater Systems and Upland Systems.

### ***What does the Coastal Systems Course consist of?***

This course provides instruction of basic ecology, vegetation types, habitats, wildlife and conservation issues facing Coastal Uplands, Estuarine Systems and Nearshore Marine environments. The class also focuses on society's role in Coastal Systems and environmental ethics.

### ***What does the Freshwater Systems Course entail?***

This course provides instruction on ecology, vegetation types, habitats, wildlife and conservation issues of freshwater systems including, marshes, swamps and permanent wetlands such as rivers, springs, lakes and streams. The class also addresses people's role in wetlands and environmental ethics.

### ***What does the Uplands Systems Class offer?***

The Uplands Systems Class offers the student knowledge of the different habitats, environment, wildlife and conservation issues facing the following Systems: hardwood forests, pinelands, scrub, dry prairie, urban green spaces and rangelands. Again, attention is also placed on society's role in Upland Systems and ethical considerations are made.



***Now what?***

As a Certified Master Naturalist, we are expected to be good ambassadors of our natural surroundings by sharing the information we have learned with neighbors, friends, family and visitors to the area. We are expected to volunteer at appropriate venues to share our knowledge so others can also pass that knowledge along.

***How can I learn more?***

The FMNP also offers short courses on various special topics. Those include and are not limited to Conservation Science, Wildlife Monitoring, Environmental Interpretation and Habitat Evaluation. You can also refer to the FMNP program through their website at [www.masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu). In addition, if you have any particular questions or should an issue arise, feel free to contact one of us as we may be able to help.

It is our goal to offer an interactive program to anyone interested in learning more about the unique area here in The Hammocks.

## **HAMMOCKS UPDATE: PART II**

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### **Hammocks Girls Pajama Ornament Exchange Party**

The *1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hammocks Girls Pajama Ornament Exchange Party* was a huge success with about 30 women attending, all dressed in their favorite Christmas sleeping apparel. The event, hosted by JoAnn Siciliano and Karen Kennedy, took place in the Hammocks clubhouse on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Attendees brought a beautifully wrapped Christmas tree ornament to share and or steal! The gathering was another wonderful way to show the spirit of the community in an amazing holiday setting. We will all be looking forward to the next Christmas season to have our *2nd Annual Hammocks Girls Pajama Ornament Exchange Party*. See you there!



**HAMMOCKS' HAPPENINGS**

**Master Board** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 9 a.m.

**Preserve Board\*** 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 9 a.m.

**Villas Board** As needed

\*The Preserve Board will meet January 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m. in lieu of the regular meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January).

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**Annual Owners' Meetings**

**Clubhouse, Saturday, January 26, 2019**

**Master Association** 10 a.m.

**Preserve & Villas Meetings** Following Master Association

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**Mahjong** Clubhouse, Fridays, 1 p.m.

**Friday Evening Socials** Every other Friday, 5:00-7:00

The next Friday Evening Socials are scheduled for December 21; January 4, January 18

Questions? Contact a Board Member (Contact Info at <http://www.hammockscap haze.net/>)

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