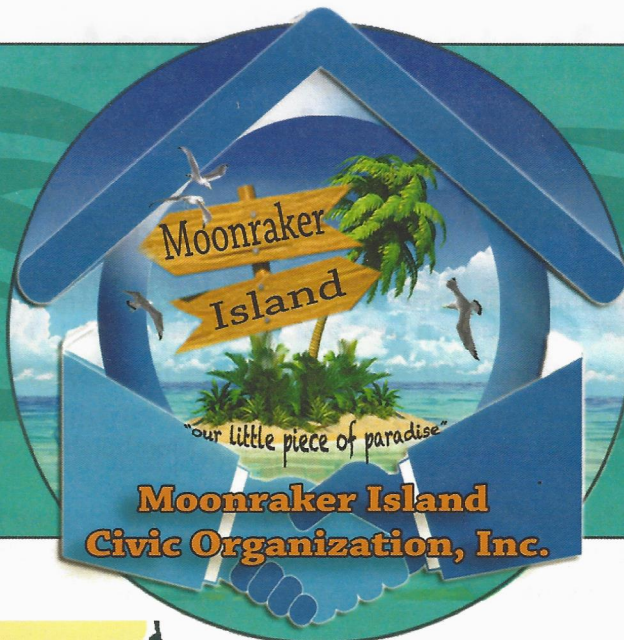


JUNE 2023



A letter from
the MICO Board...

June , 2023

To: Residents of Moonraker Island

Re: Dissolution of Moonraker Island Civic Organization

Neighbors and Friends,

This letter is to inform our community concerning the dissolution of our residents' organization, Moonraker Island Civic Organization, MICO, created in 2014. Always dedicated to its mission statement and bylaws, MICO completed many, many services for its people (a list is included).

Never having taken the defeatist's road, the board has worked tirelessly to complete the tasks upon which it has taken for the benefit of Moonraker Island. MICO has led the way very often before other neighborhood associations followed or called to get information.

Most importantly, no one has ever been compensated in any way. The median age of the board members is 70; the oldest is 79.

Board Letter

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MICO has informed the community many times of its search for volunteers to take on the responsibilities of the residents' organization since June, '22. Meetings have been held specifically for that purpose, including an exhaustive search, but there have been no takers. Membership has declined severely, especially due to the cynical faction that permeated our area, but meeting our neighbors has been a pleasant experience for the most part.

When mailouts can run as high as \$1000.00 each, anyone can do the math. At \$50 a year dues, that mailout would take 20 homes to pay for it. Add cost for posters, lawn and garden work, printing, postage, meeting costs, bulletin board, lights, water, fees, and more; our members can see what a bargain \$50 annually truly is.

No dues have been collected for 2023.

The triangle has been cleared by request. Clipper Estates will take over the care of it. The parish sent info that all assets must be sold and after any bills are settled, any funds left will be distributed to other non- profit organizations which will be decided by the MICO board.

We urge the community to take heed. Moonraker Island will change in a negative way without a residents' organization to protect it. History of that very thing has already occurred. Moonraker Island Civic Organization is very proud of its record of protecting this little piece of heaven that we call home.



Accomplishments of Moonraker Island Civic Organization

1. July 2014 – MOONRAKER ISLAND CIVIC ORGANIZATION, MICO, was created. Registered with the parish, state, and federal government, it is recognized as a 501 C 4 non-profit organization by IRS
2. MICO was an integral part of securing a levee board for our area and helped with letters to every member of H.R. and Congress to place two of our residents to serve on the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage, & Conservation District to provide flood protection for our subdivision. Those members are Dan Mc Govern and John Faust. As of May 16 both men have been reappointed by Gov. John Bel Edwards.
3. MICO developed a website and a residents' email route for Moonraker notifications which have been helpful in many ways to our residents.
4. MICO created a logo and is available for free with paid memberships. Extras cost \$5.
5. MICO has attempted to create a proposed set of covenants and bylaws focused on parish ordinances which got mixed reviews although mostly positive. Louisiana law states there needs to be 100 % approval and rejection of the covenants created in 1980 for the new ones to be effective, and frankly, getting 100 % is practically impossible. The 1980 original covenants, dealing with movables and immovables, are unenforceable because they were never enforced, but they renew every 10 years. The next period the original bylaws and covenants can be renounced is 2030. Prior to 2020, the state would accept dissolution of the 1980 covenants; however, only the parties, now deceased, that created them can dissolve them. The new covenants can then be established by majority vote.
PLEASE NOTE: these regulations have nothing to do with parish laws ordinances that are in effect and entirely enforceable.
6. MICO got the parish to commit to semi-annual inspections of the Moonraker/Clipper bridge until the budget permitted removal of the old bridge and replacement of a new bridge in 2021. Temporary repairs were made in 2015; others will be made as needed. The responsibility of the bridge is ambiguous because it was built by the developer, not the federal government or the parish.
7. Our ordinance officer, Steve Borderlon, who has since been replaced several times, is assigned to handle complaints of residents who practice non-compliance of ordinances. Neighbors are asked to clean up properties.
8. MICO provided the neighborhoods a visit with Santa for our children during the Christmas season.
9. MICO got approval from the parish to create a new entrance complete with bulletin board for Moonraker at the triangle. MICO is working on a beautification project with Progressive Waste Co. to provide company donations to be used to maintain the garden entrance. Our residents need to know since the early 90's, the waste providers have been giving Moonraker's portion of the company's donation to Eden Isles without our permission. MICO recovered that donation and has since voted to use that money for the garden created in 2016.
10. MICO has requested extra patrols to control speeding within the neighborhood.

11. Extra "Children at Play" signs within the neighborhood.
12. New Moonraker Island and Moonraker Dr. direction signs have been installed, the first time since Moonraker was developed in 1980. Moonraker Island should be recognized on Interstate 10 at exit 261 East and West. MICO is working on that.
13. MICO continually sought parish assistance for camera surveillance entering and leaving Moonraker Dr.
14. MICO worked with the parish to provide 13 new and much needed lights in the rear of the subdivision although 22 were promised.
15. MICO has had the canes cut several times along the second curve to provide better vision of oncoming traffic.
16. MICO has worked for the parish to help settle difficulties within the neighborhood.
17. MICO has worked with Clipper Estates and Eden Isles to provide information and assistance to get things our neighborhoods need.
18. MICO has played a major role in Santa at the Fire Station each year
19. MICO holds 4 meetings a year, provides reconciliation reports, flood protection updates, and important parish news, as well as, state news
20. MICO holds meetings with parish authorities
21. MICO had the parish install signs within Moonraker subdivision and road and street signs outside the subdivision.
22. MICO has honored its graduates by posting signs annually.
23. It took 6 years to finally get the bridge replaced, but the striping was wrong. It took 2 more years to get the striping corrected.
24. MICO finally received and placed its speed indicator machine.
25. MICO took the lead on halting short-term rentals and is involved in ongoing legal appeal.
26. MICO took the lead on challenging UNPERMITTED construction from continuing to build. MICO is involved in the appeal.
27. MICO has addressed and should continue to monitor the ruling of the inability to backfill the lake to build more homes along Moonraker Dr.
28. MICO has uncovered documents that prevented the lake bottom, the shores of the lake, short-spaced grounds from being sold or occupied by home owners. Ordered by judge and ordered by judge on appeal, this ground should NEVER have been sold. It was left to the people of Moonraker Island. It has further been discovered that Entity has the right of way on this body of water and ground around the lake. How were phases 3 and 4 of Moonraker Island sold? A question remains: HOW DID THESE ATROCITIES happen? How did the people get permits? THERE WAS NO HOMEOWNERS' ORGANIZATION TO FIGHT FOR THE RESIDENTS.
29. MICO has installed its own high-tech camera system that sheriff's deputies have used.

30. MICO is responsible for alerting St. Tammany parish about a house in ruins after the deaths of its occupants.

31. The house is now restored and cleaned.

32. MICO tried to establish NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH program, but could not get residents to participate.

33. MICO constantly maintains vigilance in keeping our street open to traffic, especially fire trucks, etc. according to parish ordinances.

34. MICO has an established website provided and maintained by Lee Longstreet.

www.moonrakerisland.com

35. MICO has sent out journals to every address in Moonraker Island which contained information concerning history, not only Moonraker history but MICO history. It provided telephone numbers important to our residents, recipes, pictures, up-to-date levee board information, and residents' thoughts and suggestions.

36. MICO has addressed the need for a Justice of the Peace and an Inspector General at residents' meetings several times.

Our community is the only area without a JP. We are told to use the Slidell court system which takes longer and, in most cases, requires attorneys. JP's handle most problems less expensively and more efficiently.

An Inspector General watches that parish money is spent judiciously in the interest of the tax payer.

The parish council and government does not want to discuss this issue.

MOONRAKER ISLAND CIVIC ORGANIZATION, MICO, informs its residents of current challenges related to Moonraker Island and plans to address these challenges with a focus toward protecting and increasing property values, committing to the safety of its residents, and promoting their overall wellbeing.

Expense Sheet & Financial Report

MICO Treasurer's Report May 31, 2023

Beginning Balance - - - - - \$10,764.21

INCOME:

Dues	\$.00
Coastal Waste		.00
50/50		.00
Other		.00
Interest		.00

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME - - - - - \$.00

EXPENSES:

Landscaping	\$	43.13
Journal Expense		.00
Printing & Postage		.00
Meeting Expense		.00
Signs		.00
State Fees		.00
Flags		.00
Cleared Triangle		1,100.00

TOTAL EXPENSES (\$ 1,143.13)

CASH ON HAND \$ 9,621.08

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Statement Ending 05/31/2023

MOONRAKER ISLAND CIVIC

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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT CHECKING	xxxxxx1197	\$9,622.87

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Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
04/29/2023	Beginning Balance	\$11,014.21
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$1.79
	6 Debit(s) This Period	\$1,393.13
05/31/2023	Ending Balance	\$9,622.87

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Interest Earned From 04/29/2023 Through 05/31/2023	
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.20%
Interest Days	33
Interest Earned	\$1.79
Interest Paid This Period	\$1.79
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$9.13
Minimum Balance	\$9,621.08
Average Ledger Balance	\$9,891.63

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
04/29/2023	Beginning Balance			\$11,014.21
05/02/2023	CHECK # 6203	\$50.00		\$10,964.21
05/02/2023	CHECK # 6206	\$100.00		\$10,864.21
05/05/2023	CHECK # 6205	\$50.00		\$10,814.21
05/05/2023	CHECK # 6200	\$1,100.00		\$9,714.21
05/09/2023	CHECK # 6201	\$50.00		\$9,664.21
05/24/2023	CHECK # 6207	\$43.13		\$9,621.08
05/31/2023	INTEREST		\$1.79	\$9,622.87
05/31/2023	Ending Balance			\$9,622.87

Checks Cleared

Check Nbr	Date	Amount	Check Nbr	Date	Amount
6200	05/05/2023	\$1,100.00	6205*	05/05/2023	\$50.00
6201	05/09/2023	\$50.00	6206	05/02/2023	\$100.00
6203*	05/02/2023	\$50.00	6207	05/24/2023	\$43.13

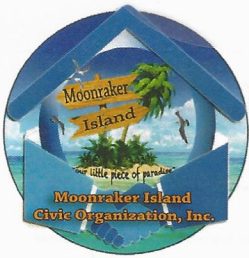
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