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More for the STR BOS report.

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Mr. Madrone -

I write to you with my concerns toward Short Term Rentals in Big Lagoon. Having lived here now 5 years, I believe my observations are valid.

No resident (of any neighborhood) wants STRs in their neighborhood. They are basically hotels, a business which does not belong in any residential area. The only endorsements for STRs come from those seeking profit.

STRs bring with them numerous issues to established neighborhoods as the temporary renters have zero vested interest in the area they visit. In Big Lagoon, I have noticed with these transient folk an increase in litter, speeding, noise and light pollution.

They come here on vacation, ready to party. They illegally light fireworks, stay up late with both music and loud voices. Around the clock they burn their lights which shine in others' windows and diminish the spectacular night sky. They drive the streets above the posted speed limit endangering pedestrians and bicyclists. They freely throw their trash wherever. Until they depart, they disrupt the tranquil life we residents enjoy. Yet then a new group comes in and it repeats, all year around.

I hope you will find a way to include Big Lagoon in the Trinidad Area Plan regarding a limit on STRs as these rentals are already problematic, and adding more would just make matters worse.

Respectfully,

Matthew V Dodge