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*A note from Your HOA Board  
of Directors:*

*We wish each of you a safe and  
happy summer.*

*We have scheduled a  
presentation by a master  
gardener from the University of  
Florida to discuss Florida  
Friendly Landscaping. We hope  
you plan to attend. See the  
accompanying article for  
details.*

*Unfortunately, in early July we  
experienced a summer fish kill  
in the retention pond.  
According to the Florida Fish  
and Wildlife Department and  
our pond maintenance  
contractor, Mallard  
Environmental Services, the  
likely cause of the problem was  
Tropical Storm Debby. The  
University of Florida IFAS  
Extension notes that hot  
summer weather can result in  
oxygen depletion in the water.  
A decrease in oxygen production  
can be caused by incidents such  
as cloudy weather, high water  
temperatures, and plant or  
algae die-offs that shut down  
photosynthesis. To restore the*

*oxygen levels, we are running  
the fountains overnight when  
the oxygen levels are at their  
lowest. The fountains aerate  
the water increasing oxygen  
levels.*

*It is also likely that runoff of  
fertilizers and other chemicals  
on our lawns might have  
contributed to the loss of our  
fish. All runoff in the  
community, whether from  
irrigation or rainfall, drains into  
the retention pond. With the  
amount of rainfall from  
Tropical Storm Debby, it is  
possible the water was  
overwhelmed with chemicals.  
Mallard Environmental Services  
is working with us to restore  
the health of the pond. Once we  
are confident the pond is  
restored, we will replace the  
fish as they are important to  
the overall health of the pond.  
We appreciate your patience as  
we work to restore our pond.*

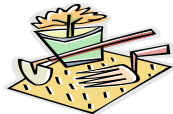
*Please remind your lawn care  
person or pesticide company not  
to use chemicals in amounts  
that could be toxic to the fish  
and other wildlife in and around  
the pond.*



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Ms. Sally Scalera, Horticultural Agent II/Master Gardener Coordinator, University of Florida IFAS Brevard County Extension will give a presentation about Florida Friendly Landscaping. The presentation will provide information on such topics as finding the right plant for the right spot, watering efficiently, fertilizing appropriately, mulching, attracting wildlife, managing pests responsibly, recycling, reducing storm water runoff, and protecting the waterfront. The presentation will last approximately one hour plus additional time for questions.



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### The Architectural Review Committee Message:

Our thanks to all of our homeowners who have been working to improve or restore their lawns and landscaping. Curb appeal is not only important for your own home but can make the neighborhood inviting to visitors and potential purchasers of homes in Summers Creek.

When considering major changes to your lot such as fences, painting, sheds, etc., the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) chairperson can be contacted via email at [ARC@summerscreek.us](mailto:ARC@summerscreek.us) for guidance in these matters.

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### Treasurer's Message:

2012 Dues for \$150 were late as of March 31st and are accruing a 1.5% monthly late fee since the due date of January 1st 2012.

If your payment is sent before the end of August, the amount to submit is \$168.97. If sent before the end of September, the amount to submit is \$171.51.

Remember that after July we may assess a \$50 penalty fee in addition to the late fees.

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### Notice about Parking Cars at entrance while waiting for school bus:

School will be starting soon. Would parents picking up and/or discharging school children at the front entrance, while waiting for the busses, please turn off you car engines. We ask this because we feel the constant running of the engines creates great heat from the catalytic converters which burn up the grass and makes brown spots. Thank you for your cooperation.

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### Community Email List:

Did you know that we have a community email list intended to notify homeowners of community interest? Addresses will only show:

[residents@summerscreek.us](mailto:residents@summerscreek.us). No email addresses will appear on the To line so your privacy will be protected. What do you get? Well for one, you get our wonderful newsletter. Information and status updates on the recent fish kill were sent to residents on the email list. Last summer, there was a notice about an alligator in our pond. If we were ever to get another Tropical Storm Fay with the pond reaching critical heights, we would keep you informed via email. So, if you are not yet a member of our list, send us an email at [hoa@summerscreek.us](mailto:hoa@summerscreek.us) and ask to be added. Add our address to your address book so your ISP will not think you are getting spam and throw our email into your spam file.

The current newsletter and updates are also available on our Summers Creek website at [www.summerscreek.us](http://www.summerscreek.us).

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### Homeowners Meetings:

Our association board meets at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at Kiwanis Island Park in Karen Rood Building.

Notices are posted two days in advance at the entrance to the community. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute any concerns and ideas. Meeting minutes are posted on the website as they are approved.

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### Neighborhood Watch:

Check for your captain. A list of block captains can be found on the Summers Creek website at [www.summerscreek.us](http://www.summerscreek.us). Click on the Neighborhood Watch button.