

The Newsletter of Your Summers Creek Homeowners' Association

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The Summers Creek Homeowners' Association board meets at 7:00PM on the second Thursday of each month at Kiwanis Island. Notices for meetings are posted two days in advance at the entrance of the community. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute their concerns and ideas. Meeting minutes are posted on the website as they are approved.



A Note From the HOA Board of Directors....

Summers Creek has become one of the most desirable places to live in the area because of our proximity to so much of what the area has to offer. It's hard to find another neighborhood as close to everything, yet privately nestled away from the noise and traffic. However, location is only part of an area's appeal. There is also condition and cost. This is why your board is doing everything it can to keep Summers Creek well maintained and cost effective. Last year despite rising costs we were still able to lower annual HOA fees by economizing where possible and managing well to budget.

While home values in general may be down temporarily, we can all help maximize the current relative value of our neighborhood by making even small improvements that enhance the beauty of our individual properties and by observing the standards of our HOA covenants. Together we can ensure that Summers Creek remains the quality community it is today for many years to come.

Your Summers Creek HOA



Association News

Board Changes—

On June 9, the board reorganized in accordance with our bylaws when vacancies occur between elections. Due to Lois Pollard's resignation, Marnie Stant is now President, Richard Moticska is now Vice-President/Treasurer and Marina Parenti has returned as a Director. We thank Lois Pollard for the five years she tirelessly devoted as a member of the Summers Creek Homeowners' Association board.

Website Changes—

In the last 8 months, our community website: www.summerscreek.us has been completely reworked thanks to the efforts of our new Webmaster, George Stant. With a new look, better navigation tools, more helpful links and a lot more useful information, our website is now in a class by itself among HOAs. It now includes information both internal and external to Summers Creek and it is updated throughout the month. If you haven't seen the site lately, we invite you to take a look and visit often.

Entrance Signs and Lights—

The new entrance signs were installed last month and the south sign light was reactivated. A light for the other sign will be installed soon. The light sensor for all the entrance lighting and the bulbs for the entrance street lights were replaced. The south street light is now working again after wire repairs.

Important Messages & Reminders....

A Reminder from The Treasurer—



The annual association fee was due January 1, past due March 31 and subject to late fees after that date. If you have not yet paid, please contact the Treasurer to make arrangements. Thank you.

A Message from the Architectural Review Committee(ARC)—



Few things affect the look of a property more than the condition of its landscaping. Chinch bugs, under watering and cutting too short can all ruin a lawn. During the summer, it is recommended to water lawns twice/week for 45-60 minutes, set mower blade to 3", cut weekly and maintain insecticide coverage. Learn how to test for chinch bugs at ehow.com. Overwhelmed by summer growth? Consider one of the many local gardeners for a one-time landscape cleanup.

Neighborhood Watch—



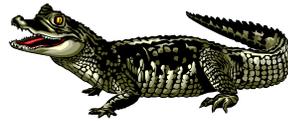
There have been several cases of night-time vandalism, car burglary and trespassing reported in our neighborhood recently. Residents are reminded to keep outside vehicles locked.

An effective deterrence to prowling is outdoor lighting. CFL type bulbs, timers and day/night sensors can minimize the energy cost.

The curfew for persons under 18 is 11PM. This is enforced by the Sheriff's Department.

If you see any persons that cause you concern, you can call the non-emergency number of the Brevard Sheriff's Department at 633-7162. They will gladly send an officer to check things out. Then inform your block captain for follow-up. A list of block captains and their areas can be found on the SCHOA website under Neighborhood Watch.

Alli Gator is Back in the Lake—



Please be aware that a small, 3-foot alligator has been spotted recently in the lake. The wildlife authorities tell us this gator is not aggressive and not threatening if left alone. They recommend not removing it and warn against feeding it (unlawful). More information about this can be found on the Summers Creek website and at myfwc.com, search "gators." Anyone can report a nuisance gator under 4 feet in length to Brevard Animal Control by calling 633-2024. Contact Florida Fish & Wildlife at 1-866-392-4286 for gators over 4'.

Ecology and the Lake—



Lake residents are reminded to please keep mower clippings and debris out of the lake. This helps keep it healthy, controls odor and mosquitoes and keeps the gator happy.

Preparing for Hurricane Season—



It is much easier to prepare for a storm in advance than when one is imminent. The National Hurricane Center's checklist can be found at: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov> with a search for "Disaster Supply Kit."

If you travel this summer, don't forget to bring in or secure any and all loose items in your yard such as lawn furniture, potted plants, garden tools, toys, etc. so that it does not become airborne in case we get a serious storm while you are away.

**Have a Great Summer
Everyone!**

