

# The Newsletter of Your Summers Creek Homeowner's Association

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## A note from Your HOA Board of Directors:

*Spring has sprung. We really didn't have much of a winter, and our community is budding flowers all over. Since our last newsletter, we've planted flowers around the fountain at the entrance to our community, conducted our Annual Homeowners Meeting in February, and elected our new Board members for the 2012 term. Thank you to all who attended the meeting and those who submitted their ballots by mail. Our new Board members as well as our new Officers are listed under "SCHOA Contacts" on our Summers Creek website at [www.summerscreek.us](http://www.summerscreek.us).*

*It is nice to see all of our residents taking pride in how their homes look. We can really take pride in our community. That is why we work diligently to maintain the common areas in good condition, a benefit to the community as well as presenting a good image for visitors who may come calling. However, there are some who could do a little better. Several*

*of our lawns really need attention. Our local watering cycle shifted to twice weekly effective with the advent of Daylight Savings Time. Watering regulations are contained on the front page of our community web site, but for those of you who do not have Internet connection, it is: during DST, the watering days for homes with an odd numbered address are Wednesday and Saturday. The watering days for homes with an even numbered address are Thursday and Sunday. No watering can be done between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM. Remember, these are not Summers Creek rules. The St Johns River Water Management District publishes watering criteria for our area.*

*Another option is Florida friendly landscaping. There are many sites on Google that explain the concept and give quite a few ideas that work in Florida. Try googling "Florida friendly landscaping" for sites that address our climate.*

*Please submit your plans to the Architectural Review Committee for approval prior to implementing them. They can be reached at [ARC@summerscreek.us](mailto:ARC@summerscreek.us)*

## 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.

This is the first building you see as you drive into the park.

Notices are posted few 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.

**We Appreciate Your Involvement.** You can check the minute meetings in the website.

### Treasurer's Message-

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

If your payment is sent before the end of April, the amount to submit is \$159.20. If sent before the end of May, the amount to submit is \$161.59.

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

Thank you to all those that have submitted your payments in timely manner.



### The Architectural Review Committee Message-

It's Spring again and prime time for making outdoor changes which may be subject to HOA covenant restrictions.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is ready to help. Pat Carter, the committee chairperson may be contacted via email below for guidance in these matters.

Please send you request via email to [ARC@summerscreek.us](mailto:ARC@summerscreek.us) or post mail for modification work is: P.O.Box 540833 Merritt Island, FL 32953



### A Word About Neighborhood Watch -

To address any potential concerns in light of the recent neighborhood watch incident in Sanford, the Summers Creek Neighborhood Watch organization is sponsored by and operates under the guidelines of the Brevard County Sheriff's Department.

It is a volunteer organization independent of the homeowners' association. Neighborhood Watch members are individually responsible for their own actions in the same way as any other homeowner.

As always, residents are encouraged not to take the law

into their own hands, but rather, to report suspicious activity to the non-emergency number of the Sheriff's Office, 633-7162. To report a crime in progress dial 911.

Also, if you need to leave your car in your driveway or on the street, KEEP IT LOCKED!

-Outdoor lighting is the number one deterrent against prowling.

- Security cameras for the home are becoming less expensive and increasingly popular everywhere these days. They are recommended by law enforcement to prevent crime and can be lower your home insurance premiums.

### Preserving the Lake-

Our lake maintenance company has informed us that 90% of the algae in the lake is caused by fertilizers and grass clippings, both containing high nitrogen. Rain and sprinklers cause these products to runoff into the lake, which accelerates algae and undesirable weed growth. It's also unhealthy for the fish and other small aquatic animals.

Fertilizer and clippings can also get into the lake through our storm drain system if left on the street. State law prohibits fertilizers from being dispensed within 10' of the lake.

You can help preserve the lake's beauty and health by using care when fertilizing, mowing and weed trimming.

