

# The Newsletter of Your Summers Creek Homeowners' Association

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When scheduled, the Summers Creek Homeowners' Association Board meets at 6:00PM on the second Thursday of the month at Kiwanis Island. Notices and agendas for meetings are posted two days in advance on the bulletin board at the entrance of the community and online respectively. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute their concerns and ideas. Meeting minutes are posted on the website as they are approved.



*From The Board of Directors...*

*This year's membership meeting yielded some surprises. Five of the seven challengers won seats on the board and two of the sitting board members lost theirs- something that's never happened before as there were always less candidates than seats on the board. This year, we had thirteen candidates vying for nine slots and that meant that four were not going to get on. There are three new, first-time board members, four returning from last year and two former members returning from previous years.*

*So, this year Summers Creek has the largest board in its nineteen year history. This means even more ideas, more people overseeing things, more people involved in the decision process and more people to share the work. In short, more people working on keeping Summers Creek at its best for all of us.*

*This year our focus will be on better maintaining the community's high quality standards, continuing efforts to control costs and promoting positive relationships within the community.*

*In addition, there is a plan to develop an ARC section on the website that will take the guesswork out of the ARC approval process. The goal is to put easy, straight forward information online that will help homeowners plan and coordinate various alterations and color changes to their properties with the ARC in accordance with the HOA's regulations (See website Governing Documents, CCRs.)*



## Association News

### Annual Meeting & Election—

The annual membership meeting was held Feb 4 at Kiwanis Island with 15 homeowners in attendance and 19 represented by proxies. The election results are shown in the left panel of this page. We commend and thank this year's Election Committee volunteers John and Dolores Sedlak and Diana and Jeff Scarincio, who generously gave their time and honestly made the whole process look easy.

### New ARC Chairperson Appointed—

We have a new ARC Chairperson this year. Stacey Burnworth will be taking over from Sharon Ferrall who has chaired the committee for the past year. We thank Sharon for her dedicated effort in that capacity and welcome Stacey.

### Covenant Enforcement Procedure Approved—

At last week's meeting, the board approved the covenant enforcement procedure that has been in development for nearly three years. The procedure provides a systematic approach to fair and consistent covenant enforcement. It will apply to owners as well as tenants. It is designed to better fulfill the board's obligation to the membership in preserving the quality of the neighborhood to protect homeowner investment. As always, homeowner cooperation is essential to the complete success of any plan of this type. Your support of the Association's goals through your continued compliance with the CCR guidelines is beneficial to the community at large and most appreciated.

# Important Announcements, Messages & Information....

## New Residents, Welcome!



Several new families have moved into the neighborhood over the past few months. Please join us in making them all feel welcome. Farewell and best wishes to those families leaving soon for other areas.

**Treasurer's Note**— This year's \$125 annual association fee was due January 1 and considered past due after March 31. On April 1, a 1.5% per month late charge is applied from the January 1 due date. The timely payment of these fees ensures that we can continue to meet expenses and keep fees low. If you have not yet paid, please take the time to do so now. We thank those who have already paid.



**ARC Matters**— There have been recent instances of homeowners not contacting the ARC prior to making exterior changes. The HOA covenants require that exterior alterations be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Most of the time this is just a formality; however, it is a requirement of our HOA's regulations. This includes, but is not limited to all exterior house color changes; re-roofing, the addition of sheds, pools, fences, structures; driveway widening and mass plantings. Making alterations without ARC approval is a violation of the CCR and subject to enforcement proceedings as provided by law. Before making exterior changes, please contact the ARC by calling Stacey Burnworth at 321-872-7462 or email to [arc@summerscreek.us](mailto:arc@summerscreek.us). You will receive fast and courteous advisement and support.



**About Irrigation**— With daylight savings time (March 9), sprinklers can run twice weekly if necessary. Even numbered addresses Thursdays and Sundays, odd numbered Wednesdays and Saturdays, up to an hour/zone, but not between 10AM and 4PM. See [floridaswater.com](http://floridaswater.com) or call 1-800-725-5922 for more info.



## New Law Limiting Fertilizer Use—



To help protect the Indian River Lagoon, on March 6, county commissioners approved an ordinance banning fertilizer application from June through September. Also, the minimum application distance from waterways has been increased from 10 to 15 feet. No fertilizer containing phosphorous can be applied at any time without a soil sample showing the need for it and the use of nitrogen fertilizer is limited to the 50% slow release variety. See Florida Today's website and search: "Brevard Outlaws Summer Fertilizer" for more information. Time will tell how this reduction of fertilizer will affect our own lake. Theoretically, if the ban is observed, the lake should do better.

**White-Footed Ants**— The White-Footed ant, unheard of in our area until 2002, is now common in Summers Creek. Under a magnifying glass, you can see why they call them white-footed ants. They like trees, sappy plants and mulch. They climb up walls and enter homes between the wall and soffit. From there, they crawl through attics and down inside walls to floor level to look for food. Professional exterminators will place outdoor baits and apply an outdoor, Fipronyl-based insecticide (Termidor). Due to the size of their colonies and difficulty getting rid of, fast action is best. The good news is, they are harmless, not destructive and don't bite.



## Lawn & Garden Care Reminders—

For a better lawn, remember to apply weed and feed by April, if you have not done so already. Also, don't forget that plants, particularly palms, need fertilizer at least twice/year. Pesticide treatment for lawn destroying insects is recommended quarterly.



**Have a Great Spring Everyone!**

