

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....

As this year draws to a close, we'd like to reflect on the highlights of the year gone by.

The entrance fountain pump was replaced when it broke down between Christmas and New Year's last year.

The entrance wall received some needed reconditioning that should make it maintenance-free for several more years. Rusted rebar was removed from its top tier, cracks and deteriorated mortar repaired.

The lake's condition has been excellent all year and without the use of any algaecide. This is a first, indicating that efforts made last year to balance the lake have paid off.

We are hearing more and more compliments on how nice the neighborhood looks these days. This is due to the efforts of the many people who know the importance of maintaining a high standard for our community. We would like to extend a sincere thanks to all those that contributed to the improvement of Summers Creek in one way or another this year.

In closing, we wish everyone a joyful and safe holiday season and the very best of new years.

Association News

2015 Budget Approved, Dues Stay \$125

— The 2015 budget was approved at the Nov. 13 Board meeting. Forecasted annual income and expenses remain at approximately \$15,000. The dues are back to what they were in 2006 due to the board's careful cost management practices, which include a constant eye on costs, exploring all practical ways to save and taking the time to find the best way to get things done rather than what might be the most expedient.

2015 SCHOA Membership Meeting & Board Election

— The annual membership meeting and board election will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in the Kiwanis Island Karen Rood Room at 6PM.

The duties of a board member require a commitment of time that varies with position and level of involvement. Typical activities include attending meetings, researching topics necessary for the board to make informed decisions, participation in the planning and decision process regarding maintenance and administrative issues and generally assisting the board in carrying out its duties as specified in our Association's governing documents.

Anyone interested in serving on the board may submit their name to the Nominations Committee by email to nominations@summerscreek.us or by contacting a board member. The deadline is Jan 8 for getting your name on the ballot.



Important Announcements, Messages & Information....

Treasurer's Note



Thanks to all the homeowners who paid their maintenance fee on time this year. Your 2015 dues of \$125 are due January 1. You will receive a letter about this later this month.

ARC Online Now Operational



A few months ago, we added the tab "ARC Online" to the SCHOA website. If you are contemplating making changes to the exterior of your property that involves painting, fencing, adding a shed, pool or screen enclosure, etc., visit the ARC Online tab on the HOA website, summerscreek.us, for specific instructions on how to contact the ARC for assistance and approval of CCR applicable changes.

How To Stay In The Loop



If you are a Summers Creek resident reading this newsletter from the website instead of via email, consider getting on the HOA's email list. The benefit of this is that you will get the colorful, quarterly newsletter, bulletins and other important information released by the board throughout the year automatically. Individual email addresses are kept private, not shared and not visible or retrievable by other email recipients. To get on the list and stay in the loop, email us at hoa@summerscreek.us and ask to be added.

Holiday Security Precautions



Here are a few tips repeated every year by various police departments around the country. They are good practices throughout the year, but particularly around the holidays when people tend to carry more money, buy more when out shopping, travel and be less on their guard at times:

- Remember to breakdown boxes discarded from expensive Christmas gifts like home electronics to avoid advertising what's inside your home to criminals that cruise neighborhoods looking for these clues.

- Never leave your car with anything of value visible inside. Even if you lock your doors, determined thieves will break the glass to get a purse, cell phone, tablet, etc.

- Always remain aware of your surroundings when out shopping, particularly in parking lots, day or night.

- If you are going away for the holidays, leave your outdoor lights on, have at least one indoor light on a random timer and ask a neighbor to remove any fliers left by your door or driveway suggesting no one's home.

Holiday Decoration Safety



- For outdoors, use the proper decorations, extension cords and connections rated for outdoor use, don't overload, check periodically for excessive heat.
- Indoors or outdoors, follow manufacturer instructions when leaving electrical decorations on overnight or unattended.
- Keep decorations a safe distance from sidewalks to avoid creating interference or a trip and fall hazard for passers-by. You may be liable if someone gets hurt by falling into or stumbling over your decorations.

Lawn & Garden Tip of the Month



Chinch Bugs have attacked and caused extensive visible damage to several lawns this year. In the Spring, one method to repair the patches of dead St. Augustine grass is to thoroughly rake out the dead grass and apply "Scott's Turf Builder Weed and Feed" to the affected area. Then water lightly every day until new runners start to fill in the spot. If this does not work, you will have to plant plugs or sod to restore your lawn.

Have a Great Holiday Season Everyone!

