



A Newsletter dedicated to educating and informing the Spring Lake Neighborhood

The Spring Lake Connection

June 2016

WELCOME

Welcome to the June issue of the Spring Lake Connection, the new neighborhood newsletter. While the association has sent out occasional newsletters in the past, we plan to make the newsletter a regular monthly occurrence going forward to keep everyone better informed of events and happenings relating to the neighborhood. Residents are invited to suggest topics that they would like to know more about. Submit suggestions and feedback to Greg Anderson with Ameritech at GAnderson@AmeritechMail.com or 727-726-8000.

SPECIAL MEETING CANCELLED

The special membership meeting scheduled for June 15th to address an amendment to the deed restrictions has been cancelled. Members should have received a notice of this schedule change in the mail last week. The board wants to review some of the language in the amendment so are delaying the vote on the issue.

Members may discard the ballot that they received recently in the mail. Another special membership meeting will be scheduled in the fall where this issue will be revisited.

The board has been working for the last few months on crafting an amendment to the deed restrictions that encourages owner occupancy of homes and discourages investor-owned rentals. A high number of rentals in a subdivision negatively affects property values. We currently have between 10% and 20% rental properties; the board views this as excessive and would like to see this reduced in the coming years.

There will still be a regular board meeting held on June 15th at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. As always, members are invited to attend.

FENCE CONSTRUCTION

As you may have noticed, installation of the new perimeter fence has begun. The contractor will work from the corner of Virginia Avenue and Keene Road east along Virginia, then south from the intersection along Keene. This phase of the project is expected to take 5-6 weeks. Once the exterior fence has been completed, the fence around the recreational area will be replaced with new wood shadow box fencing.

There have been a few questions from homeowners about gaps between the bottom of the fence and the ground in a few spots. The new perimeter fence must be constructed level; and since the ground slopes downhill in both directions from the corner, it was known that this was likely. The board is aware of this circumstance and will address it once initial construction is complete.

Also, while they are here working, The Fence Factory has agreed to provide free estimates and special rates to any homeowner who wishes to replace private fencing. Keep in mind that all interior fencing must be shadow box style. Call The Fence Factory at 727-726-7554 Mon – Fri 8am-4pm for an estimate.

SEA WALL CONSTRUCTION

Visit the neighborhood website for more information: www.SpringLakeHOA.org.

The north lake sea wall project will also be starting in the very near future as well. The first step is to draw down the lake level several feet. This will require pumps to run continuously for a week or so. These pumps are likely to make a significant amount of noise, so please bear with us while the draw down is being accomplished. The entire construction project is expected to take about 5 months. The property on Virginia where the sewerage pumping station is located will be the staging area for the construction.

welcoming committee to greet and assist new residents.

Be aware that construction will require the removal of some fencing, shrubs and decks. Any property damage will be repaired except for structures that have been improperly placed on community property. Any questions about this project should be directed to Greg Anderson with Ameritech.

HOUSEKEEPING

Please remember to place yard trash and trash cans by the road for collection on Monday night and have your cans stored out of sight by Tuesday night.

The board has received many complaints about drivers running stop signs in the neighborhood. This could primarily be due to traffic cutting through the neighborhood to bypass the traffic signal at Keene Rd. and Virginia Ave. Regardless, please remember to drive carefully as you navigate the neighborhood to keep our neighborhood safe.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you have a skill that can help contribute to the operation and betterment of the neighborhood or would simply like to help make Spring Lake a better place to live, please do not hesitate to contact the board and let them know of your willingness to pitch in. There are many activities that could be added which would enrich the community if the manpower were available.

For example, more people are needed to assist with the newsletter and we would like to form a

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