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AUGUST'S YARD OF THE MONTH



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

George & Brenda Stevens
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I would like to thank Silver Oaks homeowners for their support over the past couple of years. I believe a great board has been put in place. I would like to thank everyone on the board for their dedication and leadership. The grounds and decoration committees have been doing a fantastic job. The president along with a few other board members have been working diligently together redoing all the signs, walk ways, pressure washing the fence and the front entrance sign, and the flag pole at the entrance looks beautiful.

I am leaving town for a while and have resigned as Treasurer. I would like to thank Connie O'Neill for stepping up and taking on the responsibility of Treasurer. Silver Oaks Phase I Board has come a long way and I am very proud of the accomplishments they have done over the past 2 years. Keep up the good work and good luck with all future projects.

Maria Del Duca, Homeowner

August 27, 2011

Dear Homeowner:

As some homeowners are aware a leaflet was circulated in the neighborhood asking about interest in the construction of a county-supported Park/Recreation area off Sorrel Ridge Road. Not all homeowners received the leaflet and I dare say none of the empty lot owners received one.

I spoke to two lot owners that have lots in the Sorrel Ridge area. They did not receive the leaflet, but are not in favor of this project and are concerned about their property values going down as a result of this public-use area.

Some disadvantages to this project are:

1) There is not anything for free. The cost is paid for by the taxpayers. The county will only maintain as long as the money is available. When the county can't maintain, then we homeowners are left with the burden. Example: County maintenance of the retention ponds in our neighborhood.

2) Phase II was approached twice about placing this Park/Recreation behind their swimming pool. I went to the County/Phase II meeting three or four months ago where Phase II homeowners adamantly turned down the project for a second time. They mentioned that even with cameras in place at the pool area they were constantly having problems.

3) One of the things the county representative said at that meeting was they are constantly trying to keep up with the replacement of locks throughout the county parks that are cut by vandals.

4) This Public Park/Recreation will attract drugs, noise, traffic and will depreciate our properties, especially those of homeowners and lot owners in the immediate area. I dare say there will be some who will drop their kids off to amuse themselves?

Please show up for the discussion of this issue at 6:30 at the September 13th meeting at the Davidson Middle school library on Old Bethel Road. If you cannot be at the meeting please let your concerns be known by e-mailing me at franzcole@cox.net. I will copy all e-mails and take to the next meeting. Keep in mind when making a decision on this matter, how would you vote if this was in your backyard? Thank you.

Homeowner,

Barbara Cole

5865 Hunting Meadows Rd.

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Time For A Fall Vegetable Garden

By: Larry Williams

Some gardeners quit with their gardens when the summer vegetables begin to die. But you can take advantage of the garden space by planting cool-season vegetables.

Cool-season vegetables include many of the leafy-green vegetables such as cabbage, collards and spinach. Other cool-season vegetables that you can enjoy include radish, beets and carrots. Let's take a closer look at some of the plants to be planted for the fall.

Broccoli is an excellent crop for the home garden. General cultural practices are about the same as for cabbage. Broccoli and cabbage should be planted during August or the first of September.

Collards will withstand wide ranges of temperatures if properly conditioned. They may be direct seeded and thinned to cabbage spacing or plants may be set. Collards exceed cabbage, turnip greens, and spinach in protein, fats, and carbohydrates. Collards may be harvested by cutting the whole plant or by "cropping" individual leaves. Plant collards during August or first of September.

Onions are generally grown from sets or plants. Sets and plants will require about six to eight weeks to reach eating size. Bulbing onions will not be ready to harvest until spring. Sets and plants should be spaced about two inches apart. Plant onions September through December.

Radish is fun to grow and it is fast. It should be ready to harvest 25 to 30 days after planting.

Plant radish seed September through mid-October.

Other cool season vegetables to try include: Beets, plant Aug. 1-Sept. 20; carrots, plant Aug. 20-Sept. 15; cauliflower, plant Aug. 15-Oct. 15; kale, plant Aug. 15-Oct. 15; lettuce, plant Sept. 1-Oct. 1; mustard, plant Aug. 20-Sept. 10; spinach, plant October-November; turnips plant Aug. 10-Oct. 1.

If you did not prepare a garden earlier this year, you can prepare a garden spot for cool season vegetables. The preparation for a fall-season garden is the same as for an earlier garden.

Choose a sunny location. Most vegetables perform poorly in shade. Some vegetables such as broccoli, collards and spinach will tolerate partial shade. Avoid locating your garden near hedges or trees. They can create too much shade and their roots may compete with the garden for moisture and nutrients.

Locating your garden near the house makes it easier to watch for insect pests, disease, birds, squirrels, rabbits, etc. Tending and harvesting the garden will be more convenient, too.

Locate the garden near a water supply. You'll get only moderate results if you try to grow a garden without watering it as needed.

Contact Larry Williams at 689-5850 or 729-1400, Ext. 5850; or e-mail lwilliams@co.okaloosa.fl.us. He is the Extension horticulture agent with the Okaloosa County Cooperative Extension Service, University of Florida.

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Tip of the Week

School Bus Safety

Safety tips while waiting, riding, or exiting the bus:

- Hurrying to get on or off the bus. Teach your children to take their time.
- Make sure your child has no clothing that has loose drawstrings. Backpack straps should be short so they do not get caught on hand rails or bus doors.
- Supervise your children to make sure they get to the bus stop safely and are waiting far away from the roadway.
- Teach your child never to stop and pick something up while the bus is in motion, first notify the bus driver.
- Children should stay 10 feet away from the bus or as far as possible.
 - Never walk behind the bus
 - Board the bus single file
 - These are areas where children are in the most danger.
- Teach children when exiting the bus, before stepping off to look to make sure no cars are coming.
- **Look Left-Right-Left when coming to the edge of the bus. Cars are supposed to stop, make sure they do!!**
- Before crossing the street in front of the bus, take five giant steps out from the front of the bus or until you can see the driver's face.

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Tip of the Week

Child Passenger Safety Tips

- Car Seats Expire-Check for an expiration date on the back or bottom of the seat molded into the plastic or on one of the stickers.
- Car seats involved in an accident should be disposed of properly. The integrity of the seat is compromised after a crash and may not protect a child as designed in a second crash. A replacement car seat is covered by insurance.
- Keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as your child fits the seat's height and weight requirements.
- All children under 13 should ride in the back seat.
- Use the seat belt or lower LATCH anchors when installing your child's car seat, but not both. Check your car's owner's manual and the child restraint manual for directions.
- Be sure to register your child restraint with the manufacturer. They will notify you in the event of a recall and provide information on how to replace or repair the seat. More information can be found here:
 - <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/register/childseat/index.cfm>
- 3 out of 4 car seats in the US are used incorrectly.

An estimated 8,959 lives were saved by child restraints from 1975 to 2008.

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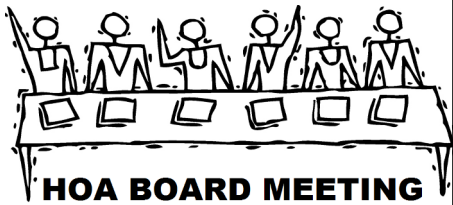
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HOA BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Davidson Middle School Library (unless otherwise advised). You are invited and encouraged to attend. Minutes to the meetings may be found on our website.