



Deer Lakes Owners' Association



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President's Report

I am pleased to welcome you to the first quarterly issue of the 2012 Deer Lakes Owners Association newsletter. First, many thanks to the 2011 board, officers and committees for all their hard work, accomplishments and dedication to the leadership and operations of our community.

The newly elected board is anxious to represent you as a resident or homeowner. The board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month and all meetings are open for visitors. The board members for 2012 are:

President: Dick Rivers
 Vice President: Bruce Sheekey
 Treasurer: Frank Klecha
 Secretary: Jim Fiandaca
 Member: Karen Banks
 Member: Alea Burke
 Member: Wade Gregory

We have a number of committees that provide support and activities within the development. They include the Pool, Finance, Social, Lawn and Architectural Review Committees (ARC). Additionally, we would like to get a Facilities committee organized again this year. Although the ARC committee members are elected at the Annual Meeting, the other committees are appointed and additional help is welcome. If you are interested please contact me at rich.rivers3@gmail.com.

The board will be developing goals and priorities for the 2012 year at the January 17th meeting. These will be included in the 2nd quarter newsletter as well as the Association website.

Although included in previous newsletters, a reminder regarding obeying traffic laws is extremely important for safety in our neighborhood. Please do your part and if you see others that are not adhering to the laws call Fairway Management at 777-7575 with vehicle information and license numbers. It is important that all of us do our part to keep the neighborhood safe. Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Dick Rivers

ARC committee

The ARC committee members for 2012 are:

Bruce Bodin Audrey Sheekey
 Bill Schmidt Mary Flavin
 John Kopko James Meegan

Thank You

We thank all the contributors to this issue and all prior issues not just for your report but for what you do!

Roz Burke and friends

- Social committee
- Upcoming events planning
- Condolences
- Get well cards
- Welcome Packages
- Newsletter Distribution

Bruce Bodin with help from

Audrey Sheekey

- Architectural review Committee
- Advice on Home maintenance

Glenn Johnson

- Lawn Committee Report

Jim Fiandaca

- Pool and Playground Committee Report

Marina Camaj

- Ad solicitation
- Ad retention
- Advice and support

Karen Banks

- Emailing
- Printing

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Social and Liaison Committee

Our Dear Lakes Holiday Party was held on Dec.10th. Inclement weather kept a few homeowners from attending. However, we did have a great turnout. The food was wonderful and we all enjoyed the company of friends and neighbors.

We are planning next year's venue to be held indoors. The fall newsletter will include updated information.

I would like to thank the Social Committee (Donna Andreski, Dennis Atkins, Marina Camaj, Judy Fiandaca, and Joan Gentile) for the many hours and hard work they contribute to the Dear Lakes community. Kudos to Suzy and Dick Rivers and helpers for the lovely Christmas decorations at the pool and front entrance way.

Winter Events Calendar

February 11: "Volunteers Appreciation Breakfast" Recognition and thank you to all those who so generously contribute their time to ensure our success as a great community.

March 25: "Sun Flowers in Bloom" Hello to spring pot-luck Sunday at 4:00, poolside. Bring a dish of your choice, family, and chairs.

April 28: Garage sale. For those of you who like a heads up the spring sale is Saturday from 8:00-2:00.

Please forward your requests and suggestions for future Social Calendar events to HerbandRoz@aol.com

Condolences

Our deepest Sympathy

- To Joan and Dick Gentile on the loss of her father Philip J. Nicolini
- To Dorothy Cox on the passing of her husband (C.B) Clarence

Get Well Cards

Cards were sent to:

- Edward Rokus at 5032 Outlook Drive recovering from kidney surgery.

Welcome Packages:

Packages were sent to:

- Patricia Masterson 5455 High Pasture
- Luis and Elisa Perez-Mena 3581 Deer Lakes Dr.
- Michael Square 3353 Cloudberry

If you are a new resident and have not received a welcome package contact herbandroz@aol.com

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Pool and Playground Committee

Now that we have headed into the winter months, our pool area will, of course, see very little activity. In reflecting on the 2011 season, we are pleased that the pool area equipment and facility upgrades and enhancements, which were completed this year, contributed to a season that was virtually free of pool closures. The pool with the new equipment provided a healthy, safe environment for pool area for use by Deer Lakes residents and their guests. Some of the more notable of those upgrades and enhancements were the new surveillance system, life safety ropes, ladders and pool area lighting repairs. We are also very appreciative of the support provided by those who used the pool area in helping to keep it clean and a beautiful focal point of our community. We look forward to another enjoyable and problem free pool use season in 2012.

Speaking of the 2012 season, one additional enhancement that was just completed is the addition of a new chlorine feeder system, known as "Stenner Feeders." This system, which works as another component of our overall filtering system, introduces chlorine in to the pool on an automated basis vs. the previous method of adding chlorine pellets manually. This enhancement will greatly affect the continuity of the chlorine and chemical balance within the pool, basically smoothing out the highs and lows typically caused by rain/lack of rain, heavy pool use, etc. So, the new system has an additional and very positive impact on the health and safety condition of our pool on an ongoing basis.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

During the last quarter, the ARC modified and updated the Deer Lakes home color wheel. An updated copy is available for homeowner review and is available at the Fairway office.

The ARC decided to postpone the front yard beautification award due to the holiday seasonal decorations. We hope to make an award early January.

During the summer and fall months our sidewalks and driveways tend to become mildew and iron stained. Sometime our homes become stained as well. We all need to be aware of methods to remove these problems.

The Iron stains usually come from our sprinkler systems. Usually a product called "Snowcap" is very effective removing iron stains. It is purchased as a power which is mixed with water and hand sprayed on the affected areas. Hand sprayers for this purpose may be purchased from Home Depot and other stores. We recommend a sprayer which tolerates chemicals such as Snowcap and Clorox.

To remove mold, either a water pressure washer (which is the preferred cleaning method, can be rented at stores like Home Depot) may be used employing house water as the cleaning agent or a hand sprayer using a mild mixture of water and Clorox carefully hand applied with a chemical tolerant hand sprayer. With this method, carefully spraying is important because your clothing may be ruined. Also care must be taken to avoid getting the Clorox mixture on your grass because your lawn may be damaged.

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Lawn Committee

The winter schedule is in effect which means that lawns are cut and trimmed every other week.


- On the off week, M&M takes care of tree and bush maintenance, winter fertilization and weed control is also accomplished.
- Mulch is scheduled to be applied to the common areas during the first part of January. M&M removed two dead Queen Palms from the front area recently.
- Poinsettias were planted in the front area for their annual Christmas show.

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