

Summerfield at Bayside Lakes

Newsletter

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Check your mail

Proxy packages were delivered via US Mail on Dec 18. If you did not receive yours, please send an email to the Board at somfldhoa@outlook.com and we will arrange for replacement.

Voting deadline

Voting by proxy will end on Monday, January 17.



A Great Place To Live Proposed Changes to Summerfield Covenants: Proxy Ballots Delivered

The HOA Board has scheduled a special Zoom meeting to address the changes to the SF Covenants proposed last month. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18 at 5:30PM.

A proxy ballot package was delivered in mid-December via US Mail to each homeowner address. The package contains:

1. a letter from HOA Board President Robert Stise, explaining why the Board has proposed these changes;
2. detailed amendments proposed to the landscaping and garages sections;
3. the agenda for the Special Meeting January 18 with Zoom contact numbers; and
4. one Proxy ballot with instructions on how to vote.

The Board requests that you carefully consider these proposals which are designed to improve sidewalk safety, reduce overall homeowner cost of ownership, and provide some flexibility to residents when landscaping changes become necessary.

Please read and consider the item on page 2 related to a large lawsuit settlement awarded to a Melbourne resident who suffered serious injuries in a sidewalk fall inside her HOA community.

Florida Today Report: Jury awarded \$957K to a Melbourne HOA resident for Sidewalk Fall

Florida Today reported that Brevard County and the Grand Master Homeowners Association of Melbourne were sued because they failed to adequately maintain a sidewalk in their subdivision and failed to warn pedestrians of the hazard. A resident, represented by Morgan & Morgan, was injured in a fall on an uneven sidewalk causing her serious brain injuries. A jury awarded her nearly \$1M in the case in December of 2021.

Dangerous heaving sidewalks in Summerfield caused by oak tree roots in the green belt exposes our Association and our homeowners to the same liability.

We recognize that we share the same responsibilities and risks and want avoid lawsuits. A “yes” vote for the oak tree Covenant change will help everyone in SF avoid injuries and potential litigation.



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2022 Budget Established with 5% assessment increase

The Summerfield Board of Directors approved the 2022 operating budget in the December meeting. Initially the Board wanted to hold the assessment dues flat to last year. With inflation rapidly rising, we have seen cost increases in every line item in the budget and the Board conceded that it could not hold assessments flat to 2021. The Board approved a 5% increase in dues from 2021 to 2022 and believes that should be adequate to keep the HOA in good shape financially for 2022. It includes a small cushion to cover some cost increases that may materialize later in the year. HOA annual dues must be paid by the end of January.

TRAVEL ADVENTURES WITH KATHY & MARIE

Join Your Neighbors for the Safari of a Lifetime

Tanzania: Serengeti to Zanzibar *July 18-27, 2022*

Private Game drives and premier lodges in legendary Wildlife reserves and national parks, including Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti and Olduvai Gorge (location of some of the earliest human fossils found by Louis and Mary Leakey).

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This tour is escorted by your neighbor, Marie Ramsey at 1878 Windbrook Drive, who has traveled to 93 countries and has 40 years as a tour director under her belt. Mrs. Ramsey worked as an educator in World Cultures and as a teacher of the gifted. She is an artist and author of a book called Roots and Shoots. The tour company of choice, Tauck Tours, has been named "World's Best" for 22 consecutive years by Travel and Leisure Magazine.

For more information and a brochure, call Marie at 321-960-7723. This is a small group tour and space is limited.

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Another Accident at the Dangerous Curve (near our gate)

A serious motorcycle accident occurred at the sharp curve on Bayside Lakes Blvd on Jan 1. At about 8PM, a helmetless biker travelling much faster than 30MPH failed to negotiate the curve and crashed. The biker was taken by Medivac helicopter to a medical facility. This is **another sad reminder about the hazards of excessive speeds at the curve** where accidents have taken at least four lives and countless injuries have been sustained. Board President Robert Stise has been speaking at City Council meetings, asking for changes and speed enforcement to address the situation. He plans to push for the Council to take decisive action at the next meeting.

Speed control

The HOA Board continues work on awareness and enforcement to get drivers to follow the 20 mph speed limit. Shortly after Thanksgiving, the message board at the SF exit gate displayed a message hinting at the possibility of adding speed bumps. The Palm Bay Police radar trailer was installed near the Windbrook bridge a few days later. Your HOA Board has contracted to have a Palm Bay Police Department officer work in SF from time to time, monitoring traffic with radar and warning speeders. We are looking for voluntary compliance. If we can't achieve the 20MPH safe speed limit in SF, speed bumps will be installed.

If you have questions regarding the proposed changes to the SF Covenants, send an e-mail to the Board at somfldhoa@outlook.com

Summerfield Items of Interest

Fireworks

Please be considerate and responsible in your safe use of fireworks. Also please remember your neighbors who have to get up early in the morning for work and are trying to sleep at night, and pets who can be terrified by fireworks nearby. Please be sure to clean up the area once you have finished shooting off your fireworks. Thanks for your cooperation.

Special HOA Board Meeting

Tues January 18 5:30PM Via Zoom

Regular HOA Board Meeting

Tues January 18 5:40PM Via Zoom

Summerfield volunteers help prepare for Christmas



Gates Decorated

Our thanks go out to Meg Malone for coordinating the decoration of our entrance and exit gates again this year. Meg and her sister Heather joined resident volunteers Marie and Dan Corcoran in stringing the lights and garland, and installing the wreaths. It took about two hours to complete the task, but the community and visitors enjoyed the bright holiday decorations for several weeks.

Luminara Preparation and Delivery

On December 19 each home in SF received their Luminara kit. This is truly a special Christmas Eve tradition in Summerfield and Meg Malone coordinated the activity again in 2021. Kits were assembled on December 18 by volunteers Stephanie and Michael Tenney, Tina and Marc Blanc, Stacia, Zander, and Mikkel Selah, and Trish Pansulla. Mike Malone drove the delivery vehicle the following day so Meg and her family could drop off the kits next to each mailbox in SF.



More Summerfield Items of Interest

PET OWNERS!
CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!
Respect your neighbors.

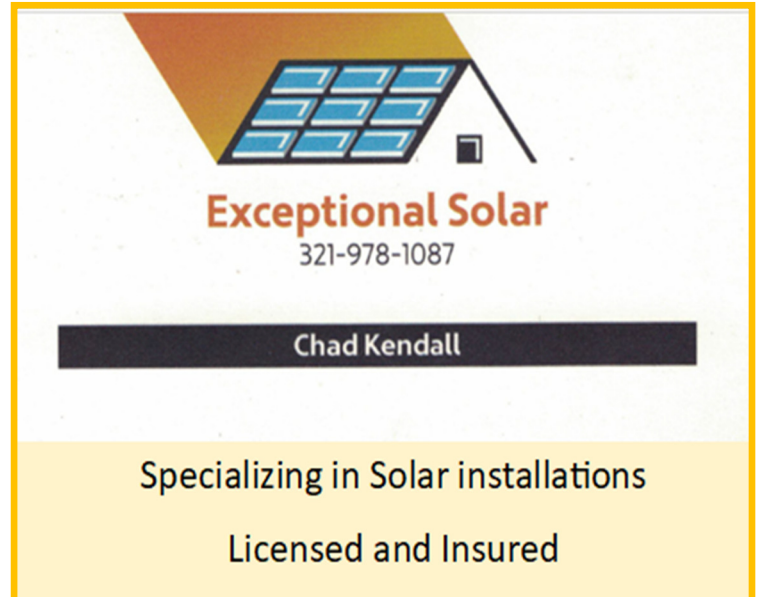
When your dog poops on or near the sidewalk or the driveway, in the green belt, along the road, or on your neighbor's lawn, **clean it up.**

Wildlife

Homeowners are reminded to secure their trash containers and monitor their bird feeders. We have experienced a number of raccoon incidents in recent weeks, and want to do all that we can to discourage the animals from living in our neighborhood and damaging our homeowner's properties.

Summerfield ARC Form - Hyperlink

We developed this shortened link for you to get easy access directly to the PDF file: <http://bitly.ws/jC8B>



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The golf course is private property.

Only golfers who have paid their greens fees and cart fees are allowed on the course.

When the course is closed on a holiday, please do not "help yourself" to free golf.

Do not use the cart paths after hours as an ATV trail or a bicycle path.

Access Numbers for Summerfield Board Meetings

To join Zoom meeting (NEW MEETING ID SINCE 10/12/2021):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84052071766?pwd=OEFMbndwcnHNvcER1YW9QVzRsTzM0UT09>

Meeting ID: 840 5207 1766 Passcode: 057508

Audio: (301) 715-8592 (Washington DC)