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The Neighborhood News Sawmill Lakes Community

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Summer Activities in Sawmill Lakes



"It's a sure sign of summer if the chair gets up when you do!"
--Walter Winchell

School's out, bringing with it a few more lazy mornings, a break from packed lunches and projects, and time to hang out with friends! The SML Social Committee has planned lots of fun community activities for the coming months. Mark your calendars and join us!

9th Annual Independence Day Bike and "Patriotic Pooch" Parade and Pool Plunge!

July 4th, Friday, 9am (Note the new date!)

Join us for a Sawmill Lakes community-wide tradition with children of all ages. Meet at the corner of Pine Mill Lane and South Mill View Way (near 2nd entrance). Escorted by a fire truck, participants will walk and ride down the center of the neighborhood to the Community Center. Cool off with a plunge in the pool and popsicles/lemonade!

Decorate yourself, your bike, tricycle, stroller, or wagon!

NEW THIS YEAR: Decorate your Doggie! (Leash required)

Prizes given for best dressed dog, bike, stroller, and wagon!



NEW EVENT FOR SUMMER FUN FRIDAYS AT THE SAWMILL LAKES POOL

Every Friday, 6-9pm, June 13 - August 22!

Bring your family, towels, snacks/picnic dinner, beverages (no glass please), and join us! Meet neighbors and swim!

We'll disband promptly at or before 9pm. The pool closes at dusk and we must not disturb those who live by the pool!

Each week, there will be a fun theme. Hope you participate!

June 13: Wacky Float Day. Float in the pool with your weirdest, wackiest float!

June 20: Watermelon Day. Bring some watermelon to share. Greased watermelon races!

June 27: Share a Dessert Day.

July 4: Patriotic Day. What else would we do?

July 11: Island Fun. Wear your hula skirt, Hawaiian shirt, and bring a tropical beverage.

Additional themes announced in future newsletters. Send ideas to lauramorey@comcast.net

Security Corner



Summer! That means great fun for neighbors and families, perhaps travel, parties, BBQ, etc. But, it also means to keep your eyes open for potential security issues. Consider the following:

Kids are out of school, and that sometimes translates to boredom and mischief! Keep crimes of opportunity to a minimum with some simple ideas.

- **Lock it up!** Lock car doors and remove valuables. Be sure to remove garage door opener from car at night so someone cannot open your garage door if they break into your car.
- **Close it up!** Keep garage door closed, even if you are home.
- **Call them up!** Report any crimes or suspicious behavior to the St. Johns

County Sheriff's Office immediately. Knowing there could be police investigations and arrests may discourage many potential perpetrators from crimes of opportunity!

- **Buddy up!** Summertime equals travel time. Consider asking a neighbor to keep an eye on your home while you are on vacation. Activate and use those security alarms. If you use a pet sitter, they also make great home sitters!
- **Light it up!** Set timed light switches to make it look like someone is home even when you aren't.



Important Safety Phone Numbers:

St. Johns Cty Sheriff's Office

Non-emergency: 273-3052
Crime Tip Hotline: 824-9099
Emergency: 911

May Management: 273-9832

Fire Department Palm Valley:

285-6555

We have a very strong community with great people. Let's stay vigilant together to make this our safest summer on record!

Many Hands = Light Work!

You might grin each time you leave SML when you see our monthly humorous plea for help on the community boards.

The truth is that unless more residents offer to help with small tasks, the Board will be forced to hire resources to complete certain jobs. This will mean a direct increase in your annual homeowner's dues, which we would like to avoid.

I challenge each household to offer just 1 hour a month to your community. Can you pick up trash, attend a meeting, or help organize an event? Please email smlboard@smlinfo.org with your ideas and we'll try to match you with a task. Many hands=light work!

Fireworks: Fireworks that have a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, or which require fire underneath to propel them are illegal. Even if they are bought locally, it does not mean they are legal. There is a noise ordinance in effect at 10pm.

Golf carts, go-peds, motorized scooters and skate-boards, go carts, and other small engine vehicles are prohibited on all public roadways, including SML. This is a St. Johns County rule, not a SML rule.

No soliciting in SML. Call Sheriff's office and have them issue a "no trespass" warning.

Please...Don't Feed the Gators!

If you see a large (over 4 feet) alligator or one who has lost fear of humans, call Wildlife Control at (866)392-4286. May Mgt. can also be called.

Please discard yard waste properly. Do not discard clippings, branches, etc. in the Preserve or in lakes. This causes blockage and damages the ecosystem. Properly bag your yard waste and placing at curb on Sunday evening for Monday pick-up.

The Board has hired **off-duty police** to patrol throughout the week to keep our neighborhood safe!

The Board Report

SML Board of Directors

President: Hal Hitch

Vice President: Rick Cantwell

Treasurer: Diana Rawle

Secretary: Kim Allerton

General Member: Tom Murta

Board of Directors meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 6:00 p.m. in the Community Clubhouse

Minutes from past Board meetings available from www.smlinfo.org/minutes.htm

We have a new Board of Directors in Sawmill Lakes. They are active, enthusiastic, and open to your ideas!

Look for a bio of each of these incredible community leaders in our next newsletter. Meanwhile, if you see one of them, take a minute to say hello and thank them for their work. You can contact them by email at: smlboard@smlinfo.org

The Community Center bathroom code is changing. Please watch for a letter from May Management with this and other news.

Check out the Community Bulletin Board on the Neighbor-to-Neighbor web page: <http://www.sawmilllakes.org/> Click on "Bulletin Board".

In Memoriam

We are deeply sorry to hear of the loss of one of our residents, Bill Muir. The Sawmill Lakes Board of Directors is indebted for his many years of service to our community. In his memory, a tree will be planted in our park this summer.

Kid's Corner



Recently, I was walking through the neighborhood admiring the spring flowers, and I was struck by an overwhelming feeling of gratitude. Kids were biking, couples were walking their dogs, and neighbors were chatting.

I thought it would be fitting to give tribute to this lovely place we call home by seeing if others felt the same way. And what better source for these views than the kids of Sawmill Lakes?

So, I interviewed several of our young residents and ask them "Why do you love living in Sawmill Lakes?" Here's what they said...

I like playing with friends in the cul-de-sac -Alex, age 11

I like the dogs and the people are nice here -Nichole, age 6

I love Sawmill Lakes because I get to see lots of nature -Havi, age 9

I love living here because there are so many kids! -Jake, age 7

I love our pond across the street - Mitch, age 8

I love Sawmill Lakes because my friends live here and we all go to school together -Drew, age 8

I love living here because my mom is the ultimate snake catcher and takes them across the street to Guana - Zach, age 8

We do lots of fun events and we can see our neighbors! -Amanda, age 9

My best friends live here. I love the pool, park, and baseball field! -Lance, age 9

I like the pool and the field -Alex, age 17

Because I can skateboard with my friends -Ike, age 9

Because we have a great community around us -Lindsey, age 14

I love Sawmill Lakes because I have a lot of friends -Colin, age 5



Art Contest for SML Kids ages 3-18!!

Draw or paint a picture depicting a fun summer day in Sawmill Lakes.

Prizes awarded by age group (3-5, 6-9, 10-13, 14-18).

BY JUNE 23: Submit entry on 8 x 11 paper. On back, please include child and parent's full name, address, phone number, email, and child's age.

*Submit to Patti Gustafson
449 S. Mill View Way*

Winners announced at end of July 4th Parade at Community Center. Drawings will be on display at Community Center and will not be returned.

It's a family oriented neighborhood Megan, age 14

Because it's safe -Meghan, age 13



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