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The Neighborhood News Sawmill Lakes Community

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Avoid Late Fees! Homeowners Dues due by January 30th.

Each homeowner should have each received an invoice for your semi annual dues in the mail by now. Please remit dues by January 30th to May Management, 5455 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080-7111 * (904) 273-9832

Community Reminders

Here are a few reminders that pertain to the community.

- Pet Nuisances: If you have encountered a pet nuisance or safety issue with a domestic or wild animal, please do not contact the Board. Instead, call the St. Johns County Animal Control at (904) 209-0746 or after business hours, (904) 829-2226. Additional contact information may be found here: http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/BCC/Animal_Control/Contact.aspx
- Leash Laws: The leash laws in Sawmill Lakes (as specified in the Covenants) are consistent with the St. Johns County leash laws. More information may be found here: http://www.co.st-jhns.fl.us/BCC/Animal_Control/LeashLaw.aspx
- Community Field/Court usage: While the Sawmill Lakes park facilities are intended for use by residents and their guests, often residents would like to bring organized teams to the park for practice or games. This is not permitted unless the resident provides proof of insurance (obtained from the league) to May Management in advance of usage. Violators of this policy will be subject to fine. This policy is not to make life difficult for residents, but to protect the community from the financial exposure resulting from accident or injury during this type of use.
- Chairperson Needed: We are seeking a Chairperson and members to serve on the Controlled Access Committee. This Committee is responsible for gathering all relevant information relating to the currently available options for limited access and/or enhanced security, and their impact on cost, access, safety, and value to community's households. Contact the Board at smlboard@smlinfo.org if interested or to recommend someone.
- Conservation Easements: Most of the natural areas in Sawmill Lakes, aside from homeowner's personal property, are protected wetlands. These areas are Perpetual Conservation Easements. There is no trespassing in these areas, and violators or their parents can be fined by both the county and community.
- New Board Members: We are pleased to welcome two new members to the SML Board, Trish Shilling and Howard Wallenstein.
- Volunteers on all committees needed. Tell us what you like to do, and how much time, and we will match you with a committee that fits. Please email the board at smlboard@smlinfo.org
- Dumpster at Clubhouse: Please do not use the dumpster located at the Clubhouse. We are charged additional fees by the waste disposal company to haul away anything except community center trash. These additional costs will be passed along in increased dues. Large items may be put out at the curb on regular trash days.
- PLEASE keep your houses and cars locked at all times. There continue to be crimes of opportunity, as people leave valuables in their unlocked cars overnight. Let's slam the door on these criminals. Remember to report any suspicious activity to the St. Johns County Sherriff's office.



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The Board Report: Shilling and Wallenstein join Board

We welcome Trish Shilling and Howard Wallenstein to the Board. While many of you already know Trish and Howard, they have provided a short biography to help all of us learn a little more about them.

Trish Shilling:

I, like so many Ponte Vedra residents, am originally from up north, Connecticut. I have lived in Jacksonville for nearly 20 years. We have been fortunate to live in Sawmill Lakes for the past 8 years.

For those of you who may not know me, I have a husband Ed, and three children, Megan 14, Ally 11 and Cole who is 8. My goal of being on the SML board is to contribute my time and ideas to sustain the wonderful family environment while maintaining and growing our home values.

I have served on several different boards including the Jacksonville Down Syndrome Association and Ocean Palms Elementary. Prior to that I had a business career for 14 years with AT&T. I hope my experience and passion for this neighborhood will assist in maintaining "the best community neighborhood".

Howard Wallenstein:

I was born in Brooklyn, New York when it was still safe to ride the subways alone and walk the streets at night. I took my undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of New York in 1958. Yes, I am currently 71 years old. I started my work experience by obtaining my commission in the US Navy, and served four years on an attack transport.

My real work began as a Process Engineer with the American Sugar Company (Domino) at their NY refinery - now condominiums. I moved on to manage the corn syrup business for CPC, and with management positions with Southland Frozen Foods and Sunshine Biscuits. I then started my own consulting firm, and did this for ten years. At that point I felt the need to "give back" to the environment, and became the Senior Engineer for the Public Works Department of Fulton County Georgia (half of the City of Atlanta). My main initial responsibility was to "clean up" the heavy pollution load from the waste water system. I was successful enough that I could take my Springer Spaniel Max swimming in the Chattahoochee River for the first time.

I retired in 1998, moved to Sawmill Lakes, and married my long time sweetheart Audrey Newman, and in that order. Audrey and I have five children between us, and ten grandchildren. Since they live across the USA, we spend lots of time on airplanes.

My interests lie in improving the quality of life here in SML, and having all our residents feel that this is THEIR Board.

SML Board of Directors

President: Hal Hitch

Vice President: Kim Allerton

Treasurer: Diana Rawle

Secretary: Trish Shilling

General Member: Howard Wallenstein

The Board of Directors meet 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

Architectural Review Committee Update by Tobe' Budner

While submissions to the ARC have slowed throughout the city, due to the time of the year and the economy, one exterior change has not. Many homeowners are repainting their homes. Please keep in mind that you need to submit your request to the ARC for prior approval. Please take into consideration the color of your adjacent neighbors homes, including roof and trim colors before selecting a color that will blend with their homes but still satisfy your personal preferences.

In an effort to maintain home color harmony within the Sawmill Lakes community, and realizing that popular colors evolve over time, the ARC reviews exterior color changes very carefully. In doing so they take into consideration the intensity and contrast of the colors being requested and how they will fit into the community.

Should you have any questions or need help in submitting your request please call Tobe' Budner, ARC Coordinator at 285-2519.

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