



Sabal Grove Newsletter - September 2016

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Letter from the President

Dear SGHA Members:

It is an honor to serve as your Sabal Grove HOA President. I am committed to keeping our neighborhood a safe, beautiful, and enjoyable community for all of us.

The small annual amount we as homeowners pay in HOA dues, together with the volunteer hours expended by the Board of Directors (BOD), Architecture Review Committee (ARC) and Events Committee Chairpersons and their members goes a long way. Thanks to these dedicated volunteers, our neighborhood has fun family events twice a year, the ARC committee protects our property values, the Common Areas Manager ensures the common grounds are maintained and our lovely retention ponds are kept aesthetically pleasing as well as healthy for fish and wildlife.

You may have noticed that we have recently painted over the "No Trespassing" portion of the Wildlife Conservation Area signs on Sabal Grove Dr. The BOD elected to remove "No Trespassing" so the wildlife and nature path can be enjoyed by our community. In the event the Conservation Area becomes abused, the "No Trespassing" rule will be re-instated, so please help keep it clean so everyone can enjoy it for a long time to come.

Thank you,
Colleen Taylor, SGHA President

Architecture Review Committee

Sandy Blasens, Lee Bravo
June Knepper, Judy Burr, Larry Scroggins

Events Committee

Sandy Blasens, Darlene Lindsey
Volunteers needed, please contact
Sandy at 321-305-5804

Welcoming Committee

Erin Philp
Volunteers needed!

ARCHITECTURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Architecture Review Committee (ARC), which is appointed by the Board of Directors, meets once a month on the first Monday to review submitted architecture requests. This group is key to ensuring the improvements made to resident properties are compliant with the Association documents. Contact Sandy Blasens with questions: 321-305-5804.

Please ensure you get ARC approval for any activities related to building, re-building, installing or painting any items on your property.

Forms can be downloaded at

www.SabalGrove.com. Select the "Architecture Review Form" and click download the Form.

**Requests submitted after the first Tuesday of each month will be reviewed the following month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the Treasurer's information as of 9-1-2016:

- Assessments collected: 153 (of 155 properties)
- Current balance: \$52,613.27

Thanks to all of you who provided their 2016 assessments in a timely manner, it saves the Association and the affected property owner unnecessary costs when the dues are paid on time.

Lee Bravo
Treasurer, SGHA

Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions via our website, it's the quickest way to get a response!

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Oct. 1st & 8th: Neighborhood General Clean-up. The ARC Committee is requesting that everyone spend a little extra time trimming and tidying up their front yards.

Oct. 15th: Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale. Ad will be placed in Craigslist, and signs posted at front entrance. 8:00am-?

SAVE THE DATE! Nov. 5th: ANNUAL PICNIC. Please join us at the North corner of Jacaranda and Kingfisher at 4:00pm for great food, entertainment, and lots of door prizes.



Nov. 19th: Front Entrance Decorations. We need volunteers to help decorate our entrance. There will be a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Lowe's as incentive! The more the merrier (and the faster it gets done), see you at 9:00am.

Best in Class Christmas decoration contest. Best house will win a \$100 gift certificate! Second place: \$75 gift certificate, Third place: \$50 gift certificate. Contest will end at noon on 12/18/16. Winners will be announced individually and at the annual meeting in January.



2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Tentatively planned for January 23, 2017 at Grace Fellowship Church. We are hopeful for a strong turn out as we will be discussing the future of our annual dues.

WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED

We've made great progress in 2016, here are a few highlights:

- Clean-up of several rental and foreclosed homes.
- Clean-up of several code violations.
- Within the next few weeks, the Sabal Grove entrance signs are going to be repaired and repainted.
- Retention Ponds - After contacting and meeting with the chief biologist of the company who maintains our retention ponds about the severeness of the algae blooms we've been experiencing, he advised that aeration systems are usually the best solution. In order to determine if they will help, water quality testing needs to be done at varying depth levels in each pond. The SGHA BOD agreed we should expense the funds for having testing conducted.
- An issue also arose with the Tamarind pond recently. An observant and conscientious homeowner called Rick Taylor to alert him that the brackets holding the horizontal steel pipes over the drain opening completely rusted away and the pipes rolled into the pond. The #1 concern was the safety of the children who may want to go explore the underground world of Sabal Grove. To remedy the problem Rick retrieved the pipes from the pond and removed the rusty sharp headless screws sticking up out of the concrete. He then installed 3 vertical 1.5" PVC pipe filled with concrete for strength and clamped in place with PVC brackets. The PVC material is impervious to water and will never deteriorate.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

These are not covenants violations, but are rules that make us good neighbors.

- Put rubbish/garbage out on the right day that it's due for collection. If you accidentally miss the collection, bring it back onto your property immediately and try to contain it well. Kindly retrieve your cans as soon as possible after collection.
- If you walk your pet, please carry a plastic bag and pick up the results of your pet going to the bathroom on someone's property or the common areas of Sabal Grove.
- Please keep your dog on a leash when they are outside your property, even if they are with you on a short walk to the mailbox.
- Avoid all unnecessary noise from any source from 10:00 PM to 8:00 AM. This includes revving car engines, lawnmowers, and whatever else may wake someone from a sound sleep.