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Seawall Completed, Pumping To Begin Regular Schedule

It has been a long time coming, but the Spring Lake pumping station can now operate on a regular schedule. As a result of direct communication and negotiations between Board Chairman Leon Van and landowner Sandy Tyrell, a satisfactory agreement was signed that ended the injunction on Spring Lake pumping. As a result of this agreement, the District and Tyrell avoided a lengthy and costly eminent domain trial that would have continued to put Spring Lake in jeopardy while the trial process ran its course and the injunction was still in place.

Greg Griffin, a Lake Placid resident and owner of Total Site Solutions, completed the work on the channel. As a result of the seawall, all water pumped into the channel from Spring Lake will go north approximately 200 yards and then make its way to Arbuckle Creek, as originally designed.

These pictures display the work that was necessary to create a seawall that forced the pumped water to go toward the Creek. It took approximately two weeks to complete the final phase of this project.



Board News



At the July 16 meeting, the Board of Supervisors held a workshop on Assessment Relief issues that affect the District. Public hearings for both the water control plan and the FY '09 budget also took place. Although the official budget will not be approved until the Aug. 13 Board meeting, it appears that the non ad-valorem assessment may increase only slightly, if at all.

The FY '07 audit has been completed and adopted by the Board. A copy is available to the public at the District Office, as well as the proposed FY '09 budget.

A resolution to adopt Lot Regulations to ensure a neat and attractive community is being discussed, and the Board may be adopting policies and procedures based on Florida Statute

and the Spring Lake Improvement District Charter: Section 9; Article 26; page 13. The jurisdiction is written as follows:

(26) To require every landowner within the District to maintain his or her respective property in a neat and attractive condition, free of high grass, weeds, underbrush, and refuse; to regulate and restrict by appropriate resolution the maintenance thereof; to mow and maintain said property on the landowner's failure to do so; and to impose, assess, collect, and place a lien upon such property for the cost and expense of mowing and maintenance by the District.

A full description of the policies and procedures that may be relevant to this Resolution, if passed by the Board, as well as costs, will be published in the September issue of *The Breeze*.

Chapter 119.07 of the Florida State Statutes empowers governing bodies to maintain, preserve and retain public records and to appoint a custodian. The Board passed a Resolution establishing public records request fees and procedures and named the District Manager as the public records custodian. A copy of the Statute and Resolution is available at the District Office.

It was announced that a Landowner Election would take place on Nov. 12 to fill an expired term on the Board of Supervisors, currently held by Ken Poe.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m. at the District Office.

Signs Are Regulated By The County

Improvement District personnel continue to be abused by residents who accuse them of "taking" their signs. This paper has had numerous articles informing Spring Lake residents that Highlands County has a sign ordinance and the District has an inter local agreement to enforce their ordinances.

Signs are **not allowed** on any right-of-ways, medians or

boulevards. Real estate signs for individual homes have to be off the right of way and clearly on the homeowner's property. Signs cannot be taped or stapled to trees, light poles or other structures in these restricted areas. Notices for garage sales, parties, weddings, meetings, political signs or any other signs are all violations.



If District personnel do not remove the illegal signs and County Code Enforcement Officers drive by, you will be

cited and fined!

Beginning July 1, District personnel were instructed to contact the resident **only if an address or phone number** appeared on the illegal sign, giving them an opportunity to remove it themselves in a very timely manner.

Residents who openly violate this ordinance are costing the taxpayers money by having District staff spend time to remove and dispose of the signs. People who do not like this ordinance should call Highlands County Code Enforcement and not berate our District personnel.

Don't Be Left Out, Provide Your Input

Don't miss out on the opportunity to provide input to the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District; they want your thoughts and opinions. Supervisor Bill Lawens, who is chairing this project, and his committee, are striving to obtain as many responses as possible.

Never before have we had a community survey that provided basic census information, as well as asking

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residents to share their feelings about some of the projects and programs people have been talking about for years. The results of this survey will give all of us an idea of what our residents view for the future. The data will be invaluable in assessing future program and project options that could present themselves to the Board and know the feelings of our residents.

The survey was mailed to all residents and landowners, asking them to please answer all the questions and return them to the District. If you still have the survey and have not filled it out, please do so. You can download a copy by going to our Web site at www.springlakeimprovement.com and click on the highlighted area on the home page. You can come to the District Office or go to the drive-up window where you pay water bills and ask for a copy. You can even fill out the sample that appears in this paper.

Please forward your completed survey to the District Office at 115 Spring Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33876; fax it to (863) 655-4430; or e-mail to slid115@embarqmail.com.

Please do not sit back and do nothing. This is an opportunity to be involved in the future decisions for your community. Your opinion is valued and welcomed.

Who's Who?

The Improvement District is managed by a Board of Supervisors, a full-time staff and advisors. Here are the people in charge of SLID:

Board Of Supervisors:

Leon Van Chairman Ken Poe
 Marsi Benson Vice Chairperson Bill Lawens
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To contact the District Office, call 655-1715, e-mail at slid115@embarqmail.com, or visit our Web site at www.springlakeimprovement.com. The offices and drive-up window area open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on weekends. There is a mail drop for depositing water bills just to the left of the main entrance.

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SPRING LAKE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES) (only pertinent data will be emailed; boil order notices, emergency information etc.)

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNER (proceed to question 1) RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNER

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD: ADULTS CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD AGES

NUMBER OF PETS TYPE OF PET (dog, cat, bird, etc.)

NUMBER OF MONTHS PER YEAR IN SPRING LAKE NUMBER OF YEARS RESIDING IN SPRING LAKE OWN RENT

IF PART TIME RESIDENT PROVIDE OTHER: ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER

Your response will help determine the development of your community. Please mark an X in your selection and write any additional comments on the reverse side.

1. Community infrastructure needs:

- A. Community Center**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- B. Youth Center**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- C. Parks Upgraded**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- D. Arbuckle Creek Park boat ramp and dock**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- E. Fire and EMS Station**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- F. Public Safety: (police patrol)**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- G. Bark Park**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- H. Bike and walking paths**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- I. Community pool**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- J. Non-profit group organized programs (i.e. Scouts, YMCA, etc.)**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- K. Financial grants to supplement funding**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- 2. Community merchants:**
- A. Bank**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- B. Gas Station**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- C. Grocery Store**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important
- D. Personal businesses (i.e. barber, salon, dry cleaner etc.)**
 Extremely Important Very Important Somewhat Important Not Very Important Not At All Important

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202429	7233 Rolling Hills	\$149,900
201405	6032 Bay Lane	\$219,900
203325	307 Meadow Lane	\$135,000
198293	1559 Lakeshore Drive	\$174,900
200978	2524 Upson Ave.	\$287,750
198007	101 Wild Duck Pt.	\$444,900



MLS# 200155 - 6741 Kenwood Ter., \$179,900
 Bermuda model, there are two available and ready to move in, another model getting ready to be built, over 200 units planned in Crossings of Spring Lake, Builders special pricing on these 2. Some lots available with Golfview and Waterviews. Community pool and club house coming soon. Come pick out your lot and floor plan with upgrades available. Where Coming Home is a Feeling, not just a Destination.



MLS# 202931 - 532 Maya Dr., \$199,000
 Sprawling Spring Lake Pool home, 1/2 acre with 3 bed 3 bath 2 car garage with golf cart garage, heated pool with separate jacuzzi, large entertaining screened in porch area, beautifully redone kitchen with solid surface counter tops and wood cabinets.



MLS# 197718 - 201 Prado Ct., \$228,000
 What a spot! Screened lanai looks out on large yard with beautiful view of sparkling canal. 3/2 with wood burning fireplace, open kitchen has all new appliances. Lot 125 x 180 very quiet cul de sac with oversized back yard. Storm shutters and irrigation system add to this newly painted home inside and out. Immaculate and great location. Buyer to pay title insurance.



MLS# 203788 - 6233 Concord St., \$199,225
 Attention Golfers, the views from this home will mesmerize you! Imagine waking up in the morning and watching the sunrise over the golf course and canal waterway view. The 3rd bedroom is currently being used as a family room. One owner home. Large screened enclosed lanai. Open floor plan with light tile in main living areas. Cul de sac location with no thru traffic.



MLS# 201839 - 206 Clubhouse Ct., \$197,000
 What a View! This 3 bedroom 2 bath villa with 2 car garage looks straight down the 18th fairway of the Panther Golf Course at the Spring Lake Golf Resort. Play the two 18 hole courses or just relax on your lanai watching others play. Large eat in kitchen with upgraded appliances. Volume ceilings, walls have rounded corners. Immaculate! Serene and quiet, all you hear are the birds. DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

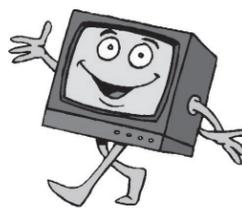


MLS# 200156 - 1133 Dogwood Ter., \$179,900
 Bermuda model, 2 bed 2 bath, 2 car ga, den/off/family room, nice open floor plan with plenty of space. Front screened enclosed lanai and additional one in the back. Brand new development with other floor plans available, there are 2 available at this Developers Rock bottom pricing. Come take a look and you will know why we say, Coming Home is a Feeling, not just a Destination. Centrally located in Florida, close to Orlando and both coasts.

A Test For The Older Kids

This is a test for the "older kids" in our community; those of you just before and during the Baby Boomer generation.

- 1) After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the Sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left behind_____." What was left behind?
- 2) When the Beatles first came to the United States in early 1964, we all watched them on what television show?
- 3) "Get your kicks"_____?
- 4) The story you are about to see is true; the names have been changed to_____?
- 5) "In the jungle, the mighty jungle"_____?
- 6) After the Twist, the Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we danced under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the_____?
- 7) N-E-S-T-L-E-S, Nestlé's makes the very best,_____?
- 8) Satchmo was America's Ambassador of goodwill. Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us; who was he?
- 9) What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?
- 10) Red Skeleton's hobo character was named_____, and Red always ended his T.V. show by saying Good Night and_____?
- 11) Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning_____?
- 12) The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other two names did it go by?
- 13) In 1971 Don MacLean sang a song about "The day the music died." This was a tribute to_____?
- 14) The first satellite placed into orbit was by the Russians and called_____?
- 15) One of the big fads of the late 50s and early 60s was a large plastic ring that twirled around your waist. It was called the_____?



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1. A silver bullet
 2. Ed Sullivan
 3. On Route 66
 4. To protect the innocent
 5. The lion sleeps tonight
 6. The limbo
 7. Chocolate
 8. Louis Armstrong
 9. A Timex watch
 10. Freddy the freeloader and Good Night and God Bless
 11. Draft cards
 12. Beetle or Bug
 13. Buddy Holly
 14. Spunk
 15. Hula-Hoop

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