

# SpringLake BREEZE

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## Anniversary Plans Move Forward

The Anniversary Committee met in early December to put in place the various activities and events that will be conducted in 2021. The Spring Lake Property Association, Pawsitively Dog Club, and several homeowner associations are all participating. The Committee will use The Breeze, the SLPA Newsletter, the District's e-mail blast list; and the Next-Door app to inform residents of events.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Bart Heldman for the design of the 50<sup>th</sup> logo. Bart has a design business in Indiana and he and his partner are building a 100-unit climate-controlled storage area just to the west of the Presbyterian Church on Rt. 98. Other members of the committee are Kristi McGathey; Monica Griffith; Priscilla Cutler; Sam Heede; Karen Palino; Lark Gilfus; Phil Gentry; Helmut Wyzisk III; Nelly Ford; Virginia Nicholson; Joanne Read; and P.J. Steeby.



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The highlights of the activities will be a community picnic conducted by the SLPA in the Fall, and on November 10, 2021 a special Anniversary event will be held at the Golf Resort Restaurant. Other items being considered are a Car Show, Golf Outing, and a Dog Park Party to name a few. People wanting to help can contact anyone on the committee to see what assistance they need for their project.

One of the first projects for the committee was to review and organize the hundreds of pictures and news articles that are in notebooks going back to the mid 70's. A number of items will be published in a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Issue of The Breeze. Plans also call for scanning all the materials and putting them on the District web site.



*L to R: Joanne Read, Sam Heede, Priscilla Cutler*

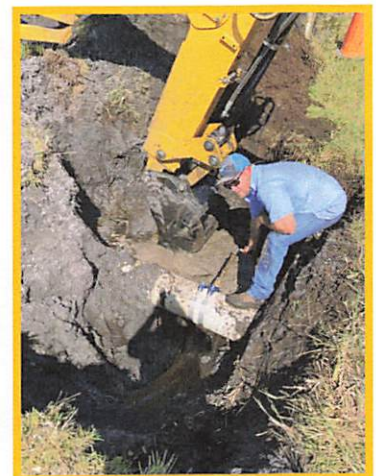
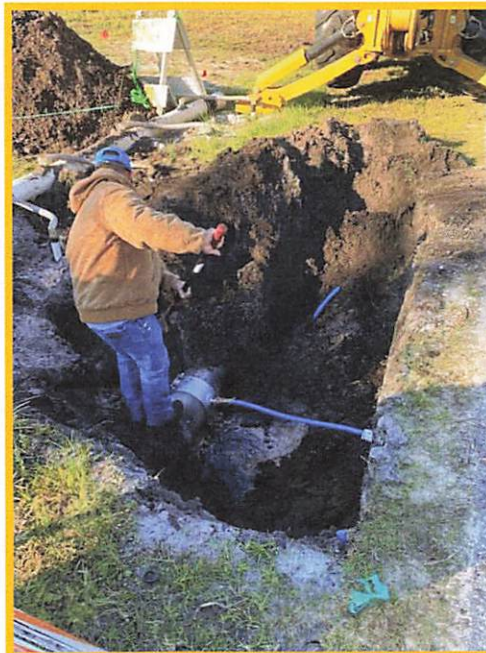
## Water Facilities Plan Funded By State

With the increase in Utility users and the expansion of facilities, the District Engineer developed a plan of action to address our future Utility needs. The majority of the pipes and infrastructure go back as far as the mid 70's, and repair and replacement is an on-going process for staff. Thru the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's State Revolving Fund, Spring Lake made a funding application to address our needs. On December 7, 2020, the District was notified that we were one of 13 communities in the State approved for funding. Spring Lake will be receiving \$5,964,258 for the following projects:

- The upgrading of our main water plant, located on Tizzwood and built in the mid 70's. Most work is electrical and will also include a new generator.
- Water Plant #2 is located on the western boundary of the District and was purchased when the power plant was going to be removed. This is a needed back-up system and will complement Water Plant #1 as more utility customers come online. A complete modification and upgrading is planned
- A Force Main and 12 fire hydrants are being installed in Pinedale Estates to provide drinking water to residents in that area.
- A new watermain loop is being installed on the south side of Rt. 98 that will enhance the delivery of water to residents with no service interruptions
- Water lines are being installed along Rt. 98 from Thunder Road east to Village X and the Gator Shack
- A number of miscellaneous infrastructure projects, not necessarily part of this funding, will also be taking place during this construction phase



*Nothing worse than a water leak on a weekend; but our staff is there!!*



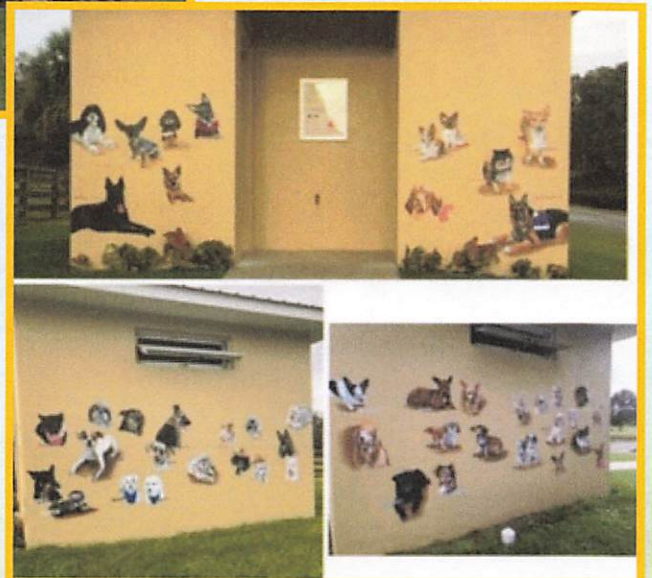
*Karen Palino and the Spring Lake Property Association helped brighten up our community in spite of COVID.*



*Aren't you glad we live in Spring Lake? This was sent to us by a winter visitor from Schenectady, NY who can't wait to get here...34"!!!! The snowblower got stuck at the end of the driveway.*



*Local Artist Maureen Fulginiti has painted over 70 dogs on the Bark Park Mural*





Nighttime at the ever expanding and improving ECO Village on the east side of Spring Lake. The complex is owned by Richard and Colleen Paul-Hus and will be available for rentals sometime this year.



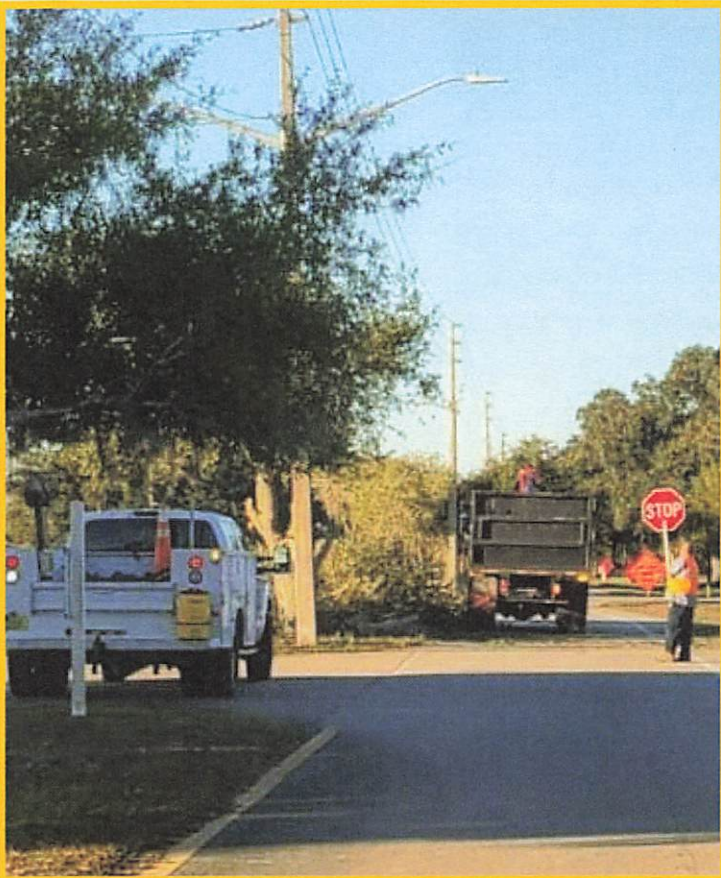
Mallard ducks are now residing at the ECO Park



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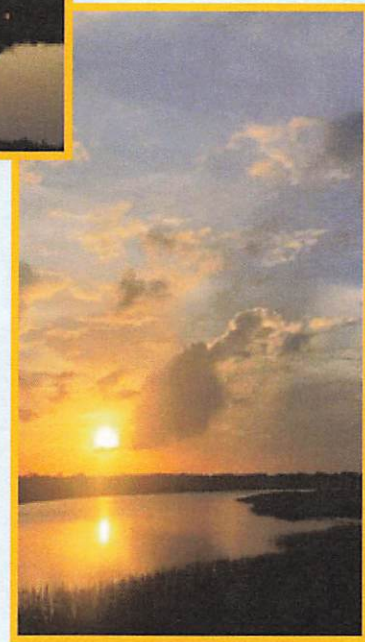
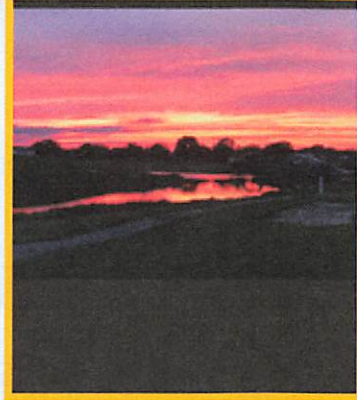
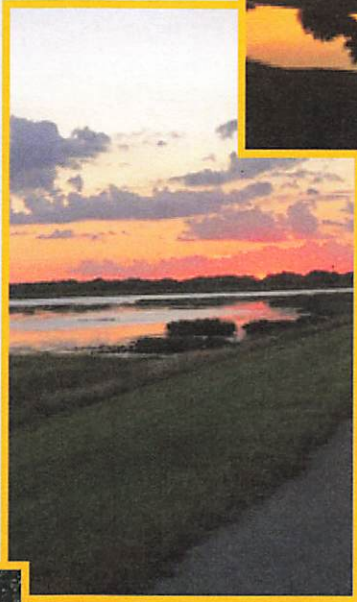


Highlands County Road crews were visible in the District as they trimmed, cut, and removed trees in the medians. Our sincere thanks.



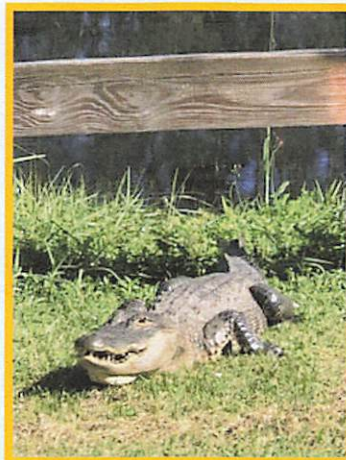
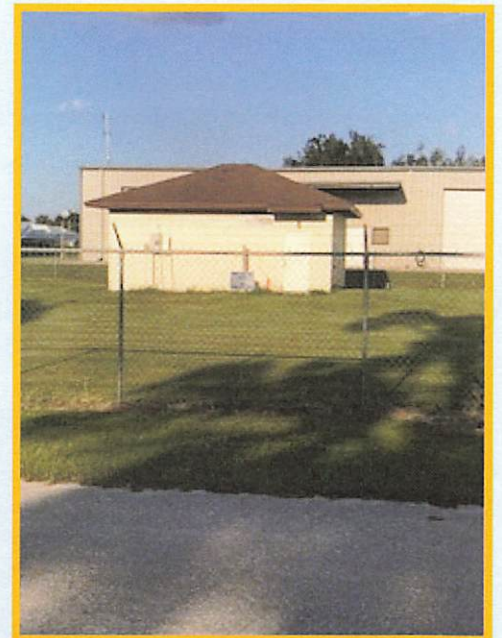


*Everyone can enjoy our beautiful Spring Lake views*



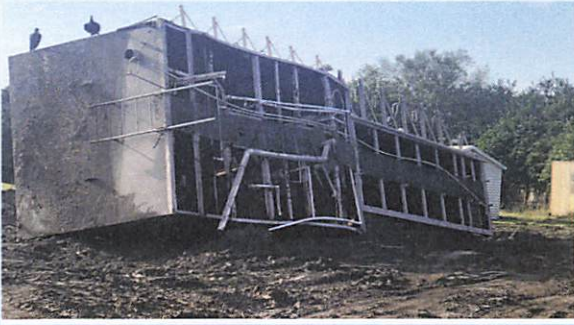
## **BREEZE**

*The District has purchased the abandoned COMCAST building that has been in front of the water department and maintenance facility for years. It will be used by the Utility Department.*



*A little too close for comfort, this little guy was approaching a picnic table.*

## Pictures Tell the Story



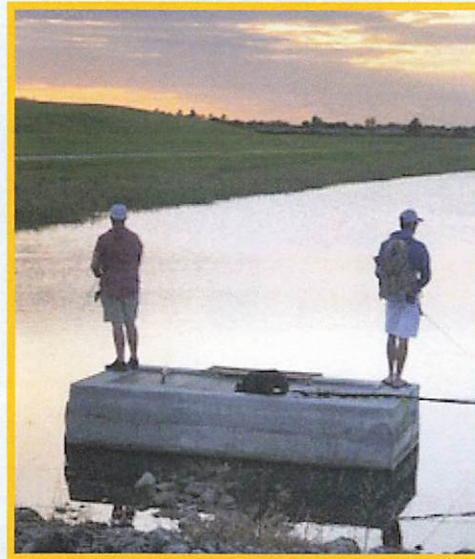
The site of the former sewer plant is close to being fully demolished as the storage tanks are the only thing left.



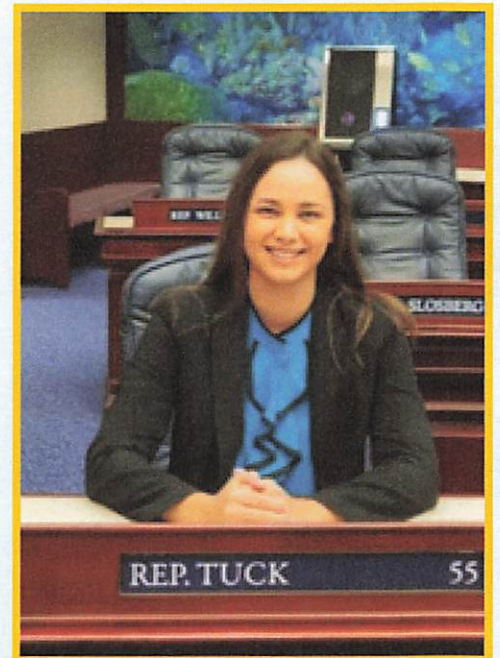
Water taps to new construction takes a lot of personnel and equipment.



With COVID restricting the use of the Community Center, the Shelter at Pine Breeze Park has become a popular gathering for family events. The Playground, basketball court, and baseball field provides all the social distancing needed.



Happiness is fishing with your friend at the ECO Park.



Our new State Representative, Kaylee Tuck, on her first day in the Legislature

## Bits and Pieces

- Congratulations to District Administrator Diane Angell who recently celebrated 33 years working for the District. Diane's knowledge of District finances and operations is invaluable, and her commitment to our community has been a model for all our staff to emulate. Thank you for your service, Diane.
- At the November 2020 Landowners meeting, longtime resident and local realtor Sue Dean was elected to Seat #3 on the Board of Supervisors. Each November one of the three Landowner positions is up for election. Welcome Sue!
- A big Thank You to Dennis Allen, DAD'S Pest Control. Dennis has a dog and they visit the Bark Park regularly. He has been spraying the park for fleas and pests at no charge to the District, and as a donation to the Dog Club.
- The County has notified the District that the following streets will be paved in the Spring and Summer months: Blossom (Coral Ridge to Honeysuckle); Sherwood Way (Longbow to Edgewater); Edgewater (Oxford to Thunder); Lakeview (US 98 to Duane Palmer); and Duane Palmer (Camelot to Spring Lake Blvd.). In addition to these streets the County will also be paving the ECO Park multi-use path and the Basketball Courts in Pine Breeze Park.
- Representatives from Delcom Fast Lite Internet have been meeting with District staff to bring their services to Spring Lake. It is a multi-million-dollar project that will require a lot of planning and collaboration. More information will be provided as the project moves forward.
- The District has been approached by New Direction Academy to offer our young people online and onsite classes. The Board of Supervisors directed staff to work with New Direction and develop a draft agreement for the Virtual school program. The group would lease the Community Center building from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday, year-round. For more information, visit their website at [www.newdirectionacademy.com](http://www.newdirectionacademy.com) or Facebook@newdirectionacademy.
- Residents should be seeing District personnel working on numerous projects now that the lot mowing season is behind us. Tree trimming, painting, shell rock, new benches and picnic tables, as well as other projects, add to our aesthetics.



*Gravely mowers are now being field tested at the Golf Resort. They also provide free mowing to the District in several parts of the community.*

*Helmut Wyzisk II and III cut the ribbon on the grand opening of THE 12 at the Golf Resort. Joanne DeWeese and Bob Biter hit the first two ceremonial shots.*



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### *Utility Superintendent*

Israel Serrano has assumed the position of Utility Superintendent for Spring Lake. He comes to us after 10 years at the Sun 'n Lake Improvement District where he was Supervisor of Utilities and Operations. With the District approaching 1,700 Utility customers, the addition of a second water plant, and a newly constructed sewer plant, it was time to bring additional expertise to the Department. He joins our TEAM as the Utility Superintendent and will oversee all District Utility personnel, facilities, and infrastructure.

Israel has an Associate Degree from South Florida State College and a Class C Wastewater License, along with a Class C Water License. He also had Electrical Apprenticeship training, Emergency Medical Technician training, and holds several other certifications in his field.

Israel and his wife, Jennifer, have purchased a lot in Spring Lake and plan on building a home with their four children. We welcome Israel to Spring Lake.



### *Construction Continues Throughout District*

If you think a lot of new homes and duplexes are being built in Spring Lake, you are right!! In calendar year 2020 the District sold 61 water meters, bringing the total number of utility customers to 1,630. Several developers have contacted the District and within the next several months close to another 100 meters will be reserved.

Builder Frank Mooney, Zephyr Homes, leads the way in new construction. Local builders Sam Ogg and Ronnie Handley also have a presence, and several other builders are being contracted for large construction projects.

