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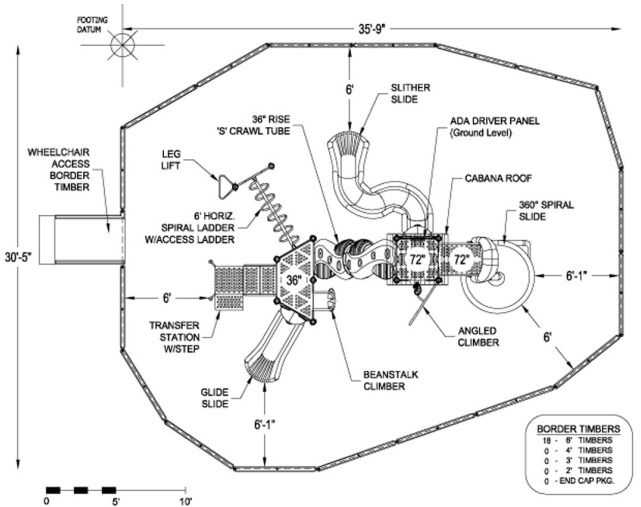
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Pine Breeze Park Playground

With the renovation of the tennis courts, installation of the basketball courts, adding a drinking fountain, and paving the community center road, the next goal for the park was a playground for children.

Playmore Recreational Company of Ft. Myers is installing the Challenger Design playground that is popular in parks throughout the country. This particular equipment has the capacity for 9 children, with 20 events, and is primarily for ages 3 thru 12. The structure is made of very durable material and measures 23' by 18' by 15' and will sit on engineered wood fiber within border timbers. Additionally, there will be a 6' bench



and coated trash can next to the unit.

The playground is located in a beautifully wooded part of the park, between the community center building and the tennis courts. There is a sidewalk that goes towards the Gazebo, where restrooms are currently being remodeled for future use. Residents will be able to use the park equipment

and not have to rely on whether the community center is open to use restrooms. The newly installed drinking fountain is also close to the playground.

The final additions to Pine Breeze Park will be new picnic tables and barbeque grills. The Park will be a wonderful place for families to come and enjoy time together.

Have You Waved To This Man?

If you drive out of Spring Lake in the morning you may have seen a man walking on the street, waving to drivers, with bird feathers sticking up out of his hat!!

That man is Charles Dunsford, who lives on Cherry Tree, and is the unofficial ambassador of our community. Charles is a full time resident and walks two miles each and every day. During his walks he collects bird feathers from hawks, crows, sand hill cranes, and other birds. He puts them in his hat and he is easy to recognize when you pass him on the street. Always friendly, Charles waves to all the passing cars and has a big smile on his face.

If you pay close attention when you drive by him, you will see he carries a lot of "stuff" in his hands and pockets. That's because he picks up any trash he sees on the street, median, or right of way. He wants to keep Spring Lake beautiful and certainly does his part.

Thank you for your smile, your caring, and your friendly way, Charles. Now people will know who that man with the bird feathers in his hat really is!!



Members Tournament

Labor Day Week-end drew 40 Spring Lake Resort members to a 4 person couples scramble golf tournament. The weather was perfect and the competition was stiff. Many of the golfers remembered the previous Labor Day week-end when the golf course was submerged in water thanks to Tropical Storm Ernesto. This year, laughs were plenty and a good time was had by all. Winners included: Closest to the pin: Joann DeWeese, Candy Sartory, Rob Frederick, Pat Jaskowski

- First Place: Jon & Marie Brower; Rob & Carole Frederick, 65
- Second Place: Joe & Terry Austin; Will & Pat David, 65 (match of cards)
- Third Place: Red Bohanon & Julia Starr; Jimmy & Diana Acevedo, 68
- Fourth Place: Harry & Mary Ann Cutter; Pat & Rita Jaskowski, 68

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Austin's (front cart) and David's



Supervisor Brian Acker is seen organizing the hundreds of maps, plats, and easements that exist for the District. As Spring Lake continues to grow it is imperative to have the correct information in an easy to use form. A big thank you to Brian for taking on this task and organizing these materials.

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Spring Lake Presbyterian Church



If you want your child to have fun and make lots of friends, the Kids Club is the place to be. They meet every Wednesday from 3:30-5 pm. Contact Pastor Treadway for more information.

History: The First 5 Years

Written by Sue Payer Beeghley

It was a warm and clear evening on October 3, 1976 when about 150 people gathered at the Shopping Center in



the heart of Spring Lake to formally organize the "Spring Lake Presbyterian Church."

It was an anticipated moment by people like Mary Yontek whose husband had recently died and she needed a project to fill her mind and heart — and the new community needed a church! The Rev. Barbara Yontek, Mary's daughter, had contacted St. John's Presbytery and Jack Ryan, sales manager of Coral Ridge Properties, developers of Spring Lake, to suggest the community's need for a church.

Teenager Donna Greenhalgh was first in line to put her name to the document that petitioned the Presbytery to form the congregation as a church of the United Presbyterian Church, USA. Forty-nine other people followed, putting their names to the list of charter members.

Before that memorable evening there had been fifteen months of investigating, searching and meetings led by representatives of the Presbytery. Their mission was to determine if there was sufficient interest in the community to form a church. Dr. Harry Bryan was the first of these emissaries from Orlando.

Bryan quickly discovered a zeal among the new friends he acquired and so began worship services in rented quarters at the shopping center. The first was held on December 7, 1975. Neighboring congregations in Sebring — and as far away as Alabama — supplied resources for worship.

Bryan began weekly Bible studies, attended picnics, helped organize potluck suppers for fellowship and gathered women together in a group that eventually became the "Women of the Church."

One of the first concerns of the new church was a search for a permanent pastor. That search ended when the Rev. Paul W. Stauning, a Presbyterian pastor in Harrisburg, PA, accepted their call. He was installed as pastor on October 2, 1977. He said he accepted the challenge to build a new church, something he hadn't done before.

With funds given by the Presbytery and raised by the congregation the present buildings were constructed and

dedicated on November 26, 1978 in a ceremonial service that attracted wide attention.

Seventeen months later Stauning said he had completed his mission and resigned as pastor to return to Pennsylvania. The Rev. Phillip Buss served as pastor beginning in 1980 for the remainder of the church's first five years. Since those early days, this church has become an integral part of the community with worship services, Sunday school, programs, and activities that appeal to everyone. An outstanding music program, Bible study groups, seminars, picnics, flea markets are some of the activities of SLPC also known as the **FRIENDLY CHURCH**.

In 1983 the Presbytery reorganized the Central Florida Presbytery which is a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Come worship with us any Sunday at 10 am.

May the future be as great as its past.

Pastors: Past and Present



Rev. Paul Stauning
1st Pastor of SLPC



Rev. Phillip Buss
2nd Pastor of SLPC



Rev. Henry Paul Stenner
Pastor Emeritus



Rev. Donald Hendrix
4th Pastor of SLPC

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Important Phone Numbers	
Emergency 911	
Spring Lake Improvement District	655-1715
SLID After Hours	655-0615
Spring Lake Property Association	655-2230
Ambulance and Sheriff	385-5111
Sheriff Dispatch	402-7200
Highlands County Emergency Center	385-1112
Lorida Fire Department	655-0122
Desoto City Forestry Division	655-6407
Animal Control	655-6475
Florida Game and Wildlife	800-282-8002
Reliable Sanitation	385-0817
Auto and Boat Registration	402-6685
Comcast Cable	385-2578
Drivers License Facility	386-6053
Progress Energy	800-700-8744
Lorida Post Office	655-1321
Sebring Post Office	382-0578
Embarq	800-339-1811
Voter Registration	402-6655
School Board	471-5555
Hunting and Fishing License	402-6685
Hammock State Park	386-6094
Highlands Regional Medical Center	385-6101
Florida Hospital	314-4466
Neighborhood Watch	
Chairman	Vohn Steinlage 655-4981
Village I	Dan Snyder 655-2723
Village II	Don Vandygriff 655-1762
Village III & IV	Joanne McCulley 655-1701
Village V	Lynn Benson 655-1081
Village VI	Ann Steinlage 655-4981

Legal Notice	
Notice Of Meetings	
The Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District will hold their meetings at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Blvd., Sebring. The meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 2:00 p.m.	
Any person requiring special accommodations at these meetings because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (863) 655-1815 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. Meetings may be continued at a later date and time, which will be announced at the meeting.	
Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.	



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Rev. Dr. Donald E. Swope
Pastor Emeritus



Rev. Kathryn Treadway
Present Pastor

Interim Pastors
 Rev. Roger Greenslade
 Rev. Maurice Beery
 Rev. Carl Bennett
 Rev. Al Kromholz
 Rev. Bert Lawrence
 Rev. Don Davis

Charter Members



Signers of the original petition to organize as Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

Josephine Armstrong, Edmund Beynon, Gertrude Beynon, Roberta Christianson, William Christianson, Mary Virginia Davidson, Deborah Greenhalgh, Donald Greenhalgh, Judith Greenhalgh, Catherine Ann Greenhalgh, Richard Hargett, Ann Hargett, Helen Hart, Robert J. Hart, Marie Hayes, R.

Kenneth Harris *, Susan Harris *, Anna Henson, Rachel Henson, Rochetta Henson, Carl Kirby, Patricia Kirby, Barbara McMillan *, George McMillan, Harry Mulcahy, Mildred Mulcahy, Franklin Payer, Sue Payer, Frank Pellicone, Virginia Pellicone, Richard Pilkenton, Rosa Pilkenton, Gladys Rosecrans, John Rosecrans, John Ryan, Lynn Ryan, Floyd Sergeant, Lou Sergeant, David Shanklin, Deborah Shanklin, Joyce Shanklin, Esther Sikkema, Richard Sikkema, Clarice Strangland, Harry Storath, Ruth Storath, Abe Waller, Helen Waller, Mary Yontec. * Still plays an active role at SLPC.

For more information on the church contact:

Reverend Katie Treadway, Pastor
 Spring Lake Presbyterian Church
 5887 U.S. 98
 655-0713
 slpc@tnni.net

Worship service Sundays at 10 a.m.

Open Letter

By Jack Ulmer

The following article was submitted to The Breeze by Mr. Jack Ulmer and the content and opinions offered are strictly his. While The Breeze welcomes public opinion and input, views do not represent the District.

“By now, many of my friends and neighbors know that I regretfully submitted my resignation as a Board member of the Spring Lake Property Association. There were numerous reasons for my resignation, and I stated them in my letter to the Board President. It is my desire to make sure that people who know me are aware of why I had to resign.”

“I was elected to the Board to represent the residents who are members of the Association and to hopefully help maintain and improve the quality of life here in Spring Lake. Much to my disappointment I soon realized that the Board meetings took up much of its time with petty bickering and personal vendettas. The meetings were conducted in an environment that would not allow for positive change. I can’t tell you how many times I heard the phrase “that’s the way we’ve always done it!”

When I asked if it could be shown to me in the minutes that it was done a certain way, the information was suddenly impossible to locate! I advised the Board that even though it may have been done in the past that way, it did not make it legal or proper. We were left with having to abide by an antiquated set of by-laws and deed restrictions. I stressed the need to have our attorney at Board meetings so that we might be advised correctly in proper procedures and responsibilities as Board members. This request fell on deaf ears.”

“I thought at the beginning of the summer we might be headed in the right direction. We agreed to hold special meetings to discuss and make recommendations for changes in the deed restrictions and by-laws. Unfortunately, only myself and one other Board member turned in a proposal for change. These proposals were met with hostility by some of the other Board members even though the proposed changes were those requested by many of the residents. As a point of information, the current by-laws of the Association do not allow the Board to make changes; rather, proposals are made and our membership votes on them. It was my sincere hope that the residents who make up our Association would have had a voice in what changes they wanted approved.”

“Another disturbing issue that led to my resigning was the effort to remove another Board member who had to leave Spring Lake for an extended period of time due to his wife’s illness. It was stated that this man could be removed for missing three meetings in a row. Some Board members were relying on the term “just cause” in the by-laws as another way of removing him. When I asked where this interpretation was in the minutes, again I got the standard, “this is the way it has always been done” and it could not be found in any minutes. Wouldn’t it have been proper to have our attorney at meetings so she could give an opinion on something so important? A “just cause” rationale brings many questions that need to be answered as reasons for allowable absences. What if a Board member misses the meetings because of severe illness (as in this case), or death in the family? It is not written anywhere that a member cannot take an extended vacation for the summer months, which is what this Board member did with his ill wife.”

“The most serious issue that I have is the fact that no Independent Audit has been done to date as required in the by-laws. I have no reason to believe that current financial records are incorrect and not in order. However, by not completing the audit in the first three months of the year, as required, gives the appearance of impropriety and makes the Board liable.”

“As friends and neighbors you know that I have said many times that I only ask for that which is legal, proper, and required. You can’t rely on the statement, “it’s not a problem, and it’s the way we’ve always done it.” That fact that it was previously done a certain way doesn’t mean it was done properly.”

“In my thirty years as a police officer I was exposed to many conflicts and hostile environments. At this stage in my life I do not wish to be involved in yet more hostility and conflicts. I have served on many Boards in my career and have never been exposed to what goes on at these Board meetings.”

“I needed all of you who know me to understand what happened. I wish the Spring Lake Property Association Board well and hope that positive change can be made in the future. I always told my men before they went on the road each day; remember to do the right thing.”

“I thank The Breeze for allowing me to share my story.”

Who’s Who?

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

Board Of Commissioners:

Leon Van	Chairman
Marsi Benson	Vice Chairperson
Bill Rentel	Secretary
Ken Poe	
Brian Acker	

District Staff:

Joe DeCerbo	District Manager
Diane Angell	Administrative Assistant
Greg Gretz	Water Department Supervisor
Randy Nelson	Maintenance Department Supervisor
Gladys Eaglen	Secretary

Field Staff:

John Laiosa	Brian Murray	Brian Patrick
JR Clarke	Neil Wilkinson	Buddy Heinley
Bill Maine	Corey Jones	

District Advisors:

William Nielander	Attorney
Gene Schriener	Craig A. Smith Engineering
Craig Wrathell	Financial and Management
Bruce Stratton	Accounting and Auditing



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The Yoder's and Blackwell's



The Mazzola's and Ferguson's



Pat and Rita Jaskowski handle the scoring



Lots of fun and friendship

Meetings and Holiday Schedules Set

The Board of Supervisors has approved the following dates:

Meetings

The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the District Office, located at 115 Spring Lake Blvd. The public is invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations at these meetings because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District at 655-1715 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

- November 14, 2007
- December 12
- January 9, 2008
- February 13
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11
- July 9
- August 13
- September 10
- October 8

Holidays

The District Office will be closed on the following days:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| November 12, 2007 | Veterans Day |
| November 22 & 23 | Thanksgiving |
| December 25 | Christmas |
| January 1, 2008 | New Years Day |
| January 21 | Martin Luther King Birthday |
| March 21 | Good Friday |
| May 26 | Memorial Day |
| July 4 | Independence Day |
| September 1 | Labor Day |
| October 13 | Columbus Day |



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194561	303 Villaway East	\$148,500
188797	1010 Villaway West	UNDER CONTRACT
193389	1103 Villaway West	\$128,000
194557	1202 Villaway West	\$124,900
194287	1302 Villaway West	SOLD

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Bits and Pieces

Think about this one....

- A car company can move its factories to Mexico and claim it is a Free Market. A toy company can out source to a Chinese subcontractor and claim it is a Free Market. A shoe company can produce its shoes in Southeast Asia and claim it is a Free Market. A major bank can incorporate in Bermuda to avoid taxes and claim it is a Free Market. We can buy HP Printers made in Mexico, we can buy shirts made in Bangladesh, and we can purchase almost anything we want from 20 different countries. **But**, heaven help the senior citizens who dare to buy their prescription drugs from a Canadian or Mexican pharmacy. That's called Un-American! And you think the pharmaceutical companies don't have a powerful lobby???????
- A neat study on the Internet is produced by the National Association of Home Builders. The study was conducted to try to put an estimate on the lifespan of household items. For example, a microwave is 9 years; 40 years for a screen door; 15 years for kitchen faucets; and 13 years for electric clothes dryers. For the complete study, to to www.nahb.org/components
- America's only unmarried President was James Buchanan (1791-1868). While in office, his niece acted as White House hostess for him.

- The motto **In God We Trust** was originally put on U.S. coins during the Civil War, then disappeared and reappeared on various coins until 1955 when Congress ordered it placed on all paper money and coins.
- The world's first commercial air flight took place in the United States on January 1, 1914. This was the first flight in what was intended to be a regularly scheduled commercial air service that would take passengers from Tampa Bay, Florida to St. Petersburg. The service lasted only a few weeks, however, and took one passenger at a time over the twenty two mile route.
- One in two billion people will live to be 116
- On average, a dairy cow will give nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime
- The average person drinks 16,000 gallons of water in a lifetime
- On average, right handed people live 9 years longer than left handers, and non-smokers outlive smokers by 6.5 years
- Christmas became a legal Holiday in the U.S. in 1890
- And finally....if the sun suddenly stopped shining, it would be 8 minutes before people on earth would be aware of it

Spring Lake Beauty...



Village I Park Input Needed

The District Board of Supervisors has authorized improvements and upgrades to the park in Village I. Recent work at Pine Breeze Park and the tennis courts had input from a number of groups and individuals. In keeping with that practice the District Board is soliciting suggestions and comments from residents who live in Village I, Village VI, and Village VIII; the people most likely to use that park.

Should the park have a basketball court? A shelter? Playground equipment? Barbeque and picnic areas? Or maybe you think it is fine just the way it is.

This is your opportunity to give input. Please e-mail us at slid115@embarqmail.com with Village I Park in the subject line; fax us at 655-4430; or mail your ideas to us at 115 Spring Lake Blvd., Sebring, Florida 33876

We thank you in advance for taking the time to assist with this project.



Changes in the Breeze at the Crossings of Spring Lake

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Fiscal Year '07 Produces Results

A lot has changed since the fiscal year started October 1, 2007, and the past 12 months has seen a number of projects and tasks completed by the Improvement District. It is important for any organization to reflect on what has taken place and to realize the amount of work that has been done by District staff and Board to create these successes. Here is a summary that was presented to the Board of Supervisors at the October 10th Board meeting.

PERSONNEL:

- A Professional Development Study was the first order of business in October, '07 and a District Personnel Plan was adopted, with emphasis on salary administration.
- A Personnel Committee chaired by Marsi Benson was established to: institute wage adjustments for non-exempt staff; develop employee handbook; write job descriptions for all positions; institute performance review process.
- A District Organizational Chart was designed
- Salary and benefits profiles were developed for each employee
- Day Projection system instituted to document work being done
- All personnel files were reviewed, updated, and secured in a locked area

FINANCE:

- All financial data and records were reviewed with the District's accounting firm
- Internal reports and controls were revised
- A Finance Committee chaired by Brian Acker was established to institute a plan for the development of a sound budget process to begin with the FY '08 budget
- Developed and instituted optimum financial goals for the District
- Instituted the Automatic Payment process for water and lot payment bills (ACH)
- Established the Merchant Capture system with Highlands Bank so that all checks could be deposited electronically and credited to our SLID account immediately
- Streamlined paying of bills by using one check instead

- of three, and transfer funds once a month from water, drainage, and lot mowing back to the general fund
- Met all requirements to participate in the State Bid program, saving over \$50,000

ADMINISTRATION:

- Reorganized numerous functions and systems at the District Office
- Reviewed all insurance policies with Heacock and Florida League of Cities, making various adjustments that saved the District close to 30%
- Inspected and evaluated all equipment and vehicles prior to new purchases
- Designed and instituted a work order process
- Created Board packets for better organization of meetings
- Worked with Attorney General's office and others relevant to the injunction
- Assisted CAS Engineers on the revised plan of reclamation project
- Secured cooperation of the Graves family to install emergency pumps on Rt. 98
- Coordinated installation of pumps with Holland Pump Company
- Secured D&O insurance policy for the Board
- Designed and implemented a new lot mowing program
- Work plans developed for water and maintenance departments
- Day Projection charts are kept for all personnel
- Preventive maintenance program established for all new equipment
- Research and organization of plat maps and easements currently underway with Brian Acker overseeing the project
- Numerous meetings attended throughout the County by Board and Manager
- Researched and catalogued all Board resolutions since 1994
- Assisted SLPA with lot cleaning, debris removal, and burning
- New grass carp added to the canals for hydrilla control

FACILITIES:

- All licenses and permits required for the District were secured
- Computer server and upgrades currently in process
- Emergency Operations Manual developed for the District
- District Operations Manual in process
- Renovation of tennis courts and installation of basketball courts
- Paving at community center and pump station
- District Office becomes Emergency Operations Center with addition of generator, hurricane shutters, satellite communications, and emergency plans
- Mold inspections conducted
- Maintenance facility and surrounding grounds cleaned and organized
- New phone system installed in District Office
- Work in process for new maintenance and water department facility
- Involved with the County and Lorida VFD for new station in Spring Lake
- Pump station fully cleaned, organized, and painted
- Renovation and upgrade plan developed for all parks
- Fuel tank hoses and gauges are upgraded and installed
- Pumps and valves upgraded or replaced at water plant
- Research and conference room added at District Office
- Playground equipment designed and on order for Pine Breeze Park
- New signage installed at District Office, Community Center, all five entrances to the community, and the tennis courts

MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Presentations made to various Property Associations
- The Breeze newspaper began monthly publication
- Newspaper has numerous stories outlining history of Spring Lake as well as current news relative to services and programs offered by the District
- Web-site redesigned and message board established
- Web mail established for all Board members
- Supervisor updates e-mailed in a timely manner throughout the year

November Calendar

All clubs and groups meet at the Community Center unless otherwise stated:

- 1 All Saints Day
Bridge, 6 pm
- 2 Aerobics, 8:15-10
- 3 Highlands County Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- 4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- 5 Aerobics, 8:15-10
Tai Chai, 10:15-11:30
- 6 ELECTION DAY
County Commission Meeting, 9:00, County Building
- 7 Yard Waste Pick-up
Bunco 9:30
- 9 Aerobics, 8:15-10
- 10 Highlands Fine Arts and Crafts Festival on Sebring Circle
- 12 VETERANS DAY OBSERVED
Aerobics, 8:15-10
Tai Chai, 10:15-11:30
County and SLID offices closed
SLPA meeting, 6:00
- 14 County Commission workshop, 9:00,
County Building
Crafts, 9:30
SLID MEETING, DISTRICT OFFICE, 2:00
- 15 Bridge, 6pm
- 16 Aerobics, 8:15-10
- 17 Spring Lake Property Association Picnic
- 19 Aerobics, 8:15-10
Tai Chai, 10:15-11:30
- 20 County Commission Meeting, 9:00, County Building
- 21 Yard Waste Pick-up
Bunco, 9:30
Thursday garbage pick-up today
- 22 THANKSGIVING
- 23 County and SLID offices closed
Aerobics, 8:15-10
- 26 Aerobics, 8:15-10
Tai Chai, 10:15-11:30
Avon Park Christmas Parade, 7pm
- 27 County Commission Meeting, County Building
- 28 Crafts, 9:30
- 29 Bridge, 6pm
- 30 Hurricane Season Officially ENDS

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Fiscal Year '08 Work Plans

The District maintenance and water departments perform a number of routine tasks and projects on a daily basis. In addition to these functions, there are some primary responsibilities that each department concentrates on each year. At the October 10 Board of Supervisors meeting, the managers of these departments submitted their work plans for '08.

Maintenance Department

Randy Nelson, Foreman

The primary function of this department is to oversee all field and drainage operations for the District and ensure compliance with all Charter requirements and regulatory agencies. Daily management includes flood control drainage and canal maintenance, lot mowing, and work orders. In addition to the daily and ongoing tasks, there are a number of projects this department will be coordinating that include:

- cleaning out selected ponds and drainage areas for water retention and storage
- assist the Engineer in reclamation of selected canal areas
- upgrade Arbuckle Creek with new fence, dock, shelter, restroom, tables, and grills
- install playground equipment in Pine Breeze and basketball court in Village I park
- upgrade equipment and operation of the pump station and paint the exterior

- paint community center and District office buildings
- clean, paint, and enhance all park areas
- conduct quarterly safety meetings and schedule monthly training opportunities
- relocate the maintenance department into the new facility


Water Department

Greg Gretz, Superintendent

The primary function of this department is to ensure and maintain the quality and safety of the water system throughout the District, and ensure compliance with all regulatory agencies. Other than the relocation of the department into the new facility, there are no major projects planned for FY '08. Primary tasks will include:

- 37 sites will be flushed on a monthly basis; 23 sites quarterly; 2 sample sites daily
- 6 distribution and 3 well samples are analyzed monthly by the health department
- work orders for turning water on and off are handled on a daily basis
- perform water reads on a monthly basis and locates upon request
- analyze, upgrade, and replace any needed water valves at the Plant
- develop mutual agreement with City for water connection at the Airport

- all 214 fire hydrants are tested annually and maintenance performed if needed
- 417 street valves are tested periodically
- data for reports to regulatory agencies is kept on a daily basis
- notice of vacancy for new water superintendent will be posted July 1
- interviews will be conducted by no later than September 15
- new superintendent will be selected and on-site beginning November 3



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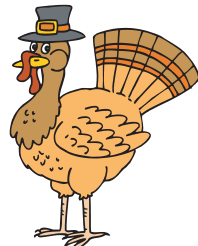
Have you ever wondered how our water charges compare with surrounding communities? Here are the latest rates:

	Minimum Charge	Cost Per 1,000 Gallons
Spring Lake	\$10.00	\$1.43
Lake Placid	13.00	1.45
Sun 'n Lake	10.00	1.50
Avon Park	11.30	2.70
Sebring	11.80	3.30

Where The Water Goes And How You Can Help Conserve

- The typical lawn sprinkling system will pump out 10 to 20 gallons a minute.
- Hand-washing dishes can use 2.5 to 4 gallons a minute.
- Dishwashers will use 7 to 12 gallons per load.
- Washing machines use 27 to 47 gallons per load.
- Toilet flushing uses up to 5 gallons, depending on the flow model.
- A family of four averages 20 flushes per day.
- Showers use 2 to 4 gallons per minute.
- It takes 36 gallons to fill a bath tub.
- Washing hands or brushing teeth, 1.5 to 4 gallons per minute.

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