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Emergency Operations Center

During a time of emergency, when power and communications are not available, it is important to have a facility in our community that can disseminate information and to have a central control area for District personnel. In close cooperation with the Highlands County Emergency Management staff, our District Office has made several improvements to handle any future emergency situations. A large in-ground generator, able to keep the office fully operational, has been installed. A satellite system has been secured to acquire reports from the Weather Channel, News Channels, and other information outlets. Already in place has been a two-way radio system with our own communications tower in the back of the office. Hurricane shutters protect all windows and doors.

The Center will not be used for housing or medical assistance due to existing laws. By working with the County we will have access to a restricted dispatch that will notify us of available shelters, pet facilities, medical support, and other services. If land or cell phones are still operating you can call the center, or you can come to the drive up window to secure information.

In spite of our preparations, we would love to never have to use any of these emergency services. However, we must be proactive and be prepared for the worst. Forecasters are predicting a busier than normal hurricane season this year, with 12-16 named storms, and 2-5 major hurricanes. Atlantic

names that have been selected for 2008 are:

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| *Arthur | *Bertha | *Christobal |
| *Dolly | *Edouard | *Fay |
| *Gustav | *Hanna | *Ike |
| *Josephine | *Kyle | *Laura |
| *Marco | *Nana | *Omar |
| *Paloma | *Rene | *Sally |
| *Teddy | *Vicky | *Wilfred |

The Highlands County Emergency Management Team has compiled an excellent publication, *All Hazards Guide 2008 Edition*. It can be secured at the West George Blvd. location. Simply stop by their office and ask for your copy, which is FREE OF CHARGE.

For those of us who live here during the summer, being prepared for a storm is the most important part of getting thru an emergency. Don't wait until the last minute to store

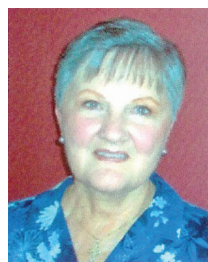


up on needed supplies, checking your generator, making your house secure, and following all the suggestions from the various agencies dispensing advice.

"Child Of The Mountain"

By Debbie Delaney

Spring Lake resident Bernie Ray, also President of the Spring Lake Women's Golf Association, is one of twelve siblings. Her sister, Marjorie Dufault, is published for the first time and Bernie wants to share the accomplishments of Marjorie's mystery book, *Child of the Mountain*.



The synopsis on the back cover of the book explains, "Clare Hatfield came to the small town of Kerry, Georgia, to get away from her overprotective mother and the heartbreaking memories of the husband and child she lost in a tragic auto accident. She's built a good life here, has started dating Chief Park Ranger Roy Driscoll, and enjoys her job as a pediatric nurse. But in the wake of a fierce storm, Driscoll finds a toddler, bruised and suffering from hypothermia, at the base of Kerry Mountain."

"This is the second child to appear unclaimed at the mountain in 20 years and ordinary logic cannot explain either occurrence. Clare takes the child into her care, and when no one claims the toddler or even appears to be looking for a girl, Clare knows something is afoot. She's already grown to love the girl as her own, and vows to solve the mystery of the girl's appearance. Driscoll and the local sheriff continue their investigation into the child's appearance only to run into constant dead ends. Determined to uncover the truth, Clare embarks on her own investigation where she soon stumbles upon a maze of secrecy that could very well result in tragedy."

Marjorie Dufault was born in Oklahoma, the fifth of twelve children. She spent more than 40 years as a working mother, raising three children. Marjorie and her husband recently left Atlanta, Georgia, retiring in Salt Lick, Kentucky.

You can check local bookstores or you can order this publishers choice online at www.barnesandnoble.com

Board News

At the June 18 Board of Supervisors meeting, the revised Water Control Plan public hearing process was



discussed and approved. This Plan, conducted by Craig A. Smith Engineering, has been submitted to South Florida Water Management District for approval. The first public hearing has been set for Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m. at the District Office. A copy of the Plan can be viewed and read in the office by request. This Plan will outline the future water control program that our District will be mandated to complete by the SFWMD and other governing agencies.

Supervisor Bill Lawens has received a number of questionnaires that were mailed to all residents. If you want to be part of the decision making process and give your thoughts and opinions on the future direction of Spring Lake, be sure to return your form to the District office. Extra copies are also available; this is your chance to be heard and affect the future of Spring Lake.

The budget process has begun, and a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m. at the District Office.

Dan Snyder, President, SLPA attended the June meeting and announced the Association was trying to change the words "audit" to "financial review," as allowed by Florida Statutes. This change can save SLPA thousands of dollars and he urged all members to vote for the change. At least 900 votes need to be returned, and Dan asked the Board to mention this in The Breeze.

The lot-mowing program is well underway, and the District is getting a lot of positive feedback relative to the work our lot mowers are doing. Many people say that this is the nicest our community has looked since the lot mowing program began.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m., District Office.

Fiscal Year 2009 Budget In Process

According to Florida State Statutes a budget for any Special District must be developed and approved by the Board of Supervisors for that District. The process concludes when required data is sent to the County Tax Collector by no later than September 1 of each year.



A lot has been written about the property tax reductions passed by the Florida Legislature. These reductions are for Ad Valorem taxes; paying a tax based on the value of your property. The Improvement District issues what is known as

a NON AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT; everyone pays the same amount regardless of the value of your property. The FY '07 assessment was \$284.81 with a 6.45% reduction in FY '08 to \$266.45. The Board of Supervisors have begun the process of reviewing all operating expenditures, capital improvements, special projects, and debt service.

A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m. at the District office, located at 115 Spring Lake Blvd. Public comment and input is welcome, and the final budget will be approved at the August 13th Board of Supervisors meeting. A copy of the draft budget is also available at the office.

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2007 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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:

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Jay Angell	Water Superintendent
Randy Nelson	Maintenance Department Supervisor
Gladys Eaglen	Secretary

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

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.

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
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Sebring Post Office	382-0578
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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

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 p.m.

Any person requiring special accommodations at these meetings because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (863) 655-1715 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.

Spring Lake Improvement District - PWS # 5280266 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida 33876-6143 Jay Angell, Water Superintendent, (863) 655-1715

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed of the quality water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you a dependable supply of drinking water.

This report will be mailed to customers only upon request and is also available at the District Office, located at 115 Spring Lake Boulevard. This report is also posted on the District's Website at www.springlakeimprovement.com

Our water source is wells; our wells draw from the Floridan Aquifer. Chlorine is added for disinfection and an orthophosphate blend is added for corrosion inhibition.

The Department of Environmental Protection has performed a "Source Water Assessment" on our system. These assessments were conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. Potential sources of contamination identified include underground petroleum storage tanks. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection program at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact **Jay Angell, Water Superintendent at (863) 655-1715**. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. **They are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. at the Spring Lake District Office.**

Spring Lake Improvement District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water. The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2007.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below, which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

"ND": means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter: one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L): measure of the radioactivity in water.

N/A: Not applicable

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary

for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE): An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

The Sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material. It can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

(A) **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

(B) **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

(C) **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

(D) **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

(E) **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's **Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791**.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy,

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A new coded gate and surveillance system has been installed at the main entrance to the park, as well as the boat ramp. You can secure access by contacting the District Office at 655-1715



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MLS# 202351 - 230 Clubhouse Ct, \$225,900
Spectacular View right on the 18th hole of the Spring Lake Golf Course. Large Eat in kitchen with upgraded cabinets. Bigger than Big Great Room with dramatic vaulted ceilings. Back Lanai enclosed with windows. Comes fully furnished.



MLS# 199718 - 201 Prado Ct, \$228,000
Immaculate & Great Location. What a spot this 3/2/2 has wood burning fireplace & an open kitchen with all new appliances. Also has an oversized lot on a cul-de-sac. Storm shutters & irrigation system add to the beauty of this newly painted home inside and out. Screen lanai looks onto a sparkling canal.




MLS# 202429 - 7233 Rolling Hills Rd, \$149,900
Lots of love has gone into maintaining this home! Kitchen has been remodeled with beautiful cabinets. Tiled in all living areas with spotless carpet in bedrooms. Home has a light airy feel throughout. Huge fenced in backyard is shaded by several large oak trees making it an ideal place to entertain friends and family. This is truly a "must see to appreciate" home.



MLS# 201405 - 6032 Bay Lane, \$219,900
Roomy split floor plan on quiet cul-de-sac. Large 1/2 acre lot with many trees. Big kitchen with plenty of cabinets, new wood floor, new appliances, new counter top. Rain soft system, new hot water tank, huge screened room with Hot Tub. 1 year home warranty included. Home is owned by Realtor, use "as is" contract.

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200155	6741 Kenwood Dr.	\$159,900
200156	1133 Dogwood Terr.	\$159,900
202931	532 Maya Dr.	\$214,900

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persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline**

(800-426-4791).

As you can see by the following table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State Requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water is **SAFE** at these levels.

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants							
11. Barium (ppm)	May 2005	N	0.101	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
16. Fluoride (ppm)	May 2005	N	0.33	N/A	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer, and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at optimum levels between 0.7 and 1.3 ppm
20. Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	December 2007	N	0.05	N/A	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
21. Nitrite (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	December 2007	N	0.01	N/A	1	1	Runoff from fertilizer Use; leaching from Septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
23. Sodium (ppm)	May 2005	N	14.9	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil

Radiological Contaminants							
6. Radium 226+228 or Combined radium (pCi/L)	October 2003	N	3.0	N/A	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits

TTHMs and Stage 1 Disinfectant/Disinfection By-Product (D/DBP) Parameters

- For the following parameters monitored under Stage 1 D/DBP regulations, the level detected is the highest annual average of the quarterly averages: Bromate, Chloramines, Chlorine, Haloacetic Acids, and/or TTHM (MCL 80 ppb). Range of Results is the range of results (lowest to highest) at the individual sampling sites.
- For TTHMs monitored under rules adopted before the Stage 1 D/DBP rules (MCL = 100 ppb), the level detected is the highest running annual average calculated quarterly. The Range of Results is the range of results (lowest to highest) at the individual sampling sites.

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
78. Chlorine (ppm)	Jan. 07 to Dec. 07	N	0.9	0.6-1.4	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
80. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	Sept. 3, 2005	N	2.25	N/A	NA	MCL = 80/100	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
84. Copper (tap water) (ppm)	June 2005	N	0.11	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
85. Lead (tap water) (ppb)	June 2005	N	1.0	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits



The recent shut down of the water plant was needed to install these new pipes and shut off valves to ensure quality water supply and service to our Spring Lake residents.



Work on the interior has begun, and plans are to move in by the end of July. This much needed complex will serve Spring Lake for many years.

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