



Take A Stand Against Vandalism!!!!

The Breeze apologizes to its readers for having to share these disgusting photos of recent vandalism in our community. It is vital and important for all of us to understand the implications this has on Spring Lake, and to do something about it!

We all must be Neighborhood Watch People and look out for each other. When you see people in the Parks after hours, call the Sheriff. When you see groups of people wandering the streets after hours, call the Sheriff. When you hear noises, look out your window for suspicious activity

and if you see it, call the Sheriff. When you see a strange vehicle parked in the street with occupants, get a license number and call the Sheriff. When you see people wandering

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Road Repairs Being Scheduled

The Road and Bridge crews are some of the hardest working crews in the County. Their responsibilities include maintaining and repairing 976 miles of paved road and 202 miles of unpaved roads. They maintain 32 bridges, numerous drainage structures, retention ponds, canals, and over 3,000 drainage culverts throughout the County. Maintenance of the County's fleet of vehicles and equipment is the responsibility of the Road and Bridge mechanic shop crew. The department mows over 13,000 miles of County right of ways annually. The County's 184 acre shell pit and 80 acre marl pit is overseen by the Road and Bridge Department where road building materials are mined and hauled from both pits. The Department reconstructs approximately 5 miles of roads, constructs and paves 3 miles of dirt roads, and resurfaces 30 miles of roads annually. The Road and Bridge Department is located at 4344 George Blvd., just off Rt. 27.

In an effort to better coordinate services and programs to Spring Lake, Highlands County Road and Bridge Supervisor Jack Bennett came to the District Office to meet with Manager Joe DeCerbo and Foreman Randy Nelson. A review of the street repair needs of the District were pointed out to Jack, as well as the need for assistance in cleaning out some of the County easement and right of way areas that have

gotten so overgrown larger equipment than the District has will need to be used. It was agreed that when the County cleans these areas out, District personnel would maintain them to ensure the problem does not repeat itself.

All streets in Spring Lake, except for a few, have been dedicated to the County and fall under their jurisdiction for repair and maintenance. The County has not accepted Country Club Villas, Oak Leaf, Clubhouse Lane and Court, and the Bobcat Run area; those roads have to be maintained by the various associations.

The County's new asphalt plant will greatly increase the number of miles that can be resurfaced throughout the area. Mr. Bennett said that he would be able to double the number of miles as a result of the County owning its own plant.

While the District is working with Road and Bridge on

behalf of the entire community, individual residents may also communicate with the Department, on their own, in several ways. A simple phone call to the Department at 402-6529 will connect you to personnel who will ask you for the problem, the location, and your name, address, and phone number. A work order is written up and given to staff. You can also go on the Highlands County Road and Bridge web site and report problems electronically. Go to www.hbcc.net/RoadBridges.html and under quick links you will see "request a pot hole filled." Either way, you will have your work order processed and personnel will be dispatched to inspect the problem.

Crews began arriving in Spring Lake just days after Jack Bennett visited with us; a credit to Road and Bridge responding to our community needs.

Board News

*District Engineer Gene Schriener presented the Board with the Final Report for the Updated Plan of Reclamation. An official Resolution will be passed at the May Board meeting and a public hearing will be held prior to the Boards June 18 meeting. The Plan must be reviewed and accepted by South Florida Water Management District and a strict set of reporting guidelines are outlined for the District in the Florida Statutes that must be thoroughly adhered to. A copy of the report is available for public review at the District Office.

*Capital Improvement Chairman Bill Lawens has scheduled a second meeting with his committee that is

preparing a questionnaire to be mailed to all residents sometime in June, via the postal service. A copy will also appear in The Breeze.

*Attorneys for both the District and Mrs. Tyrell are working on the settlement agreement that will be presented to the courts for the lifting of the injunction.

*Due to scheduling conflicts the Board once again announces that the June meeting will be held on the 18th, and the July meeting on the 16th. Both will begin at 2 p.m.

*The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be May 14, 2 p.m.



Highlands County Road and Bridge Supervisor (pictured on the left) and Spring Lake Improvement District Field Foreman Randy Nelson review the streets that will be scheduled for renovation and repair

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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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District Staff:

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

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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

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
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 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.

From Father To Daughter, It's Still — A Family Business

Real Estate broker Pat Dell was always known for his Hawaiian shirts, infectious personality, golf slice, coaching, and volunteering all over town. After 27 years in business he retired to spend more time with wife Rosella and sold his successful real estate entity to his daughter, Dawn Dell.

Representing the next generation of her family, Dawn Dell is the happy, smiling, bubbly and attractive blonde who reminds you of the Eveready battery commercial. She is constantly on the go, every which way imagined, and never loses a step! If you want to see someone manage a cell phone like no other person, just watch Dawn.

Dawn was born in North Miami Beach in 1968 and moved to Sebring in 1978 with her family. After attending Sebring schools she joined the NAVY and was assigned to the U.S.N.S. Hospital ship Comfort. Her tour of duty from 1988-92 took her to the Middle East where she was part of Operation Desert Storm.

In 1994 she returned to Sebring and worked with COMCAST cable until 1999, when she went to the News-Sun as a sales representative. She entered the real estate business in 2002 and joined her father at Dell Realty in 2005. It didn't take Dawn long to become one of the most successful and outstanding realtors in the County and in 2006 the Heartland Association of Realtors named her the Realtor of the Year.

When Dawn purchased the business her husband Chris, a real estate broker in his own right, quickly became her partner in both life and business. Together with daughter Jamie, who is 16 and works mornings in the office, Dell Realty continues to be a family business.

Dell Realty is located at 111 West Center Street, just off

the circle. In January of this year they opened a full service office in Spring Lake at the new Golf View Villas model home on Kenwood, just off of Duane Palmer Blvd. This is the newest subdivision in Spring Lake and Dell Realty was given the responsibility for marketing, promotion, and sales for the development. The office is accessible for any resident who needs real estate services. Sales manager and broker associate Jan Farinato and sales associates Tom Elter and Jennifer Noel staff the office.

"Real estate is a lifestyle; that is why the family is involved," says Dawn. "My work is my life! Time off is with my family and supporting our daughter as she plays on the softball and golf teams at Sebring High School."

Dawn is a member of the Sebring Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Merchants Committee, and the Downtown Marketing Committee. She is a long time supporter of our community, an original advertiser in The Breeze, and her commitment in opening a full service real estate office in Spring Lake shows the continued confidence she has in our community for a successful future.

The Golf View Villa project is well on its way to establishing itself as a premier planned community in Highlands County. Recent zoning changes will also allow some single family homes, and Dawn stated that they are just six sales away from a swimming pool being put in, along with plans for a Clubhouse.

We sincerely welcome Dawn and her team to Spring Lake and wish her success as our community continues to grow and attract other businesses and ventures.

As Dawn says, "To buy or sell, call Team Dell."



Dawn and husband Chris



Dawn with Sales Manager Jan Farinato



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News From The Water Department

SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WATER RATES AND FEES

Adopted March 12, 2008
Effective March 26, 2008

Adopted Rate

Meter Costs	
5/8" Meter (Standard)	\$470.00
1" Meter (Sprinkler System)	\$585.00
1 1/2" Meter (Commercial)	Based on Fixtures
2" Meter (Commercial)	Based on Fixtures
Deposit	\$100.00
Backflow	\$35.00
Impact Fee	\$330.00

Tap Fee	\$275.00
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Directional Jack & Bore	Contracted Cost, Parts, and Full Personnel Costs	TBD
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Deposits	
Owner	\$100.00
Renter	\$100.00

*Water service deposit may be waived for resident owners if the owner signs up for the automatic ACH plan

Service Call after hours	\$40.00
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Re-connect for Non-Payment	
During Business Hours	\$10.00
After Business Hours	\$40.00

Replace Meter Lid	\$15.00
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*No charges for normal wear and tear of meter boxes/lids

Replace Meter Box	\$50.00
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Returned Check Fees	
Able to Re-Deposit	\$10.00
Unable to Re-Deposit	\$50.00

Lien Charge	County Clerk recording and release of lien cost plus administrative costs based upon the greater of \$15.00 or 10% of the lien amount recorded	
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Water Rates		
Base Rate	\$13.50	1st 1,000 gallons included
Per 1,000 gallons		
	1,001 to 4,000	\$1.53 per 1,000 gallons
	4,000 to 6,000	\$1.63 "
	6,000 to 8,000	\$1.73 "
	8,000 to 10,000	\$1.93 "
	10,000 to 20,000	\$2.13 "
	Over 20,000	\$2.33 "

Multiple Meters: A single customer who has two or more meters at the same location will be charged base rate and the total consumption for all the meters at that location.

Water Deposit: The water deposit may be waived for resident owners if the owner signs up for the automatic payment plan (ACH). Should the owners withdraw from the automatic payment plan (ACH), a deposit will be required to continue service. Current resident owners who have previously paid a deposit and sign up for the automatic payment plan (ACH) will receive a credit to their account in the amount of their deposit. Should the owner withdraw from the automatic payment plan (ACH), a deposit based on the current amount will be required to continue service.

Cross Connection Controls (CCC)

The Board of Supervisors recently approved policies and procedures that are mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection and are intended to protect our drinking water. Ever since 9/11 there has been an urgency and priority to be concerned about our water systems. The reversal of contaminated liquids can unknowingly infuse pollutants, pesticides, and other harmful agents into the

drinking water. These contaminants can come from such sources as a garden hose, a lawn irrigation system, small businesses, laundries, or restaurants to name a few.

Water Department personnel will soon be inspecting the various businesses in Spring Lake and continue to provide information and updates to residents, as well as monitor problems that occur from the home.

Here are answers to some common questions people ask:

Who is required to have a CCC?

Community water systems must establish and implement a routine cross connection control program and prevent backflow of contaminants into the water system

What is the purpose of a CCC?

To protect the public water system from contamination or pollution via backflow due to backpressure

What is a CCC Program?

It is a written plan that is developed using recommended guidelines from the American Water Works Association

What is a Cross Connection?

Any temporary or permanent connection between a public water system or the consumers drinking water system, such as an auxiliary water system, cooling system, well, or irrigation system.

What is Backflow?

Backflow is an undesirable reversal of flow of nonpotable water or other substances through a cross connection and into the piping of a public water system or consumers potable water system. There are two types of backflow; backpressure and backsiphonage.

Why does Spring Lake need to control backflow?

Backflow can pollute or contaminate the water in our system, and it is our responsibility to provide water that is



usable and safe to drink under all foreseeable circumstances. Our customers have confidence that water delivered to them thru our public water system is always safe to drink. We therefore must take reasonable precautions to protect the public water system against backflow

If you would like more information on Cross Connection Controls and Backflow you can refer to the Florida Rural Water Association web site or contact them in Tallahassee at 850-668-2746

Easements; What?

By Brian Acker, Supervisor, Spring Lake Improvement District

Nearly every property in Spring Lake has some type of an easement associated with it and everyone benefits by the easements established in the development plans.

What is an easement? An easement is a right, as a right of way, afforded to a person or an entity to make limited use of another's real property. In other words, an easement gives the legal right of another to use a dedicated portion of your property. Utility and drainage easements are primarily the type of easements found in Spring Lake however planting easements, landscape easements, and buffers, among others, have been identified in a recent study conducted by the Spring Lake Improvement District.

Easements are necessary to economically provide and maintain water service, electrical service, communication services and drainage throughout Spring Lake. Imagine the consequences of a developed residential and commercial area without easements. At best, large portions of Spring Lake would be uninhabitable due to flooding. Electric utilities would be unable to provide power. The current potable water utility would not exist. Simple maintenance tasks such as weed control in our canals and drainage areas would be far more difficult and expensive if they were to be accomplished by boat rather than by a single employee utilizing an easement.

An easement is designated to provide access to install or maintain necessary infrastructure and as such should remain clear of structures or plantings that would otherwise prevent or limit its use. Everyone in Spring Lake shares maintenance costs and those costs can significantly increase if a legally designated easement cannot be utilized.

The Spring Lake Improvement District and Highlands County both have statutory responsibility regarding easements under Florida law. The recent easement study conducted by SLID has identified potential problems and is establishing policies relating to easements and coordinating its actions with Highlands County, South Florida Water Management and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

A landowner may be compelled to remove a structure or plantings that are within an easement. So, like the sign that reads "Call Before You Dig", please contact the District office before planting or erecting a structure if you have any question whether an easement is associated with your property.



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around businesses and stores after hours, call the Sheriff. If anything you see feels wrong, call the Sheriff. If you have children and they provide a lead as to who committed vandalism, call the Sheriff at: 402-7200.

This is OUR community and we must let these ignorant vandals know we are not going to accept their presence in Spring Lake.

Everyone has a stake in this problem, and it is not going to disappear unless these ignorant vandals know they are being watched by all of us. As a result of vandalism to our Water Plant, by law we had to contact Homeland Security; who in turn contacted the F.B.I. The Plant was not breached, but drawings on the plant matched drawings in other areas of the community, thus making the charges against these people when they are caught Federal.

Everyone needs to understand that the District **will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law** when anyone is picked up and charged with vandalism in Spring Lake. In addition, we will seek remuneration and additional damages from the court against the individual and/or their family.

We sincerely hope that all of you understand the implications of having ignorant vandals in Spring Lake and will actively participate in putting a stop to it.

Ignorant Vandals are not wanted in this community!!!



Snowbirds Returning North

By Grace Albert

On March 18th the Country Club Villa's had their annual season's end potluck party at one of their pool areas. The event starts the winding down of another season at the Villas, and proved to be a fun day filled with meeting new residents, renewing old friendships, or just saying goodbye. Flyers distributed to members notifying them of the event were designed by Linda Rogers and delivered by members of the Garden Club.

A committed group of people helped ensure that preparations were in place: Steve Gorman and Terry DeVries brought all the tables and chairs; Eleanor Havlena, Judy Marquardt; Ira and Annie McClain; washed all the tables and chairs. The decorating committee then took over led by Joanne Koller, Judy DeVries, Shelly Fernandez, Eleanor Havlena, Judy Marquardt, and Ruby Jewel. Swimsuits, pool toys, and beach towels adorned the area. Daisy Wilkins took care of nametags.

Frank Jewell and Pat Shatney coordinated the chipping

contest, under the direction of creator and designer Wayne Wilkins. After an hour of competition Russ Briggs topped the men by having a hole in one. Grace Albert won on the women's side. The \$48 for winning the event was donated by each winner to the Garden Club.

Sandy Woodman and Nancy Thomas coordinated the dinner. The Garden Club furnished the meat dishes and everyone else filled in with veggies, salads, and desserts.

Roberta Briggs and Judy DeVries sold 50-50 tickets to raise money for the Garden Club project for next year; purchasing trees to be planted at focal points throughout the villa complex.

The villa's can resemble a ghost town during the summer months, but many more people seem to be staying here year round compared to the early beginnings of the villas. The Resort continues to rent villa's for golf packages, and weekends always have a higher occupancy.

Best of luck to all our snowbirds and enjoy your summer months up North.



Try This History Exam

Thanks to Richard Kautz for sharing this with The Breeze

Everyone over 60 should have a pretty good time at this exam. If you are under 60 you can claim a handicap. This is a History Exam for those who don't mind seeing how much they really don't remember about what went on in their lifetime. So get a paper and pencil, number it from 1 thru 20, and write the letter of each answer.

1. In the 1940's where were automobile headlight dimmer switches located?
 - a. On the floor shift knob
 - b. On the floor board, to the left of the clutch
 - c. Next to the horn
2. The bottle top of a Royal Crown Cola had holes in it. For what was it used?
 - a. Capture lightning bugs
 - b. To sprinkle clothes before ironing
 - c. Large salt shaker
3. Why was having milk delivered a problem in northern winters?
 - a. Cows got cold and wouldn't produce
 - b. Ice on highways forced delivery by a sled
 - c. Milkmen left deliveries outside of front doors and milk would freeze, expanding and pushing up the cardboard bottle top
4. What was the popular chewing gum named for a game of chance?
 - a. Blackjack
 - b. Gin
 - c. Craps
5. What method did women use to look like they were wearing stockings when none were available due to rationing during World War II?
 - a. Suntan lotion
 - b. Drawing a seam down the back of your leg with an eyebrow pencil
 - c. Wearing slacks
6. What postwar car turned automotive design on its ear when you couldn't tell whether it was coming or going?
 - a. Studebaker
 - b. Nash Metro
 - c. Tucker
7. Which was a popular candy when you were a kid?
 - a. Strips of dried peanut butter
 - b. Chocolate licorice bars
 - c. Wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside
8. How was Butch wax used?
 - a. To stiffen a flat-top haircut so it stood up
 - b. To make floors shiny and prevent scuffing
 - c. On the wheels of roller skates to prevent rust
9. Before inline skates, how did you keep your roller skates attached to your shoes?
 - a. With clamps, tightened by a skate key
 - b. Woven straps that crossed the foot
 - c. Long pieces of twine
10. As a kid, what was considered the best way to reach a

decision?

- a. Consider all the facts
 - b. Ask Mom
 - c. Eeny-meeny-miney-mo
11. What was the most dreaded disease in the 40's and 50's?
 - a. Smallpox
 - b. AIDS
 - c. Polio
 12. "I'll be down to get you in a ____ honey"
 - a. SUV
 - b. Taxi
 - c. Streetcar
 13. What was the name of Caroline Kennedy's pony?
 - a. Old Blue
 - b. Paint
 - c. Macaroni
 14. What was a Duck and Cover Drill?
 - a. Part of a game of hide and seek
 - b. What you did when your mom called you in to do chores
 - c. Hiding under your desk and covering your head in an A-bomb drill
 15. What was the name of the Indian Princess on the Howdy Doodly show?
 - a. Princess Summerfallwinterspring
 - b. Princess Sacajawea
 - c. Princess Moonshadow
 16. What did all the really savvy students do when mimeographed tests were handed out in school?
 - a. Immediately sniffed the purple ink, believing it got you high
 - b. Made paper airplanes to see who could sail theirs out the window
 - c. Wrote another pupils name on the top to avoid their failure
 17. Why did your mom shop in stores that gave Green Stamps with purchases?
 - a. To keep you out of mischief by licking them, which tasted like bubblegum
 - b. They could be put into special books and redeemed for merchandise
 - c. They were given to the kids to used as stick on tattoos
 18. Praise the Lord and pass the _____?
 - a. Meatballs
 - b. Dames
 - c. Ammunition
 19. What was the name of the singing group that made the song "Cabdriver" a hit?
 - a. The Ink Spots
 - b. The Supremes
 - c. The Esquires
 20. Who left his heart in San Francisco?
 - a. Tony Bennett
 - b. Xavier Cugat
 - c. George Gershwin

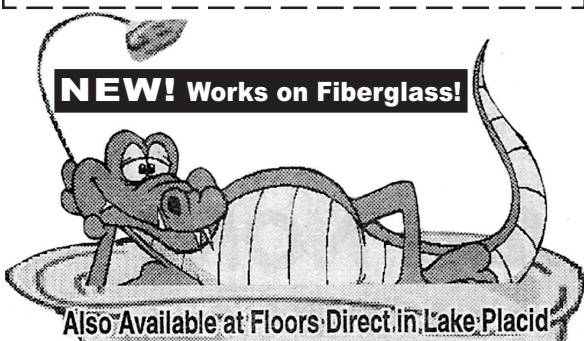
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Be Smart About Charitable Giving

This article provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs

Many organizations, especially those that assist veterans and their families, rely on the charity of individuals to provide services. However, with so many options available, it is important to know if you are giving to a legitimate organization. To help you make an informed decision, the

Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs has compiled a list of resources for your reference.

www.sunbiz.org

The Florida Department of State's Division of Corporations displays all registered organizations, including non-profit.

<http://1.800helpfla.com/giftgiversguide>

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Gift Givers Guide provides revenue information, as well as costs, surplus, and more on charitable organizations. You can also call the consumer hotline at 1-800-435-7352 if you have questions or complaints about a particular charity.

www.charitynavigator.org

This national web site hosts information on large charitable organizations that take in at least \$500,000 per year and have existed for a minimum of five years.

www.charitywatch.org

The American Institute of Philanthropy is a nationally prominent charity watchdog service whose purpose is to help donors make informed giving decisions.

Never give your Social Security number, date of birth, credit card number, or other personal and financial information to someone whom you don't know. Charities will not need this information if you donate.

If you want to donate money to help veterans or current service members, make sure you are donating to an organization that you know is legitimate and well established. You can research veterans' charitable organizations by logging on to <http://www1.va.gov/vso/> and using the Directory of Veterans Service Organizations

Social Dinner Club Annual Picnic

By John Koller

The Spring Lake Social Dinner Club held its annual picnic on Saturday, March 22nd, and 61 members attended. The event was held at the Community Center, the same location where the Club meets during the season for their monthly dinner and program.

Several contests were conducted and closest to the pin winners were Grace Albert and Wayne Wilkins. Pear

Bradford and Steve Graham won the Horseshoe contest, and Dottie Blackwell and Karen Schauwecker won the 50-50 drawings.

The election of officers took place and John Koller is President; Dan Ostapowicz, Vice-President; Shirley Reeb, Secretary; and Jim Baker, Treasurer

The Club will not meet again until members return in the Fall.



Pictured left to right are Jim Baker, Shirley Reeb, Dan Ostapowicz, and John Koller.



The group was fed well by cooks Ray Albert (right), and Jay Reeb



Good thing some people like to clean up; pictured left to right are Shirley Reeb, Gladys Keith, and Pat Schatner

Property Association Announces Officers

By John Schroeder

The Spring Lake Property Association is one of several groups that represent homeowners and oversee most of the deed restrictions currently on record. At an organizational meeting on March 24, 2008 Officers were elected and committee chairpersons were approved. The group meets at the Community Center the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

President	Dan Snyder
First Vice-President	Wayne Roberts
Second Vice-President	Ken Dandeneau
Secretary	Tonya Mays
Treasurer	Jan Furr

Committee Chairpersons:

Architectural	Ken Dandeneau (chair)
	Walter Wolfe (immediate past president)
Beautification	Tonya Mays
Neighborhood Watch	Dan Snyder
Newsletter	Dottie Perrin
Outside Liaison	John Schroeder
Program	Dottie Perrin
Violations-Villages 1,5,6	Gary Miller
Violations-Villages 2,3,4	Wayne Roberts
Welcome	Jan Furr

Annual St. Pat's Party



Spring Lake residents Tim McKenna, joined by John and Teresa Danko, sponsored a St. Patrick's Day dinner for the Board and Staff of the Improvement District. This second annual event thanked SLID personnel for the work they do.



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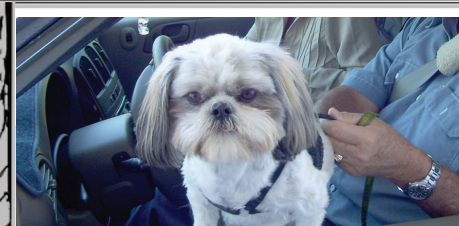
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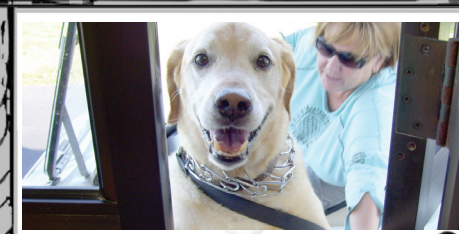
DRIVE-THRU PETS-OF-THE-MONTH



Diesel



Prince



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Giving Time To Others

By Debbie Delaney

The three Spring Lake residents pictured are members of the Highlands Regional Medical Center Auxiliary. A pink uniform and name badge identifies the members of this group. Volunteers serve the patients and staff in a variety of tasks: gift shop operation and management; delivery of mail to patients and departments; delivery of flowers and gifts to patients; staffing of the information desk; and assisting in numerous hospital departments. There are approximately 95 volunteers, most of whom are full time residents in the County.

Bill Rentel, a veteran Auxiliary member since 2004 introduced Joann and Dixie to the group, encouraged them and assisted with providing applications and contact information. Bill volunteers two half days a week as a transporter of patients in wheel chairs, stretchers, or their room beds.

When asked if he would like to add anything about the Auxiliary Bill said, "I find it very rewarding and think that

anyone doing it would feel the same. I am very proud of Dixie and Joann for joining and I would be happy to talk to anyone about it."

Joann joined the Auxiliary in February and attended the required orientation and training classes to volunteer as a courier one half day a week. Becoming familiar with the hospital layout and learning the many security codes were her initial challenges. When asked about her experience Joann replied, "It's a win win situation. The medical staff receives help and I receive personal satisfaction."

Dixie Ames also joined the Auxiliary in February as an information desk receptionist one half day a week. She has 20 years of previous hospital experience from Cortland, New York, including Chairperson of the Emergency Room volunteers and Auxiliary Board of Directors Secretary. When asked about her new experience Dixie said, "The volunteers are very friendly and I enjoy the people."

If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary simply contact



Left to right are: Joann Deweese, Bill Rentel, Dixie Ames

the hospital information desk at 385-6101, extension 5230, from 8:00 a.m. thru 8:00 p.m.

Lot Mowing Under Way



One of the main responsibilities of the Spring Lake Improvement District is ensuring that the 1,295 vacant lots

and 69.5 acres are mowed. Additionally, the District mows all County Right of Ways and Medians. There are three tractors and mowers dedicated to vacant lots and acreage, and there is additional equipment and personnel for all entranceway medians, Duane Palmer Blvd., and the parks.

The District instituted a new system of mowing last year that increased the level of accountability for mowing lots, and was very successful. Personnel were specifically assigned to selected areas so that one person had responsibility for that area. If there was a problem, or a resident had a request, we had a specific staff member we were able to go to. We feel that this greatly enhanced the level of service this program provides, as lots were mowed as much as 5-6 times and made our neighborhoods look much nicer. We were also able to respond much quicker to resident requests when selected lots grew faster than others and became an eyesore.

Equipment for this program was updated with the purchase of three John Deere tractors. These replaced equipment that was over 12 years old and was constantly in need of repair. These new tractors are 90 horsepower, 4 wheel drive units

that are much more adequate than the old units. The three staff members who have primary responsibility for lot mowing are John Laiosa, Neil Wilkinson, and Brian Murray.

The Board of Supervisors diligently looked at the costs of the lot-mowing program as they developed the Districts fiscal year budget. There was a consensus that the people who owned lots were the ones who should absorb the cost of mowing them! While this seems like a common sense approach to developing a budget, this was not always the case. We all know that mowing is not cheap; just look at what it costs per month to have your home lawn mowed. Just think what it would cost if those same private lawn people had to mow an empty lot 4-6 times per year!

Lot mowing fees were raised beginning in 2008, as they have been practically stagnant for five years. The District now charges \$113 per year for an undeveloped, platted lot, and \$138 per acre for other lots. These costs are extremely reasonable and the Board will continue to monitor all expenses for this program to ensure that our General Fund does not underwrite any direct lot mowing costs.

Join the District E-Mail Base

There have been several situations that have arisen in the past month that could have been avoided if we had e-mail addresses for our residents. In one



situation, water at the Country Club Villas had to be shut off on three separate occasions. Another example is warning people that there were several nights of vandalism in the community and to be on the look out.

In the future, the District would be able to notify people of not only water being turned off but any boil orders, emergency situations, or other items that would be important for you to know that can't wait until the next issue of The Breeze or be put on the web-site.

This is strictly voluntary and the information will NOT be used by anyone other than the Improvement District.

If you want to be part of this database simply go to: www.springlakeimprovement.com/notifyme

Click on *subscribe* and you will then be sent an e-mail titled *Request for confirmation* asking you to verify that you want to be on the list. You simply respond to the e-mail by clicking on the link. You will then receive a *thank you* and a *Welcome to our Newsletter*

This is an important program being offered by the District and we hope you will take advantage of it. Thank you in advance for helping us be more responsive to your needs and providing better service to our residents.

History Exam Answers from page 4

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| 1. b | 7. c | 13. c | 19. a |
| 2. b | 8. a | 14. c | 20. a |
| 3. c | 9. a | 15. a | |
| 4. a | 10. c | 16. a | |
| 5. b | 11. c | 17. b | |
| 6. a | 12. b | 18. c | |

SCORING:

17-20 correct: You're older than dirt, obviously gifted with mental abilities if you could only find your glasses. Definitely someone who should share wisdom.

12-16 correct: Not quite dirt yet; but you are getting there

0-11 correct: You are not old enough to share the wisdom of the experienced

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Women's College Golf Tournament A Success

By Debbie Delaney

Ten teams participated in the 10th Annual Spring Lake Women's Intercollegiate Golf Tournament held March 7 and 8 on the Panther Trail course. Teams came from: Drake;

Eastern Illinois; Florida Gulf Coast; Florida Tech; Georgetown; Highpoint; Lynn; North Dakota State; Northern Illinois; and St. John's.

Florida Gulf Coast University, located in Ft. Myers, won the event with a team total of 633. The medallist was Heather Haggerman who scored a 71-79 for 150. Lynn University, located in Boca Raton, was the runner up team. Their medallist was Maha Haddioui with a score of 74-76 for 150.

Northern Illinois University golf coach Pam Tyska, organizer of the tournament, said, "We are so fortunate to have attracted top teams from the Atlantic to the Pacific and throughout all collegiate divisions. Our visiting competitors love coming to Spring Lake and the support we receive is second to none!"

A number of Spring Lake Golf Resort members and residents assist with a variety of volunteer activities to make this tournament a success.



SPRINGLAKE INTERCOLLEGIATE			
Florida Gulf Coast			
COACH J.P. Meyer			
1	Heather Haggerman	71 79	150
2	Amber Pedersen	77 83	160
3	Jessica Paulmann	79 86	165
4	Katerina Joannalaha	75 83	158
5	Cassie Sherron	80 86	166
			633



Club Championship Winners

By Debbie Delaney

The 2008 Spring Lake Women's Golf Association Club Championship took place in March on both the Cougar and Panther courses. Overall League Champion is Pear Bradford, who had a 171 gross score. Margaret Mazzola won the Super Senior Division with a net 133. Other Flight winners included:

GROSS SCORE	NET SCORE
A Flight	
Maggie Robb 173	Marilyn Redenbarger 137
Gail Whiting 174	Shirley Olmhausen 142
Brenda Green 175	Linda Cole 142

GROSS SCORE	NET SCORE
B Flight	
Barb Stevens 175	Judy Dunn 134
Dotti Blackwell 178	Carol Rath 139
Marsi Benson 185	Louise Butler 145
C Flight	
Julia Starr 195	Joanne Koller 143
Theresa Herr 204	
D Flight	
Barbara Mountz 211	Ann McWilliams 149
Flo Burge 219	

What A Wonderful Lake!



Spring Lake resident and District Supervisor Ken Poe recently took his grandson on an Airboat ride on Lake Istokpoga. Visiting from Michigan, Kolton learned to appreciate how lucky we are to have such a beautiful lake in our community.



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