

Southfork Lakes Connections



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Message from the Board

SFL PONDS & WEEDS

There have been concerns regarding the unsightly, wild growth of weeds around the ponds. Dormant grass can start towards the end of November and can last until the beginning of March. You may notice that your **grass** isn't growing as fast as normal, or that it doesn't require as much water, but **the weeds continue to grow**. These are Winter perennials weeds that flourish during the cool months and go dormant at the onset of summer heat. Currently, we do not have weed control in the vicinity of water tables of our ponds. Chemical applications are limited and if we spray the weeds in non-irrigated areas we will have sand. During the winter, lawn maintenance is reduced according to the rate of grass growth, or every 2-3 weeks. This wait is when we notice the perennial weed growth the most. Going forward, the lawn maintenance will address the weeds during the winter months and a plan for safely implementing the use of herbicides without causing damage throughout the year.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND & DOGS 🚫

Please note that Dogs are **NOT** permitted in the children's playground. This area is designated for the children to run and play without the worry of dogs, poo or the allergens they produce. We are currently looking for space in the Community to accommodate a dog park for safe play and socialization for pooches and their parents. If you have any ideas for a safe space, please send an email to Rena Vance at vp@sflhoa.com.

FRONTIER PROPERTY DAMAGE RESOLUTION

The HOA Board coordinated a Community Resident meeting with Lambert's Cable Splicing on Monday, 3/29/21 to address the damages due to Frontier installation. For details, please refer to the Meeting minutes on the last page of the newsletter. Should anyone need to be added to the list for repairs, please send an email to Secretary@sflhoa.com with your Name, address, and the damage (driveway, landscape, sprinkler). You will be added to the master list that will be sent to Lambert's. Please note that the HOA Board is not responsible for the damage or repairs. The scheduling and responsibility of repair is strictly between Lambert's Cable Splicing and the homeowner. Our goal was to assist in making sure our community was made whole in this unfortunate situation.

HOA BOARD MEMBERS

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Did You Know?

Cooking Oil Recycling Effort (C.O.R.E.)

Hillsborough County's Cooking Oil Recycling Effort is for residential cooking oil. Used cooking oils are a serious problem for home plumbing and Hillsborough's County wastewater collection system. Cooking oils that are poured down the drain gels and solidifies inside pipes, sewage lines and sewage lift stations, constricting water flow. That can back up home plumbing and also cause equipment to malfunction. This leads to sewage spills, overflows onto streets, and foul odors in homes and neighborhoods.

Commercial and industrial customers must contact a licensed commercial grease hauler for cooking oil disposal.

The nearest C.O.R.E. location to our neighborhood is:

Summerfield Pump Station

13393 Summerfield Blvd.

Riverview, FL 33579

For more information regarding C.O.R.E., to obtain locations of C.O.R.E. stations, or to request a C.O.R.E. presentation, please use the link below.

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/property-owners-and-renters/trash-and-recycling/cooking-oil-recycling-effort>



Property Easements and Right of Way

Easements are:

- Areas of your property used for utilities, storm water drainage, sewer lines, etc.

Easements are not:

- To be built on or permanently obstructed without prior authorization.
- The same size, type or location for every property.

Common Types of Easements

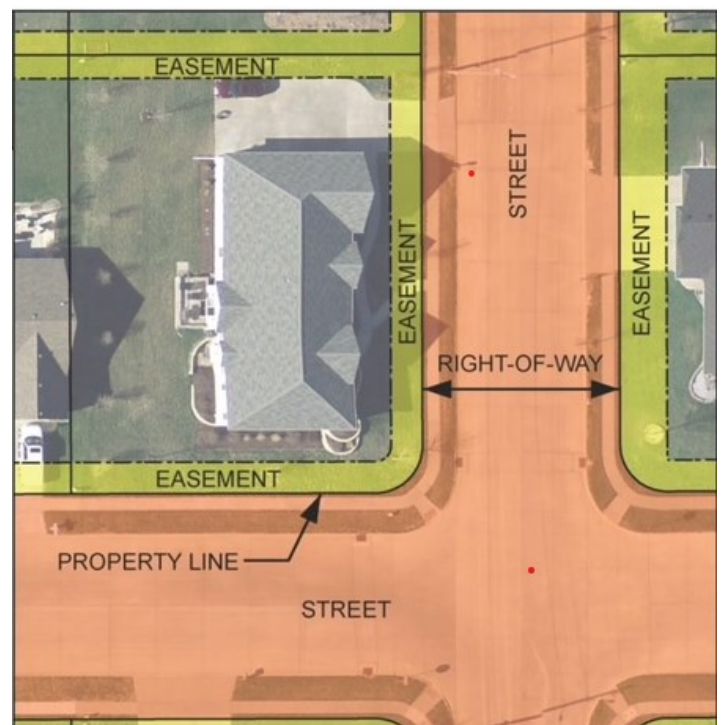
- Utility
- Access
- Drainage
- Temporary construction

Right of Way (ROW) is:

- Comprised of the public and private areas of land dedicated to public travel or the provision of utility services.
- Sidewalks and grassy areas (boulevards) in the ROW are maintained by the adjacent property owner.

Maintenance:

- The easement area of each lot and all improvements in it shall be maintained continuously by the owner of the lot, except for those improvements for which a public authority or utility company is responsible.



Local News



Meals on Wheels of Tampa (MOW Tampa) is a community-funded organization that is expanding its services to residents of Riverview and Gibsonton this June. MOW currently serves 800 homebound residents in Hillsborough County. Applications from residents who are in need of meals will be taken mid-May. Volunteers (18 years and older) for drive routes and delivery of meals will also be accepted.

Because MOW of Tampa is an independent organization and doesn't accept government funding, it is able to accept any resident, regardless of age and income. If you or a loved one encounter difficulties getting out of the home or preparing meals due to mental or physical disability or age, MOW of Tampa can help.

They provide chef-created hot meals Monday through Friday with frozen meals being delivered on Friday for the weekend. MOW of Tampa also delivers fresh fruit and vegetables on the third Saturday of the month. In May, a hurricane preparedness package, including five shelf-stable meals, is delivered along with shelter information. At Thanksgiving, recipients are provided a treat bag, and in December, a great gift bag is given. They also celebrate birthdays with a card and a little something extra.

MOW of Tampa uses a sliding scale to determine if recipients will pay for their meals. Meals cost \$5.50 each meal. However, depending on their income/expense, recipients pay as little as \$0.50 or nothing. No one is ever turned away due to inability to pay.

The intake process takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes. If approved, services begin the next day. If a homebound individual has a pet, MOW of Tampa will refer them to the Humane Society of Tampa, and its mobile unit will come out with food for the pet.

Cindy Vann, senior director of mission engagement, said, "MOW of Tampa allows senior and other homebound residents to live independently in their homes with good, healthy, nutritious food and social contact almost every day." Vann added, "We have the most wonderful volunteers in the world. They connect with people who are often forgotten."

MOW of Tampa also has other programs that enrich the lives of the recipients such as Water on Wheels (WOW!), Produce on Wheels (POW!), Animeals, Hurricane Preparedness Packs, and Holiday.

For more information and to apply for meals or become a volunteer, please visit www.MOWTampa.org or call (813) 238-8410.

Original article found at <https://www.ospreyobserver.com/2021/03/meals-on-wheels-of-tampa-to-expand-to-riverview-and-gibsonton-this-june/>

“One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals.”

Jean Vanier.

Community Bulletin Board

Join the Facebook group: [Southfork Lakes Support Group for Children/Adults with Special Needs](#)

The idea for this support group is to share information about doctors, therapists, referral agencies, tips, recommendations, sources and any other information that can help Parents/Caregivers with children/adults with special needs. This group can also be used to link articles with the latest information and breakthroughs regarding research for the different conditions or syndromes. In addition, it can also be a forum where we can talk about our experiences so others in this group can use this information for the improvement of our children/adult lifestyle.

Clubhouse Updates

AMENITY CENTER/CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES UPDATE

Here is an update to the current hours of operation:

Gym Hours: 6:00 am to 9:00 pm – Seven Days a Week

Pool Hours: 6:00 am - *sunset (*cold season;) (9 pm warmer season)

Onsite Office Hours : 9:30 am to 6:30 pm – Monday through Friday

Onsite Office Phone : Joseph Rogers – 813-404-2881

Please remember to observe the social distancing guidelines at all times. Thank you.



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Southfork Lakes Celebrates

National Autism Awareness Month

In 1970, the Autism Society launched an ongoing nationwide effort to promote autism awareness and assure that all affected by autism are able to achieve the highest quality of life possible. In 1972, the Autism Society launched the first annual National Autistic Children's week, which evolved into Autism Acceptance Month (AAM). This April, we continue our efforts to spread awareness, promote acceptance, and ignite change.

The Autism Society of America, the nation's oldest leading grassroots autism organization, is proud to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month in April 2021 with the its "Celebrate Differences" campaign. Designed to build a better awareness of the signs, symptoms, and realities of autism, #CelebrateDifferences focuses on providing information and resources for communities to be more aware of autism, promote acceptance, and be more inclusive in everyday life.

The Autism Society recognizes that the prevalence of autism in the United States has risen from [1 in 125 children in 2010](#) to [1 in 59 in 2020](#) – recognizing this continued increase, the goal for AAM is to further increase awareness about autism signs, symptoms and opportunities through: information and referrals, events, printable and digital resources, and community

partnerships with businesses and organizations dedicated to building inclusive experiences.

The Autism Society has a variety of resources designed to inform and encourage communities to celebrate differences, and become more inclusive of individuals with autism. The campaign will overlap with World Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd, and continue throughout the month.



Maintenance Tips

Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

1. Change the air-conditioner filter
2. Clean window and door screens
3. Polish wood furniture and dust light fixtures
4. Inspect sink, shower, and bath caulking for deterioration
5. Have air-conditioning system serviced
6. Replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
7. Drain or flush water heater
8. Remove leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts

Upcoming Events

Food Trucks

Saturday, April 3

Shula Burger & Softe the King

Tuesday, April 6

Coco's Latin Cuisine & Howdy Doodle Ice Cream



Saturday, April 17

Got Lobstah?

Saturday, April 24

Wicked Oak BBQ & Craving Donuts

Sunday, April 25

Bean Bar Coffee Company
(7:00 am to Noon)

Saturday, April 10

Engine 53 & Sweet Island Snow

Food trucks will be at the Clubhouse Roundabout from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Mad Men Monday

Any whisky drinkers (or any liquor)??
Trying a different drink out and meeting our neighbors each week Monday evenings. Hosts & locations may vary so check out our FB page for

Tuesday Poker Night

Hosts & locations may vary so check out our FB page for weekly details.
Open to men and women.

*Not a SFL HOA Sponsored event

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 SFL Easter Event
4 Easter	5	6 Fining Comm. Mtg	7	8 CDD Mtg	9 Arch Rev. Comm.	10
11	12 HOA Board Mtg	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Next Steps

SFL Web Site Coming Soon



Keep in touch with our neighbors by joining SFL FB pages:

Southfork Lakes Residents Riverview, FL

This is a private, monitored group created for and by the residents of Southfork Lakes community in Riverview, FL. The rules are simple: be kind and respectful to your neighbors. Let's make friends, support each other, and celebrate together.

Southfork Lakes Buy & Sell for residents only. This is a page to serve the community for the purpose of selling, buying, or trading things from your neighbors for security and safety.

Submit your Architectural Review Application forms via email to Meritus at:

Lori.bounds@merituscorp.com

or

Gigi.holmes@merituscorp.com

ATTENTION SFL BUSINESS OWNERS!!!

Register today to be added to our Community Business Directory. Let your services always be known and at the neighborhood's fingertips on the website! Send your Business Name, contact info and service specialty to communications@sflhoa.com with the subject: **BUSINESS**



Are you looking for an opportunity to make a positive impact in your community? The Events committee may be for you! Help plan the activities that bring our community together by contacting Events@sflhoa.com.

Seeing Double?

Do you see two Architecture Review Application forms on the Meritus site? Check out the image below for the correct form. Use the new application form to submit your Architecture Review Committee requests.

	2/9/2021	01-31-2021 Public Financials
Document Area: General		
	12/2/2020	Architectural application
	9/10/2020	ARC Applications
	5/2/2018	Community standards
	1/23/2017	ACH Form
	1/23/2017	Credit Card Payment Instructions
Document Area: Governing		
	10/18/2019	Declarations
	5/2/2018	Declarations

New application form

Old application form

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