

Southfork Lakes Connections



SOUTHFORK
LAKES
HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION

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Message from the Board

The Southfork Lakes HOA produces a monthly newsletter which contains Board news, Community activities, reminders, local news & entertainment, and contact information.

- **SPEEDING** - As we come to the completion of our SFL Community, our streets are now filled with many families walking their dogs and lots of children riding bikes and playing in the streets. As motorists, we must take extra care to keep everyone safe so it's imperative that we mind the speed limit. The residential area speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise noted. So please SLOW DOWN. Remember that children are not as alert, cautious or reactive to vehicles and it's our responsibility to be proactive. Pay special attention to the intersections of Carlton Fields Dr. / Arbor Pines Dr. and Carlton Fields Dr. / Clement Pride Blvd. Look for the Stop signs and double check for pedestrians crossing the street.
- **RESPONSIBLE PET PARENTING** – There have been an increase in complaints regarding cleaning up after our beloved pets. Please refer to the Community Standards [Article 3.02 Animals/Pets](#) as a reminder of our responsibility. Be respectful and clean up after your pet in both common areas and our neighbors yards. We also must make every effort to maintain control of our pets when outside. Many of us have yet to put up fences so keep this in mind when letting your pet out to potty. If a situation arises, try having a respectful, courteous conversation with your neighbor regarding any complaints. If this is unsuccessful, you may report violations but note that photo/video evidence will be necessary to enforce said violation.
- **COMMUNITY** - A telling sign of a family-friendly community is the camaraderie between neighbors. Good neighbors often take pride of ownership of their home by maintaining it, which usually translates into a stable, mutually beneficial environment. Neighbors look out for each other and are more likely to be involved in community events, town meetings, and neighborhood watch programs. Building a bond with the homeowner living next door also allows for parents to socialize or get some help when needed in a pinch. They can alert you to what's going on in the neighborhood if you were out of town or can walk your dog if you are running late. This type of close-knit setting also provides a positive space where your children can play with your neighbors' kids and form new friendships. This week, as you move through the neighborhood, see what you can do to contribute to making it friendly. You might try a simple "hello" or just nodding to people you pass. Pay close attention to how you feel when they greet you in kind and whether those small interactions change your sense of where you live. Who knows...you might start a long-lasting trend in your community. Be kind. Be Respectful. Be Forgiving.

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Did You Know?

Animal-at-Large Ordinance – Article II Sec. 6-28: “No dog or cat shall be allowed to stray, run or go, at large upon any public property or street, sidewalk, park, or on the private property of another without consent of the property owner.”

What it means: A pet can't be off its own property running freely. If off its property, a pet should always be on a leash no longer than 6 feet and under control by its owner. If cited for an animal-at-large, the fines are at least \$100 and up to \$500 for multiple violations.

For more information regarding this ordinance, please use the link below.

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Leash Ordinance – Ch. 38 Article II Sec. 38-26: “All domestic animals must, unless otherwise posted, be restrained at all times at a distance of not greater than six feet in length from their owner/handler and must be under the immediate and continuous physical control of such animal's owner/handler by means of leash, cord, chain, cage, fence or other appropriate restraining device that is of sufficient strength to restrain/control the animal.”

What it means: Any pet when off its own property or in a public place, like a neighborhood sidewalk, farmer's market, or outdoor café, it must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet and its owner must have control at all times. If cited, the fines are at least \$100 and up to \$500 for multiple violations.

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Local News

Watering Restrictions

Effective January 4, 2021, Southern Hillsborough County has enacted a watering restriction through December 31, 2022. This is for families living south of the Alafia River, in areas such as River-view, Gibsonton, Apollo Beach, Wimauma, Ruskin and more.

Families are able to water their lawns one time per week on their allowed day. Irrigation is only allowed during off-peak times: between 8:30 AM and Noon OR 6:00 PM and Midnight.



Watering Schedule

- Addresses ending in 0 or 1, on Mondays
- Addresses ending in 2 or 3, on Tuesdays
- Addresses ending in 4 or 5, on Wednesdays
- Addresses ending in 6 or 7, on Thursdays
- Addresses ending in 8 or 9, on Fridays
- Locations with no address and locations with mixed addresses, on Saturdays

The official ordinance on the new water restrictions can be found at <https://eagenda.hillsboroughcounty.org/portal/PTL29560/search?D=12/16/2020&T=Regular%20BOCC%20Meeting&Y=Backup&o=D-2.pdf>

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Coretta Scott King

Community Bulletin Board

SFL Easter Activities

Saturday, April 3

Noon to 3:00 pm

Southfork Lakes Community Center

Easter Egg Hunt

Ages 1 – 6 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm
Ages 7 – 10 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Bring own basket to collect eggs

Egg Toss

Ages 11 – 13 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Take Your Picture with
the Easter Bunny
All Ages noon to 3:00 pm



Hand Sanitizer Station
Gift bag of goodies for each participant
All participants check in at SFL Club House

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.

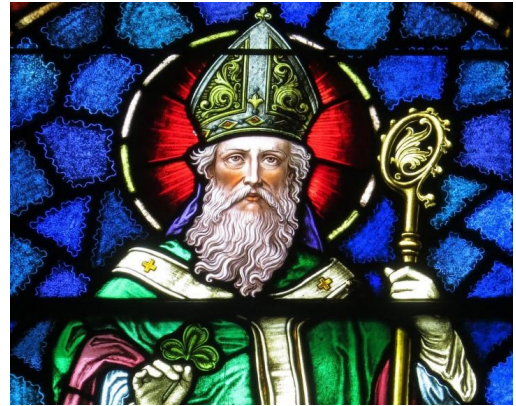


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Southfork Lakes Celebrates

Although the holiday originally started as a Christian feast day celebrating the life of St. Patrick and the spreading of Christianity to Ireland, today, it is a day of revelry and a celebration of all things Irish.

The significance of March 17 is that it's said to be the date of St. Patrick's death in the late 5th century (circa A.D. 493).



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FACTS, FUN, AND FOLKLORE

- Blue was the color originally associated with St. Patrick, but green is now favored.
- The first St. Patrick's Day parade in the American colonies was held in New York City on this day in 1762.
- St. Patrick's Day is the traditional day for planting peas, even in the snow!
- Cabbage seeds are often planted today, too, and old-time farmers believed that to make them grow well, you needed to plant them while wearing your night clothes!

Maintenance Tips



- Change batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Change or clean filters
- Deep clean the garbage disposal
- Clean your grill
- Lawn equipment maintenance

Upcoming Events

Food Trucks

Saturday, March 6

Just Smokin BBQ –and– Cold Treats in Motion

Saturday, March 13

Mr. C's Grilled Cheese –and– Howdy Doodle Ice Cream

Saturday, March 20

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Saturday, March 27

Wingbox –and– Craving Donuts

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 weekly details. Open to men and women.

*Not a SFL HOA Sponsored event



Tuesday Poker Night

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Fining Committee Meeting</i>	3	4 <i>CDD Meeting</i>	5 <i>Architectural Review Committee</i>	6 <i>SFL Community Garage Sale 8 am to 2 pm</i>
7 <i>SFL Community Garage Sale 8 am to 2 pm</i>	8 <i>HOA Board Meeting</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts</i>	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20 <i>First day of Spring</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



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.

STAY IN TOUCH SFL!

Next Steps

Welcome to the second edition of the monthly Southfork Lakes Connections Community newsletter.

STAY CONNECTED

SUBSCRIBE FOR NOTIFICATIONS : Send your name & email address to Communications@sflhoa.com with the subject: **SUBSCRIBE** to continue receiving the full version of SFL Connections Newsletter.

Don't worry, if you do not opt for the digital copy there will be a printed condensed version in the enclosed case at the main Clubhouse entrance. The notification process is currently being updated, so please bear with us through the transition this year.

- ◆ SFL Community website



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 DIRECTORY**.

- ◆ 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.

DON'T MISS OUT

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