

Southfork Lakes Connections



SOUTHFORK
LAKES
HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION

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Message from the Board

FRIDAYS WITH FREDDY

Beginning Friday 5/7/21, our HOA President and CDD Chair, Freddy Barton, will be at the Clubhouse monthly to answer your HOA & CDD questions. See page 3 for additional details.

CLUBHOUSE MANAGER

A big SFL Welcome our new Clubhouse Manager Wayne Justice. The email and phone contact number remains the same.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

As summertime approaches, let's remember to take heed and be cautious while driving to protect our children. More children will be outside more often, riding bikes and playing in the streets.

FOOD TRUCKS

Food Trucks are here every Saturday 4pm – 8pm. Sandra Flowers will post and pin the weekly trucks to the top of the Residents FB page for your convenience.

You can also find the SFL food truck schedule, menu and pre order links at www.bestfoodtrucks.com/lots/southforklakes

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Did You Know?

Discarding Yard & Wood Waste

There are set days for curbside pickup of yard and waste wood. Check with your collector to find out which day you can set it out for pickup. <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/property-owners-and-renters/trash-and-recycling/find-my-trash-collector-and-collection-schedule>

Guidelines for curbside pickup:

- Weekly set out limit is 2 cubic yards or less.
 - Two cubic yards is approximately twelve 30-gallon containers or bags.
- Use your own cans, boxes, bags or other containers to store your yard waste.
- Each container cannot exceed 50 pounds.
- Limbs and branches must be less than 4 feet long and 6 inches in diameter.
- Yard waste must be bundled, neatly stacked, or placed in a yard waste container.
- Yard waste must be placed within 6 feet of the curb.

Items Accepted*

- Brush
- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Tree Trimmings
- Shrub Trimmings

*This is not a complete list of what is accepted. If you have questions, call (813) 272-5680.

If yard waste exceeds the curbside limit, take it to a facility that can accept it. The closest facility to our community is

South County Solid Waste Facility
13000 US Highway 41
Gibsonton, FL 33534
Monday-Saturday 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

As part of Hillsborough County's annual Solid Waste disposal assessment, residents may deliver up to 2 tons of yard and wood waste per year to the Yard and Wood Waste Processing and Recycling Facilities. Once these limits are reached, resident must pay standard fees.

Please see the link below for standard fee schedule.

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

Residents must bring a Photo ID showing residential address of the property owner and one of the following:

- A printed copy of your annual Hillsborough County Property Tax Bill showing your current solid waste assessment.
 - Property tax bills can be found at: <https://hillsborough.county-taxes.com/public>
- Your smartphone or tablet to show the on-site attendant your annual Hillsborough County property tax bill.

Effective January 1, 2021, Commercial businesses, including landscaping and tree trimming providers, will not be able to use residential folio accounts to deliver yard waste on behalf of Hillsborough County residents. All commercial use will be subject to standard fees. Residents are strongly encouraged to use their weekly curbside yard waste collection for disposal of routine yard waste.

For more information regarding discarding yard and wood waste, please use the link below.

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/property-owners-and-renters/trash-and-recycling/discarding-yard-and-wood-waste>



Local News

The new Riverview Public Library opened on Monday, April 5th. The 35,000-square-foot facility was built to meet the needs of one of the fastest growing areas of Hillsborough County.

"It's beautiful," branch manager Karen Slaton said. "How could you not love this space?"

The building is equipped with a recording studio, a screened-in reading porch and a reading garden.

The capacity is capped at 25% because of the pandemic. Residents will not be able to sit and read in the library. Masks will also be required inside the building.

Still, the community is excited to see the new library.

"It's absolutely worth the wait," Slaton said.

The building is literally a big change from the original structure built in 1979. At that time, there were only 12,000 residents in Riverview, according to Slaton. Now, there are nearly 100,000 people. "The old library was really too small to meet the needs of the community," Slaton explained.

Book lovers agree. Many had been advocating for a new library for years. "I've been working and campaigning on this since 2013," resident and Friends of the Riverview Library volunteer Gretchen DeSavio said. "So it's been a long time."

DeSavio said the older location was too crowded with no room to move around. The new library is four times the size of the old one. "This is a dream come true," DeSavio exclaimed. "This is beyond what we thought we'd get."

Please go to the Riverview Public Library webpage, <https://hcplc.org/locations/riverview>, for more information, location, and hours.

Original article found at <https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2021/04/01/riverview-public-library-opens-monday--april-5>



"For a community to be whole and honest, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other."

Millard Fuller

Community Bulletin Board



Fridays with Freddy!!

Have a CDD or HOA question? Want to be heard on an issue? Our HOA President and CDD Board Chair Freddy Barton is here for you! On the second Friday of each month, he will hold "Fridays with Freddy" from Noon to 7pm at the community center. Feel free to pop in, say hello, and let him know of any concerns you may have. **The first "Fridays with Freddy" will be held on Friday, May 7th.** This is a way to make sure your concerns are brought to both boards as appropriate.

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 : Wayne Justice – 813-404-2881

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



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Southfork Lakes Celebrates **MEMORIAL DAY**

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. It's difficult to prove the origins of this day as over two dozen towns and cities lay claim to be the birthplace. In May 1966, President Lyndon Johnson stepped in and officially declared Waterloo N.Y. the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Regardless of the location of origins or the exact date, one thing is crystal clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War (which ended in 1865) and a desire to honor our dead. On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order No. 11.

Part of the history of Memorial Day will show that in the Order, the General proclaimed, “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village

and hamlet churchyard in the land.” Because the day wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle, the General called it, The date of Decoration Day.

On the first Decoration Day, 5,000 participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery while General James Garfield made a historic speech.

New York was the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1873. It was recognized by all northern states by 1890. Differently, the South refused to acknowledge the day and honored their dead on separate days. This went on until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

With the Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363), it is now observed on the last Monday in May by almost every state.

Maintenance Tips

Steps to Tackle a Cluttered Room

1. Gather Four Boxes
2. Box 1— Trash—Use this is for any items you want to dispose that aren't worth donating or selling
3. Box 2—Give Away/Sell—use this box for items you want to donate or sell at the SFL Garage Sale.
4. Box 3—Storage—Use this box for items you won't need daily but don't want to dispose.
5. Box 4—Put Away—Use this box for items that need to stay in your house but need to be moved to a proper place.

Tips taken from Glad Teachable Trash—How to Declutter Your Home Without the Hassle

Upcoming Events

Food Trucks

Saturday, May 1

Melt Machine—Cold Treats in Motion

Tuesday, May 4

Smokin Bowls

Saturday, May 8

Bacon Dog—Sub Zero Ice

Saturday, May 15

Miso Lucky—Sweet Island Snow

Saturday, May 22

Wing Box

Saturday, May 29

Coco's Latin Cuisine Food Truck

Food trucks will be at the Clubhouse Roundabout from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Residents please subscribe to Southfork Lakes own Food trucks page below and receive notifications of the upcoming food trucks.

<http://www.bestfoodtrucks.com/lots/southforklakes>



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

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 CDD Mtg 6 pm	7 Arch. Rev Comm. 4 pm	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11 Events Comm. 6 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17 HOA Mtg 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

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.

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**

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

Lori.bounds@merituscorp.com

or

Gigi.holmes@merituscorp.com

WE WANT YOU

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.

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