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The Community Newsletter for the Neighborhood of Sutton Lakes

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# **SPRING IS HERE!!**

# Warmer Weather Safety Tips



### Fun in the sun

- Protect your children from too much sun. The sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so be extra careful during that time.
- Whenever you're outside, use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 to 30. Choose one that protects against UVA and UVB rays.
- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours and after being in the water or sweating.
- Make sure you drink plenty of fluids even if you are not thirsty. Water is best.

### Water Safety

- Never leave children alone in or near the water, even for a minute. Watch children with care in and around water. Have adults take turns being "child watchers" at family events.
- Learn to swim. Be aware of the hazards of swimming in a lake or river.
- Children should swim only when lifeguards are on duty or if an experienced swimmer is watching.
- If you spend time in boats, learn about boating safety. Call 1-800-336-BOAT to learn more.

# FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDERS

While parking in your driveway, please remember to leave the sidewalk unobstructed. There are many walkers/joggers in the neighborhood, and staying on the sidewalk is a matter of safety for them. If vehicles are obstructing the sidewalk, that forces them into the street and could be potentially dangerous. It has been reported that mailboxes are being opened in the afternoon when the buses drop off the students. Please remind your students to be mindful of neighbors' property as they walk home from school or the bus stop. Please report any mischievous conduct to the property manager.

As warmer weather approaches, please refer to jea.com for watering restrictions.

# Watering is currently limited to two times per week.

Please remember to store your trash cans out of view from the street and your neighbors. Violation letters have been sent and soon owners will be fined for having trash/recycle containers in view. Please remember to follow the leash law and keep your pets on a leash.

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# REMINDER ABOUT NO FISHING IN RETENTION PONDS

There is absolutely no fishing in any of the ponds in the Sutton Lakes community. Some homeowners wanted to know if they could "catch and release." This is also not allowed. Once a fish is caught in a hook, the hook does damage to the fish and there is no assurance the fish will live a normal life after it is released. Last year the association spent many thousands of dollars stocking fish to control the algae in the ponds. If the fish cannot perform their function as normal, too much algae can grow in the ponds and can begin smelling. Please do not disturb the fish in the ponds so they can do the job we expect them to do. If you have visitors in your home, please make them aware of this no fishing policy.

# **Zoysia Sod Available at:**

# A-1 Sod

11607 Columbia Park Dr. E www.A1Sod.com/904-262-8481

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### A FEW FAQs

Who do I call if I see a street light out or burning during the day? Write down the pole number and call JEA at 665-6000.

Who do I call about potholes in the streets or damaged sidewalks? Call the city at 630-CITY or file a request online at www.coj.net.

Who do I call about trash pickup and special trash pickups? Call the city at 630-CITY.

Do I need approval for modifications to the exterior of my house?

YES – find the request form on the website, www.suttonlakes.org. This form needs to be filled out completely and all the necessary information provided by the homeowner. Modifications include, but are not limited to: fences, screen rooms, pools, painting, new siding, new roof, major landscaping, and new mailboxes.

When are Board meetings held?

The Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month, typically at the Front Pool gazebo. Meetings typically begin at 6:30. Keep an eye on the info board and website for this Information as well.

Who do I call with issues about the pool, basketball courts, playgrounds, or the front entrance (common areas)? Please call your Property Manager, Brent Heinselman with Signature Realty and Management. He can be reached at (904) 241-5221, ext. 106, or bheinselman@srmifl.com. Please remember to also consult the website on a regular basis, www.suttonlakes.org

What happens if I don't pay my annual assessment?

The Association can place a lien on your home and foreclose on that lien. Yes, you could lose your home for not paying a \$289.41 bill. Please prioritize and make sure your assessment is paid.

#### ANNUAL HOMEOWNER DUES

Your annual assessment was due January 1, 2014, with late fees assessed on February 1, 2014. As previously noted, the Board of Directors has contracted with a collection attorney to pursue owners that have not yet paid their dues. The collection attorney will begin his efforts in April.



# BACK POOL OPENING

The back pool will be opening for the weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) in May. After Memorial Day weekend, both pools will be open 6 days a week. The pools will be closed on Mondays. Please remember in order to use the pools, your annual assessment must be paid and your property must be in good standing (no fines for violations of the Covenants).

