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The Community Newsletter for the Neighborhood of Sutton Lakes

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WELCOME SPRING!!

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN IN THE SUN? WE ARE TOO!!

WE ARE CURRENTLY UPGRADING THE FRONT POOL IN ANTICIPATION OF THE OPENING ON MEMORIAL

DAY WEEKEND. IT IS NOW BEING RE-MARCITED AND RE-TILED. THE NEW FACELIFT SHOULD BE

COMPLETED IN APRIL AND READY FOR MEMORIAL DAY. AS A REMINDER, BOTH POOLS WILL BE OPEN

FULL TIME ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.



BACK POOL OPENING

The back pool will be opening for the weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) in May.

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). Pool monitors are needed for the 2015 season. For application and info, contact Brent Heinselman at bheinselman@srmifl.com or call 904-241-5221.



The Association is seeking volunteers for committees, including the Architectural Review Board (ARB), and Beautification Committee. Please contact the property manager if you are interested at bheinselman@srmifl.com



While parking on the street is not prohibited, please make an effort to park in your garage or driveway. If you must park on the street, remember to follow all traffic laws. Also, please park in front of your own home, and do not park across from your neighbor's driveway.

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.

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TIPS FOR GROWING A BEAUTIFUL LAWN

- 1. Aerate your lawn. Aerating is done with a machine. Holes are poked into the ground and then plugs of dirt are lifted out of the ground. The benefit to aerating your lawn is, you are allowing oxygen, nutrients and water to get to the root system. Aerating can be done twice a year and can be beneficial to any lawn, however one way to see if your lawn is especially in need of aeration is to pull back a piece of your sod and examine the roots. If your roots are only a couple of inches deep, your lawn will benefit from aeration. The best way to aerate is to use a machine that has hollow tines. This procedure is called core aerating. Aerating machines can be rented or purchased from your local home improvement store. You can save money by sharing the aerator with a couple of our neighbors. You all split the cost of the aerator and can do your lawns as needed. Follow the directions of the particular machine you have. If you rent one, you should be given directions, by the store employee, on how to use the machine. After you have aerated, wait two days before applying any chemical to your lawn.
- 2. Apply a weed and feed chemical to your lawn. Most fertilizer companies have a four part schedule for fertilizing your lawn. In early spring, apply a typical fertilizer. In June, apply a fertilizer with weed control. At the end of July to the early part of August, apply a turf builder to your lawn. At the end of your lawn mowing season, apply a fertilizer with a winter formula to prepare your lawn for the winter months ahead. Most fertilizer companies show this four part schedule on the back of their product.
- 3. Give your lawn at least one inch of water per week. It is important to give your lawn a thorough soaking. If your grass is wet just on the surface, the roots will grow near the surface to drink the water. This will cause problems during the hot, dry summer days. However, if you water your grass too much, it will be susceptible to disease and injury. The best time of day to water your lawn is in the morning, after the sun is up, and while dew is still clinging to the grass. Never water your lawn at night. Insects love to come out and munch on the roots at night, doing damage. If you see moths coming out of your lawn, you have a pest problem.
- 4. Cut your grass to a height of three inches. This will keep the sunlight off of the ground, making it hard for seeds from weeds to grow. Keep to a schedule of cutting your lawn once a week.

Following these steps will get you on your way to a beautiful, green lawn that will beg you to take off your shoes and run through the grass!



