



Our wish for you is a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Springlakes Association hopes everyone is having a very happy holiday season. In keeping with Springlakes tradition, red bows typically adorn our mailboxes. Let's make the neighborhood festive and bright!!

Springlakes Communications

Your new Springlakes Directory is on it's way and you should receive it within the next few days. Many updates were made as a result of the form that you completed when assessments were paid at the beginning of the year. If for some reason, you have information that needs to be updated, please either email or call the Association and we will be glad to update our records for the next printing.

If you are not receiving an occasional calling post message or an occasional email from the Association, we may not have your phone number and/or email on file. Please contact us at (706) 855.7987 or email at associationmanager@springlakes.org with the correct information.

Homeowners will be receiving the annual homeowner notice in the mail around the same time that this mailing is received. It has some important information about the upcoming annual homeowners meeting on January 12.

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas party will be held at the Clubhouse from 2-4 pm on Sunday, December 13. Santa will be there along with crafts, goodies and fun for the kids. Bring your camera for those special Kodak moments. The kids really enjoy this annual event so don't miss the fun!!

Curb Appeal Contest

It's that time to get 'Spruced' up for Christmas. There will be judging again this year for homes with outstanding decorating appeal. Submit your nominations no later than December 17 if you want the committee to consider your vote!! We will again vote for the top 3 homes most decorated. Email nominations to curbappeal@springlakes.org.





Nominating Committee

A special thanks goes to Nancy Pierce, Lynne Entrekin and Barbara Plumley for serving on the 2008 Nominating Committee this year.

Clubhouse News

The Springlakes Clubhouse is a non smoking facility inside but the cemented area behind the clubhouse is acceptable for smoking. Please clean up any remnants of cigarettes or cigars you or your guests use outside. Ashtrays are available in kitchen cabinets.

Crimewatch

We need a volunteer to head up the Crimewatch Committee. David Hattaway has done a terrific job with this position but would like to pass the job to another willing volunteer. If you want to get involved in your neighborhood, this is a great way to do so and it takes just a small amount of your time. Please contact the Association at 706.855.7987 if you are interested in serving.

Also, this is the time of year that a lot of burglaries and thefts happen. Keep doors locked and possessions out of view. If you see suspicious activity, don't hesitate to contact Columbia County Dispatch.

Grounds

We have been busy sprucing up the entrances and repairing lights. We have also placed a timer on the Cofield Pond pump to run daily from 8-2. If there are any issues, please contact the association.

Also, it's the time of year for leaves and more leaves. Be reminded that outdoor burning is not allowed in Springlakes.

Lake Update

There was a recent incident of kids fishing the ducks at the lake. One of the ducks was hooked and we are monitoring his health. This is considered cruelty to animals and if you witness this happening, contact the Sheriff's Dispatch number.

Welcome

Please help us identify new residents by either calling or emailing the association when someone moves into our neighborhood. Sometimes, that phone call is the only timely way we have identifying a new resident.

Lost or Found

Did you know that you can contact the association if you either lose or find items on our roadways? We'll connect the item with the owner if both parties make contact to us.



Covenants Corner

Hello Springlakes Residents. Could this be the final newsletter for 2009? I have no idea where this year has gone. Trust me, though, it has been a very busy one for your Covenants Committee. Besides keeping up with over 70 project requests, plus well over 100 covenants violations to track and resolve, we have also tackled some new items that unfortunately cropped up. By the way, 100 plus covenants issues is way too high. These violations covered areas, such as boat/utility trailer/jet ski visibility, yard/lot overall appearance, storage sheds and yard signs. What is of most concern is why we have to deal with so many issues concerning the overall appearance of our yards. This issue impacts you the homeowner the most because it has a direct impact on your property value. As a prospective buyer coming onto your property, the first thing they see is your home and yard appearance; not to mention that of your neighbors. Therefore, I would think that it would benefit each of us to pay particular attention to this area.

Another area that we are looking at very closely is the number of covered vehicles we have visible in our neighborhood. Currently we are talking with the county folks to make sure we have clear understanding of the way the laws/rules are written concerning covered vehicles so we have a better idea of how to approach this issue. More and more of these are showing up and it could have a huge impact again on the overall appearance of our neighborhood. If this particular issue applies to you, I would ask that you take a hard look at the reasons for these vehicles being covered by a tarp and if you can consider some other alternative.

Safety is an issue that I would like to discuss and provide some tips: Keeping Fire Hydrants within Springlakes Clear of any obstacles. Residents play a huge part in helping the Fire Department protect life and property by maintaining a safe zone of clearance around fire hydrants. By doing so, you save time that it could take firefighters to locate an obstructed hydrant and get water on a fire. Just a few minutes spent looking for a fire hydrant can make a big difference in the outcome. I would ask each property owner who has a fire hydrant on their Lot to think about this and make any necessary improvements. Thank you.

From your Covenants Committee, have a very Merry and Safe Holiday Season.



Generosity Abounds!!



The neighborhood Spooky to be Hungry Food Drive was the best collection that our neighborhood has ever had. Over 2200 lbs of food and over \$2800 in monetary donations were collected. Thanks to all of you who participated and volunteered in this very important community service event!! We want to especially thank Brenda and Terry Bland for heading this project up once again for our neighborhood!!

