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The “Flower Lady”

OFFICER LEIGH DOTSON HAS BEEN WORKING at the Deercreek security gate for approximately two years and has made a distinctive impression on everyone who enters the community. Her smile, friendly greeting, yet professional demeanor all add up to an encounter that makes the short wait a pleasant experience.

Leigh has been working as a gate security guard in various capacities for about fourteen years. She particularly likes the structured atmosphere at the Deercreek gate. “You have to have rules for things to run smoothly,” says Leigh, “rules that are universal and uniform.” Leigh finds that her job keeps her both physically and mentally agile. “Working at the gate is good exercise,” she says. Leigh credits both Officer Kirby and Captain J.P. with running a very professional operation. She also acknowledged that Officer Kirby has trained her for her security position here in Deercreek.

Asked about the ever-present flower in her hair, Leigh told this story: While working at a gate in another community, a resident brought her a flower on a regular basis, and she decided to wear the flower in her hair. When that resident left the community, others repeatedly asked her why she no longer wore a flower. She finally decided to

Time Is Running Out!

The *Deercreek Community News* in its present format has been delivered to homes in Deercreek on the first of every month for the last five years. The Communications Committee uses the newsletter to keep the community informed on issues that are important to all of us. In addition, the newsletter has articles about social events, and periodically features people in the community or who serve the community. The last issue of the monthly newsletter will appear in September unless a new editor can be found.

In addition to printing the newsletter, the committee maintains the sign board at the gate, and visits all new residents of Deercreek and gives them an up-to-date informational packet about our community and Jacksonville. Also, the committee maintains www.deercreekcc.com, our DCCOA website. Finally, the committee keeps a database of all residents as they move in and out in order to have a current mailing list and also to use for printing the Deercreek Residents Directory.

While the committee needs help in all areas, the need is greatest for a newsletter editor. The requirements for this position are some writing and editing ability and a time commitment.

There is a great deal of flexibility in how the newsletter can be run. It is not only time for a new editor, it is time for new ideas. Think hard about whether you want to see the newsletter continued, and, if you do, and can participate, please contact Marie Smith at 519-8103 or email her at kemabeam@bellsouth.net.



Leigh and her ever-present jar of dog treats.

get her own flower and has worn one ever since. Smiling, Leigh said, “I like being known as “the flower lady—think about what the alternatives might be!”

Leigh, who is a widow, has a son and two grandchildren in the greater Jacksonville area. She has a Yorkie, and every dog that comes through the gate gets a treat from the jar that sits on her lectern. When not at work, she spends time with her grandchildren and admits to watching too much TV. Leigh enjoys her contact with the diverse Deercreek community and has made good friends here. Her caring attitude, sense of humor and upbeat personality give visitors a great first impression of our community.

JULY EVENTS

DCCOA

July 1, Tuesday
6 PM—Access Control

July 3, Thursday
7 PM—ARB

July 17, Thursday
6:15 PM—Covenants
Enforcement

July 22, Tuesday
7 PM—DCCOA Board

EDGEWATER

July 17, Thursday
7 PM—HOA Board

COMMUNITY

July 10, Thursday
7 PM—Women’s Alliance
“Pretty in Pink”

July 21, Monday
10 AM—Literary Circle meets
to discuss Sara Gruen’s “Water
for Elephants”



May Board Meeting Highlights

The DCCOA Board of Directors assembled at the Deercreek Country Club on May 27 for a regularly scheduled meeting. All Board members were present. Property Manager Bernard Vargas Vila and guests Gene Katibah, JSO Officer Brian Shore and Mary Stelbrink were also present.

- The YTD budget is favorable, but ARB expenses are over budget.
- There may be an overall shortfall in the budget due to lower than expected income from the one-time impact fee passed last year. The Board discussed the possibility of raising dues.

Legal—John Cole

- The status of various property owners in arrears was discussed.

Access Control—Tommy Walter

- More than 19,000 vehicles entered Deercreek in April.
- In the future, monthly Fox reports will include resolutions of incidents that have occurred.
- The next committee meeting will discuss options for securing the perimeter of the community.

ARB—Joe Cernigliaro

- The committee is working with one large addition to a home on Groveton Hills and still trying to resolve a pool issue on Vineyard Lake Road East.
- The committee would also like to streamline approvals for routine maintenance issues.

Covenants Enforcement—Ron Peace

- The committee reviewed six property maintenance violations, four yard debris/appliance violations and five traffic citations.

CPAC—Danny Becton

- Ted Jackson attended a meeting at which the FDOT reported that the Butler/9A project will be completed in October or November. The traffic light will be removed in August.
- The DCCOA storm water fee was over \$10,000. The committee will request a waiver for common areas, which will result in substantial savings. Residents will receive a 30% discount on their 2009 bills.

OLD BUSINESS

John Bernard's paving report is still in preparation.

NEW BUSINESS

- JEA was approached by Verizon and another provider regarding a possible cell tower near the JEA substation easement. Metro PCS may again be interested in a cell tower. The Board unanimously voted for Jim McKinney to pursue additional information regarding possible financial benefits to Deercreek.
- Edgewater may like to combine some contracts with the DCCOA's (such as common property maintenance) to lower fees. Edgewater would also like to see a sidewalk constructed between the Edgewater entrance and Blakeford Mill Road. A member of the DCCOA Board will attend as a liaison.
- Committee charters, policies and procedures and rules and regulations are being placed on the website, where each committee will have its own page.

—Compiled from notes submitted by Tommy Walter

GUESTS' COMMENTS

- Resident Gene Katibah expressed concern about a woman, who had been able to walk into the community, soliciting funds door-to-door. Security responded immediately to his call, and the woman was escorted from the community. In response to his inquiry, Mr. Katibah was told that the perimeter of Deercreek is not totally secure with fencing, and that the cost to install such fencing would be prohibitive. His concern was referred to the Access Control Committee.
- JSO Officer Brian Shore reported on activities in Deercreek: He believes that fewer people are speeding; with a resident's permission, he can monitor traffic from a driveway. He was asked to pay particular attention to busy intersections and to remind residents not to park close to stop signs or to block traffic when waiting to pick up children.

PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT

—Bernard Vargas Vila

- As recommended, the Board sent six properties to the Covenants Enforcement Committee for hearings.
- Deercreek has received a \$2,500 insurance check for tree damage due to an automobile accident.
- The cost to replace equipment in fountains is \$700.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Common Property—Mary Stelbrink

- The committee has received a bid of \$425 per quarter for monthly fountain maintenance that will be included in its 2009 budget.
- The Board unanimously approved a motion that plaques no longer be placed at the base of memorial or honor trees. Those in place may remain.
- Residents must trim trees that impede walkers on sidewalks.
- Landscaping and lake maintenance contracts are up for renewal this year, and the committee is studying various options.

Communications—Rosemary Tutt

- Marie Smith will be stepping down as editor of the newsletter in September. If a new editor is not found, the newsletter will no longer be published. Requirements for an editor include writing and editing ability, knowledge of the community and a time commitment.

Finance and Insurance—Judd Schwartz

- At present Judd Schwartz is the only member, so the committee did not meet. Two residents were approached but declined to join the committee.

DCCOA

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The board meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Deercreek Country Club. Deercreek residents are welcome at all board and committee meetings.

Edgewater HOA

Board of Directors

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The board meets at 7 PM on the third Thursday of each month at the Ciez's home at 7741 Watermark Lane South. Edgewater residents are welcome at all board and committee meetings.



JUNE LANDSCAPE AWARD

Gene Atwood & Dabney Ware • 7914 McLaurin Road North



Gene Atwood and Dabney Ware have totally redesigned their front yard, and it has evolved into a flowing oasis of carefree flowers. A huge sweeping bed of agapanthus and caladiums is the focal point, with golden accents and knock out roses highlighting the other large bed. Live oak trees are bordered by Mondo grass. Situated

in a corner at the front of the house is a bench, bubbling water and a tall statue that provides a graceful, serene setting. Tall cypress trees and small boxwood shrubs provide contrast against the brick house. Thank you, Dabney and Gene, for providing a most interesting, colorful and beautiful setting here in Deercreek.

Save Energy And Money!

JEA has recently sent out energy saving tips. The newsletter will reprint a few each month. Here are ways to save energy and money on lighting:

- Change your five most-used lightbulbs to compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs).
- Check the package to make sure you are buying the right CFL for the fixture, purpose, color and wattage you need.
- Always buy Energy Star®-qualified CFLs.



Access Control Notes

SUMMER IS HERE -- WATCH FOR CHILDREN AT PLAY: Now that school is out, our community has more children at play during the day. Please be extra observant for children on bicycles, roller skates, and on foot.

SECURE YOUR HOME BEFORE LEAVING ON VACATION: Before you leave on that long-awaited summer vacation, make sure that all doors and windows are locked. Ask a neighbor to pick-up any newspapers that accumulate during your trip, and ask them to keep an eye out for any packages that are delivered in your absence. Consider putting some of your lights on a timer to give your home that lived-in look.

HOUSE CHECKS AVAILABLE FROM FOX SECURITY: Remember that you can request our Fox officers to check on your home while you are away. The Fox officers will do a visual inspection of the outside of your home and will check that all doors are locked. You can pick-up a house check request form at the gatehouse or download a form at www.deercreekcc.com

SPEEDING LAWS IN FORCE AT DEERCREEK: Both Fox officers and members of the JSO patrol our community. Citations issued by Fox officers are considered covenants infractions, with fees added to the resident's monthly billing statement. There have been rumors that the citations issued by JSO have been dismissed in traffic court, because Deercreek is a private community. This is false. Before JSO would provide traffic patrols in Deercreek, our community had to have the proper signage in place to adhere to the current vehicle operations code. To date, no Deercreek citations have been dismissed in municipal traffic court.

SHERIFF'S PATROL BEGINS USING UNMARKED CAR: JSO is now providing unmarked cars for traffic enforcement city-wide, so you will notice that these unmarked vehicles are also being used for patrols within our community. The Sheriff feels that these unmarked cars will help JSO officers identify aggressive drivers throughout the city.

Welcome New Residents!

The following families have recently joined the Deercreek community. Welcome!

Nassim & Christine Hajj
7736 Watermark Lane South

Jason & Sandy McCallister
9909 Margate Hills Road

We have said goodbye to:

Ryan & Jennifer Benner
Hamidreza Morirahimi





DCCOA Committees

Access Control

Chair: Doug Klippel 363-9698
dougklippel@aol.com

Board Liaisons: Tommy Walter
Members: Mike Graves, Bunny George,
Jeannie Harlan, John McIlvaine, Faris Monsour,
Shoab Rana, Sam Strally
MEETINGS: First Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at the club

Architectural Review Board

Chair: Skip Yauger 363-2809
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Board Liaison: Joseph Cernigliaro
Secretary: Tobe Budner 285-2519
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Members: Floyd Campbell, Buck Eng, Pete Gentry,
Adele Givens, Kent Smith
MEETINGS: First Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the club

Covenants Enforcement

Chair: Frank Albanese 519-6562
fpsouth54@comcast.net
Co-Chair: Frank Tuenge 519-5040
ftuenge@bellsouth.net

Board Liaison: Ron Peace
Members: Douglas Harlan, Ted Jackson, Donna
Robinson, John Robinson
MEETINGS: Third Thursday of each month at 6:15 PM in the
ladies' card room at the club

Common Property

Chair: Mary Stelbrink 363-2360
mhstelbrink@aol.com

Board Liaison: Jim McKinney
Members: Chuck Jantz, Charlotte Johnson,
Sandy Montgomery, Dave Noble, Terry Templeton,
Joe Williams
MEETINGS: Second Wednesday of each month at 7PM at the club

Communications

Chair: Marie Smith 519-8103
kemabeam@bellsouth.net

Board Liaison: Rosemary Tutt
Members: Rita Allen, Jill Cole, Joe McTighe,
Nancy McTighe, Sandy Montgomery, Mary Stelbrink
MEETINGS: Third Wednesday of every other month at 7 PM at the club

Finance

Chair: Mike Tanner 716-5633
mtanner@cfo-services.com

Board Liaison: Judd Schwartz
Members: Merrick Bayer, Walt Beissinger, Herb Rodman,
George Partin, John Tomka
MEETINGS: Monthly, usually the week before the board meeting

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC)

Representative: Danny Becton 519-1276
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Alternate

Representative: Ted Jackson 608-8670
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Women's Alliance

Ladies, it's time to get out your pink frocks and gather at the clubhouse on July 10th at 7:00 pm. We will be putting together gift baskets for the RITA Black Tie Gala, which will be held at the San Jose Country Club on Saturday, July 19th. There will be no dinner planned on the 10th, so join the group after dinner at home or Burger Night at the clubhouse. Ask a friend or a group of friends to join you in creating a theme gift basket. The baskets will be auctioned off at the Gala and the monies raised go to RITA (Research Is The Answer) for breast cancer research. Please show your support and join us in this eventful evening of creativity. If you do have questions regarding this great cause, please contact Nancy Jantz, RITA chairperson, at jantzart@bellsouth.net.

Also, coming up on September 4th is our annual Dreams Come True dinner meeting. We work with various organizations to achieve the wish of an ill child in the Jacksonville area. Seeing a child's dream come true always makes this a heartfelt evening. Last year our special child chose to go to Disney World. What excitement there was for the child and his family.

If you would like to become a member of a fun group of volunteer ladies in Deercreek, please contact Mary Tenuta at 519-8191 or gtenuta@comcast.net to learn more about the Women's Alliance.

REMINDERS

Quarterly assessments are due on July 1. Avoid a hefty (18 percent) penalty by paying your assessment before July 31.

The website (www.deercreekcc.com) is growing. The newest addition is a page for the Tiger Sharks Swim Team. Each DCCOA committee will be posting its charter and policies and procedures as the format of the web is restructured. Remember to check Bargain Avenue for deals and access E-EZGate at the website.

Tree Sale Program Planned. The Home and Garden Club will again hold a tree sale this fall, and trees that are purchased will be planted in December. More information will be on the website, but if you would like to purchase one or more trees through the Garden Club discounted tree program and need more information, contact Mary Stelbrink at 363-2360.

Water Usage. The past month has brought some long-needed rain to our area, and lawns are looking lush and green. Now that we are experiencing heavy showers several times a week, it might be the time to turn off the automatic sprinklers, keep an eye on the rainfall, and save both water and money.

