

Community News

August 2009

For our
Eagle Lake East
&
Eagle Lake North
Community

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Building a Community

Did you ever stop to think about what makes your community a good place to live? Or, on the other hand, do you think it isn't such a great place? If the second, what is it about the community you don't like? Is it the people, the traffic and congestion, the housing, the services, a combination - what is it?

To answer questions like these, you need criteria or an ideal for what makes a good community. Most people have an ideal community in mind, someplace that theoretically would be a good place to live. For me, the ideal community emphasizes the positive features of living in a community - cooperation, helpfulness, friendship - and avoids undesirable aspects of community life - crime, alienation, fear, and dissatisfaction.

It is easy to talk about the negative aspects of a community, but it is more important to consider the factors that promote cooperation and a spirit of helpfulness to others in the community.

The first key element of the good community is that it must be a safe place to live.

A second element of a good community is access to those goods and services necessary to sustain the residents at a level acceptable to them.

Thirdly, the real community is not the streets, the buildings or city hall; physical attributes are important, but they do not make a good

community. Residents having satisfactory relationships with each other make a community good.

With this being said, I urge each and every one of you to get involved in our community. Please come to the picnic on September 26th. More formal opportunities include helping with the Neighborhood Watch, handing out the newsletter, welcoming new neighbors. I know that together, we can build the relationships needed to make Eagle Lakes East and North a wonderful place to live.

--James Green, ELEHOA President

Meeting Schedule

Architectural Review Committee

Aug. 24, 2009 - 6:30pm to 8:00pm
4230 Millicent Circle

Board of Directors

Aug. 31, 2009 - 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Mighty Mushroom, 2400 Dairy Rd.

Community Picnic

September 26, 2009 - 11am to 2pm
Ballard Park, 924 Thomas Barbour Drive,
Melbourne

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Info to Know...

Please do not swim, boat, or fish in the ponds.

The ponds contain herbicides to prevent noxious algae, and the rain washes lawn fertilizer and dog/duck excrement into them. Do you want your children wading or swimming in herbicides and dog doo-doo?

The fish are bought and stocked for the health of the ponds, not fishing. They eat weeds and algae as well as mosquito larvae.

The main purpose of the ponds is storm water management as part of the St. Johns River Water Management District. Look at them, walk around them, enjoy them; but don't play in them.

Before You Paint, Build, Plant...

Do you want to paint your house, build a fence, install a pool, add a screen room, pour a concrete pad, add a mass planting, or make other exterior modifications to your home?

Contact the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) first.

The ARC needs to review/approve most changes to the outside of homes in ELEHOA **before** work is started, as required by our HOA's Covenants, Codes & Restrictions.

If in doubt about whether an application is required, just ask. Email **eaglelakehoa@hotmail.com** or contact Judy Hoover at 373-1752, 4230 Millicent Circle.

To get an application form:

- Download a copy from the web site (<http://client.spacecoastproperty.com>).
- Call SCPM.
- Ask Judy Hoover for one.

The ARC makes every effort to review applications within 30 days of when they receive of the **complete** application package. Their decisions become official when ratified by the Board of Directors, as required by FL statute.

Community Picnic Coming in September

Come meet your neighbors of Eagle Lake East and Eagle Lake North at a community picnic to be held on September 26, 2009 at Ballard Park in Melbourne, starting at 11 AM.

Space Coast Property Management is sponsoring the picnic, cooking hot dogs and hamburgers from 11AM until 2PM, and soft drinks will be supplied. We encourage you to bring salads, desserts, and other items to share.

Ballard Park is situated on the Indian River Lagoon and Eau Gallie River. It has everything

we need for a fun, family-oriented picnic: a nice playground, basketball courts, a pavilion and sheltered picnic areas, a fishing pier, and even a boat launch. Please call SCPM or email eaglelakehoa@hotmail.com with your name, address, and the number of people who will be attending. We want to ensure that there is enough food!

If you are willing to help with setup, cleanup, or directing games, please contact Heather Waters by phone at 321-327-5552 or email hmullin80@yahoo.com.

Opportunities to Improve the Neighborhood

Eagle Lake East is your community, and we can all pitch in to make it better. Here are several opportunities.

Interest meetings for a new **Welcoming Committee** and **Neighborhood Watch** will be held on Wednesday August 5 at 4470 Millicent Circle. The Welcoming Committee meets from 6:15 to 6:45pm. The Neighborhood Watch meets from 7:00-7:30pm. Contact Heather Waters at 321-327-5552 or email hmullin80@yahoo.com for more information.

The third opportunity is ongoing and directly impacts everyone's property values: **take care of your yard**. Simple maintenance doesn't cost much but makes a huge difference in how the overall community looks. Mow, trim, and weed regularly; pick up trash and debris around your yard; and please don't put your trash out until the evening before or morning of trash days.

And finally, start preparing for a community yard sale sometime this fall - date and other details to follow. But let's get our community looking neat and trim first!