



Deer Tree Hills Newsletter

Mary Jo Ott, President

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RECENT CRIME INCIDENTS

Recently there were some break-ins in the neighborhood. Several vehicles had items stolen as well as a vehicle was stolen. We have included in this newsletter many crime prevention tips/reminders in this newsletter. Please keep in mind to keep your vehicles and doors locked at all times.

MAINTAIN YOUR PROPERTY AND PARK YOUR VEHICLES ON YOUR PROPERTY

Please help us continue to improve properties in Deer Tree Hills by maintaining your property. Cleaning your home's exterior, cutting grass, trimming bushes, keeping your roofs cleared, are a few of the recommendations. If you need assistance locating a contractor, contact our Management Company.

PLAYGROUND

The trash can at the playground is for convenience only while at the playground. Do not put your household trash or your vehicle trash in this container.

DUMPSTER

The dumpster is for household garbage only. No furniture, mattresses, TVs, etc. These items should be taken directly to the dump at Fort Braden. Boxes should be broken down before placing in dumpster.



Garbage should be bagged and put in a covered can by the street before noon on Monday and Thursday for pickup.

SPANISH INTERPRETER

For the convenience of our Spanish speaking residents, Cynthia Chavez, is a Board Member and can interpret at the Board meetings.

YARD DEBRIS

Yard debris ONLY may be taken to the top of the hill on Spotted Deer. When you take debris, please take it all the way in so that we fill up the furthest spot first.

Anyone caught dumping furniture, TVs, mattresses, appliances, fencing, decking, etc. will be fined. Our trash company will pick up small branches and bags of leaves and carry them to this area if you stack them by the street. When you cut down trees, your tree company should haul off the tree.

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Mike Cotton, Director

SEWER & WATER
REMINDER:
DO NOT WASH/
POUR GREASE
DOWN DRAIN

Please do not put grease down the drain. This can lead to additional service calls which in turn can lead to increased assessments. Thank you for your cooperation.

WATER SERVICES

Under the Rules of Deer Tree Hills, the Association may turn off water service to a unit for non-payment of assessments. The Board plans to start re-enforcing this water cutoff policy. If you are 45 days delinquent on assessments, you will be given a 3 day notice before cut-off. For a complete copy of the procedure, please request a copy of the Rules from Management.

When your water is cutoff, a lock will be placed on the meter. Anyone tampering with the lock will be considered trespassing and charges will be filed and fines imposed.

SLOW DOWN IN
OUR COMMUNITY
15 MPH IS FOR
THE SAFETY OF OUR
CHIDREN AND YOU!

ASSISTANCE
LOCATING FAMILY
MEMBERS OF UNITS
WHICH HAVE BEEN
ABANDONED

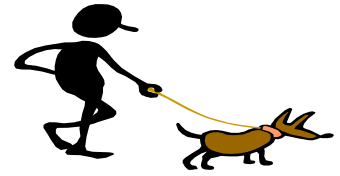
There are several units in the community which have been abandoned for numerous reasons. If you have any contact information for these units, please contact Management at Assoc_mgt@yahoo.com or 528-5043 to help us locate them. Thank you for your assistance.

NEW TENANTS AND
RESIDENTS

Before moving in all new owners and renters must complete an application. Do not move in until your application has been received, paid for, and approved and you have been notified by the Board that you can move in.

Landlords, please make sure you provide a copy of the covenants/ rules to your tenants.

BOARD MEETINGS
SECOND TUESDAY
EVERY MONTH AT
6:30 P.M.
EVERYONE WELCOME



DOGS & PETS

Be a responsible pet owner and pick up your pet's waste. Do not allow your dog to go on your neighbor's yard. **Dogs should be on a leash or inside a fenced area or inside your home.** Animal Control will be called for violations of dogs not contained.

IMPORTANT
NUMBERS

Management	528-5043
Animal Control	606-5401
Sheriff	922-3300
Police	606-5800
Mosquito Control	606-5300
Code Enforcement	891-2633
Street Lights Call	
-Talquin Electric	627-7651
Get the pole number off the pole	
Report online at	
www.talquinelectric.com/	

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR
HELP US KEEP THE
COMMUNITY CLEAN

Remember, this is your neighborhood. If you see something that is wrong, report it! Call the Sheriff's Department at 606-5800 or contact Management (850) 528-5043.

Deer Tree Hills
1937 Sika Deer Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304
(850) 528-5043-Management

FRONT ENTRANCE GARDEN AND WATER CONSERVATION

There is an area on the right side of entrance that residents may set up a small garden. You will be assigned an area which you will need to maintain. If you are interested, please contact Lisa (Management) at (850) 528-5043 and she will assist you in getting started.

Reminder – please be conservative with your water usage. This will help keep our City bill down during these hot days.

SAFETY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times
- Lock all doors and windows; install deadbolt locks
- Keep your vehicles locked and do not keep valuables or guns in your vehicle
- Lock bicycles up
- Personal items, lawn mowers, tools, ladders, etc., should be locked in a shed or inside home
- Keep shrubs/bushes cut back from windows so burglars can't hide
- Consider installing an alarm system and/or motion light
- Remind children do not talk to strangers
- Make sure you have street numbers visible on your home to allow law enforcement to easily find you

Vacation Home Preparation Checklist:

Vacations are supposed to be relaxing and worry-free. That's why it's important to secure your house before your trip so you don't have to worry about broken water connections, power surges and burglars.

Make your house look lived-in

An empty house is a welcome invitation to burglars. To avoid making your house look empty:

- Call the Sheriff's Department and asked them to check on your house while you are out of town
- Stop the newspaper and mail (or ask a neighbor to pick them up).
- Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway.
- Put at least one light on a timer.
- Install a motion-activated sensor on an outdoor floodlight.
- Consider leaving a radio on, a talk show format puts voices in your home
- Make sure your lawn stays trimmed.
- Trim hedges and bushes to allow clear view of all windows.

Take the necessary plumbing and electric precautions

Not only is running appliances an unnecessary utility expense, it also could lead to costly problems. To avoid the expense and headache of something going wrong with an appliance while you're away:

- Unplug small appliances and electronic devices.
- Put the water heater in vacation mode.
- Turn off water valves to the dishwasher, washing machine and all sinks.
- Set the thermostat to a temperature that is less comfortable, but still protects your plants, pets and furniture.

General home preparation tips

Other tasks you should consider doing before your vacation:

- Notify your credit card company that you are going out of town.
- Notify your security company that you are going out of town.
- Make sure your smoke detectors are working properly.
- Leave your emergency contact information with a neighbor.
- Run your garbage disposal with a half cup of vinegar and some water.
- Toss out any food that will go bad before you return from vacation.
- Take out the kitchen trash, or any other trash that could get smelly.

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