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Executive Director

As the new Executive Director, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you a sense for who I am. I came to Tallahassee because my wife took a faculty position at Florida State University. I have grown to love this community, and I am excited about being given the opportunity to have a significant impact here.

For the past five years, I've been Executive Director of a small non-profit that focused on creating a marketplace for energy efficiency and sustainability. Before that, I was VP of Operations for a consulting company that did very similar work. I have been called an energy efficiency / sustainability "geek" which attests to the fact that I have an inordinate interest in these particular topics – and this has been going on pretty much all my life. At one point, I spent 15 years living in an old-order Amish community in Pennsylvania - in an effort to experience sustainability first-hand (the Amish may represent the world's last truly sustainable culture). For the first couple years, we lived just like our Amish neighbors – eventually putting in our own solar and wind systems – and becoming what the neighbors called "the technoamish." So I take this pretty seriously, and it has always been a significant part of career as well as my mission.

But from here on out, my mission will be Killearn Homes Association, and I intend to embrace this mission with the same fervor. I am aware that it's a tremendous privilege to live in this community, and that much of what makes it special are the nuances of its covenants. In this context, my mission seems to be pretty well defined:

- To protect and enhance property values
- To enhance the image of Killearn Estates within the larger community
- To provide strategic support in dealing with neighborhood issues

I look forward to hearing from KHA homeowners in helping me to implement this, and we will be arranging some events by which we can get to know one another. In the meantime, I'd like to thank the Board of Directors for the trust and faith they have demonstrated in hiring me. And for previous hiring decisions that have blessed me with a great staff which is both high functioning and high integrity.

I will work with this staff and the Board – and interested KHA members – to chart a clear path forward that exceeds expectations and improves the quality of life at Killearn Estates.

Conrad Metcalfe 893-3468 Ext. 1



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Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

The Killearn Homes Association Board of Directors' monthly meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Association office located at 2705 Killarney Way, unless noted below**. All Killearn Estates property owners and residents are requested and welcome to attend our monthly meeting and participate in our neighborhood's activities. The agenda for the upcoming meeting will be posted on our website and Facebook page. Any change to the scheduled date and/or time will be posted at www.killearn.org.

Scheduled dates of the Board of Directors' future meetings:

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 Tuesday, October 3, 2017 Tuesday, November 7, 2017 (Annual Meeting) Tuesday, December 5, 2017 Tuesday, January 2, 2018

KHA Office Hours and Scheduled Holidays

Your Association's staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The office will be closed for the following holidays:

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Briefs Commissioner's Corner



Summertime...and the living is easy—right? Well, maybe not this summer. With kids out of school, not to mention the gnats and mosquitoes, the longer and hotter days, high humidity, daily thunder storms and the constant clearing of limbs and debris after the storms - a vacation sounds pretty good about now. Even with all these summer stresses, as I travel our community, I am reminded how truly fortunate we are to enjoy our unique quality of life here in Leon County.

My term in office as the President of the National Association of Counties ended July 24. It required a lot of travel visiting the majority of our states and meeting some extraordinary people. What I found most interesting during my time as President was seeing how counties adapt, evolve and adjust to tremendously complex challenges, and also find new ways to better serve their communities in spite of these challenges. Now it's back to business and

I'm looking forward to getting out and about in District IV. Here is an update on current Leon County issues.

Fall Youth Recreational Opportunities - Leon County Parks & Recreation offers two recreational opportunities for youth (ages 5-15) in the fall: football and cheer through it's license agreement with Big Bend Pop Warner and fall baseball through a partnership with Little League. Visit the following websites for additional information on these programs www.bigbendpopwarner.org or www.mllsports.com or call the Parks & Recreation Office at 606-1470 for assistance.

Senior Programming Opportunities - Did you know that Leon County Senior Outreach Program offers fitness classes at the NE Branch Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays? In addition, a yoga class has recently been added on Monday afternoon. For scheduling





and availability information, contact Susan Davis with Leon County Senior Outreach, at 891-4065.

City of Tallahassee Upgrades - The City of Tallahassee Electric Crews will begin working to upgrade electric facilities along the northbound shoulder of Velda Dairy Road from Kerry Forest to Bradfordville Roads starting Monday, July 24, 2017 until September 1, 2017. While traveling in this area, motorists should be aware of this work zone (Monday through Friday) as crews work to upgrade the electric facilities. No impact to traffic is expected, however please adjust speeds during the work periods for safety.

DISTRICT IV PROJECTS

State of Florida – Thomasville Rd/US 319 – The State has scheduled resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation work on Thomasville Road from Woodbine Drive to Timberwolf Crossing. Other than resurfacing, the typical work includes, minor drainage improvements, minoraccess management improvements (driveway and median opening modifications), guardrail upgrades, pedestrian feature upgrades to meet ADA compliancy, minor traffic signal work, signage and pavement markings. If you are specifically aware of any of

these type needs within the limits of this project, please contact Kerrie Harrell at **Kerrie.harrell@dot. state.fl.us** or 888-638-0250 as soon as possible. The DOT welcomes your input on the project.

Northeast Park (north portion) - Thomasville Road and Proctor Road - Work continues on the trail-head and parking project for a portion of Northeast Park. As previously reported, the design was completed and submitted to DSEM for review and permitting. The permits are expected to be issued by the end of July. It is anticipated that the initial phase, or north portion of the Northeast Park, will open to the public by November 2017.

I'm honored to be serving you as your District IV Commissioner and welcome any thoughts you may have on how we can improve service and programs to this community we love so much. Many of the improvements we've already made, or are currently working on, came from citizen suggestions or observations. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns, deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov or 606-5364.









Locks

- Upgrade your door's integrity with single or double cylinder deadbolt locks
- Solid doors should have a wide angle viewer
- Don't forget to check that all windows are locked too
- 🜲 If you have a home alarm system....use it!

Lighting

- Lighting gives the most bang for each dollar spent on home security
- Porch lights should be on at night and off during the day
- Use lights to make the inside of your home look occupied
- Leave a tv or radio on when you are away from the house
- Have motion-sensor lighting installed outside all entrances

Landscaping

- Trim all trees, shrubbery and bushes using the 2 to 10 feet rule
- Trimming shrubbery and bushes no higher than 2 feet and trees from 10 feet down, a "window of natural observation" is maintained
- Criminals like homes that are concealed with landscaping

Don't forget your vehicle

- Be sure to lock all doors and engage vehicle alarm
- Secure valuables so they cannot be seen
- Close and lock your garage door

The most important thing you can do is call the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) to report a crime or any suspicious activity at (850)891-4200. TPD has a comprehensive "crime prevention & safety" resource on their website at www.talgov.com/publicsafety. You have to be the eyes of your neighborhood, and remember you can always remain anonymous!















LET'S ALL HELP KEEP KILLEARN BEAUTIFUL

Driving through Killearn Estates, it's easy to see that our community is an attractive place to live, with trees, flowers, lakes and beautiful homes. It is also quite easy to spot some non-beautiful items; specifically, yard waste and bulk items placed at the curb far before the scheduled pick-up dates for such items.

The City of Tallahassee sends out a schedule to each homeowner in January of each year. This schedule includes pick-up dates for garbage, recycling, yard waste and bulk items. Most of our homeowners are very considerate and hold back their yard waste and bulk items until close to the pick-up date(s) to keep our neighborhoods clean and neat. Others pay no attention to these dates and place their yard waste and bulk items at the curb whenever they need to get it out of their yard. Placement behind shrubs or other places out of view would be appreciated in keeping our neighborhoods so much cleaner, and

would allow the street sweeper to clean our streets without having to make a loop around the items stacked near or in the street.

Are you one of those property owners who places your yard and bulk items in the street



right after Waste Management has picked up everything, and residents must look at the pile for sometimes more than a week? Please, hold your bags/limbs/mattresses/washer/dryer etc. in an area out of view and put it by the curb a day or two before pick-up. We are asking each of you to be familiar with the Waste Management Schedule and help us keep our neighborhood beautiful. If you have misplaced your schedule, call 891-4968 or go to www.Talgov.com/YOU to have a schedule sent to you.

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH KHA

As the summer heat dies down, and the aura of fall rolls in, it can mean only one thing for our bright-eyed students. School is back in session. Whether it's your little princess' first day of Kindergarten, your son's final year of "financial dependence," or maybe you just want to stay active and educated, we here at the Killearn Homes Association take great pride in the continuation of education. We want to make sure you have all the information you need to make this school year a great one.



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE THOSE IN NEED ARE A FRIEND INDEED

With the upcoming school year about to begin, we want to bring attention to a worthy cause.

The Tallahassee School District began its annual back to school drive, which runs from July 20 until September 2, in a quest to make sure those students whose families cannot afford to shoulder the cost of school supplies on their own, have the equipment needed to garner the education they deserve. Items in demand include new backpacks, composition books, rulers, glue and other standard school supplies, which can be dropped off at the downtown Bloxham building which is located at 725 S Calhoun St. weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. For even more information, please contact Amy Hall, at (850) 561-8484.

STAY ACTIVE, STAY EDUCATED AND STAY HEALTHY

This time of year when we hear "Back to School," we think about our children and grandchildren getting ready for another year of grade school. But, Tallahassee abounds with opportunities for education and socializing for mature adults, as well. OLLI at Florida State University (FSU) is an engaging array of classes targeting mature adults, 50 years + who want to learn in a stress-free environment totally free of tests and homework, and no college education is required.

OLLI, short for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is a network of programs that partner with universities such as Florida State University, to offer classes three to six weeks in length, with topics ranging from current trends and issues, to art and world history.

If you can't make it to the Claude Pepper Center on the FSU campus where classes are typically held, there are several off-site locations (museums, nurseries, historic sites) as well as Westminster Oaks and Allegro Senior Living. Located in Killearn Estates at the Kerry Forest Roundabout, Allegro is a convenient location for KHA residents.

All OLLI classes are instructed by current or retired faculty from FSU, FAMU, and TCC. In a typical year, OLLI will offer up to 100 classes, all designed to" educate, amuse and challenge you," according to their website. At the end of this month, OLLI will be posting a schedule of classes on their website at http://olli.fsu.edu/ or call OLLI at 644-2304.

TALLAHASSEE SENIOR CENTER

by Audrey Byrne, TSC Communications Coordinator

The Tallahassee Senior Center (TSC) welcomes you to embrace optimal aging, active living and social fitness. Dance, play mahjong and pickleball, take a fitness class, attend a wellness workshop, make friends, enroll in Lifelong Learning, technology, or language classes, and travel!

The Senior Center (1400 N Monroe St, 850-891-4000) and 13 neighborhood sites provide 180 monthly classes for you to stretch yourself physically, intellectually, socially and creatively. Visit the Old Armory, tour the building, pick up a calendar of weekly programs, a copy of Active Living, and sign up for everything from art to Zumba.

The Senior Center promises to engage, enlighten and entertain you. The TSC is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 1400 N. Monroe St. Call 850-891-4000 for more information or visit online at Talgov.com/Seniors. Become a member at TallahasseeSeniorFoundation.org. Like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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Fitness Classes - Due to limited class size, please call the instructor (878-1685) to check availability before attending your first class! All classes are \$2 per class.

- Senior Fitness I (Beginner): Tue & Fri, 9:30 10:15 a.m.
- Senior Fitness II (Beginner): Tue & Fri, 10:30 11:15 a.m.
- Senior Fitness III: Tue & Fri, 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
- ♠ Senior Fitness IV: Tue & Fri, 1 2 p.m.
- Beginning Yoga: Mon, 1:30 2:30 p.m.

BRADFORDVILLE HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE

6808 Beech Ridge Trail.

Social Bridge: Mondays, 12 – 3:30 p.m. \$1 per class ■

Home & Garden

Next Month's Garden

For southern gardeners, September brings the same feelings of joy and renewal that our northern counterparts feel in the spring. Its time to get out in the garden again and begin getting our gardens in order and planting.

Shrubs and Trees: If you have unwanted volunteer saplings, cut them down when they are young. If you wait too long you may need a chain saw or a professional tree service to do the job. Containergrown trees and shrubs can be planted now or later in the season. Some natives that have lovely fall foliage include American beech, hickory, sassafras, Florida red maple, oakleaf hydrangea, and Elliott blueberry. Of course we often have to wait until December for the peak of fall color and even then the extent and depth of color depends on the amount of rain and cold weather we have before then. For colorful berries, plant American beautyberry, yaupon holly, or American holly. If you plan to transplant trees and shrubs this winter, while they are dormant, you should root prune them now.

Flowers: Plant paperwhite narcissus, snowflakes (Leucojum vernum), Easter lilies, Madonna lilies, amaryllis bulbs, and Louisiana irises. Divide and replant overgrown clumps of perennials that have finished blooming. Lift and divide daylilies. To separate irises, dig, cut the foliage back to three inches, and allow the rhizomes to air dry for a few days before replanting. Plant petunias and dianthus.

Try something new when choosing perennials for planting this fall. Some fall-blooming perennials which have done well in the Leon County Extension Demonstration Garden include: lion's ear (Leonotis leonurus), which has bright orange flowers; cigar flower, (Cuphea micropetala), which has orange flowers shaped like tiny cigars, tipped with yellow; Phillipine violet (Barleria cristata) which blooms with a profusion of dark layender flowers; and firespike. (Odontonema strictum), a four to five foot plant topped with tubular red flowers. Ornamental grasses are also lovely additions to the fall garden. They combine beautifully with fall-flowering perennials in the landscape. Muhly grass, Muhlenbergia capillaris, is a native, with pinkish-purple flower heads.

Vegetables: Pull up and throw away summer vegetable plants that have finished producing. Don't till them into the soil. You could end up spreading diseases. Vegetables need fertile, well cultivated soil. Till as deeply as possible before

planting. Add organic soil amendments such as compost or well-chopped leaves. Anything you add should be well composted and thoroughly mixed into the soil.

Plant fall vegetables now, including broccoli, cabbage, carrots, collards, endive, escarole, leeks, turnips, radishes, mustard, beets, kale and green onions. If you plant early in the month, you can still plant tomatoes, squash, beans, and cucumbers. Plant herbs such as chives, oregano, parsley, sage, rosemary and tarragon. Wait until next month to plant strawberries.

Lawn care: If your lawn needs fertilizing again before winter, do it before the end of September. If you haven't fertilized since spring, an application of a lownitrogen, high potash (potassium) winterize fertilizer, such as 5-0-15 or 5-0-20 could help now. Avoid highnitrogen types of fertilizer.

If your lawn is developing areas that yellow and then turn brown, and you cannot find any sign of insect pests, then the problem may be a fungus disease, particularly if you have been receiving very frequent rains or if you have been over-watering. Closely examine the grass blades to see if they appear to be rotting off where they're attached to the stem. If so, a fungus disease is a good possibility.

For more local gardening information, visit the UF-IFAS Extension website for Leon County at http://leon.ifas.ufl.edu Reprinted with the permission of the University of Florida IFAS Extension in Leon County.

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Our Lakes, Our Issues

Business

Lakes Committee Report by Chuck Faircloth,

Lakes Committee Chairman

Your KHA Board of Directors and Lakes Committee are committed to cleaning up and maintaining our Killearn chain of lakes. Today I wanted to bring you up to date about our continuing work with the lakes and their issues. Since our lakes have long-term problems, they require long-term management and a program that accounts for the unique lakes and watercourses we have in our neighborhood.

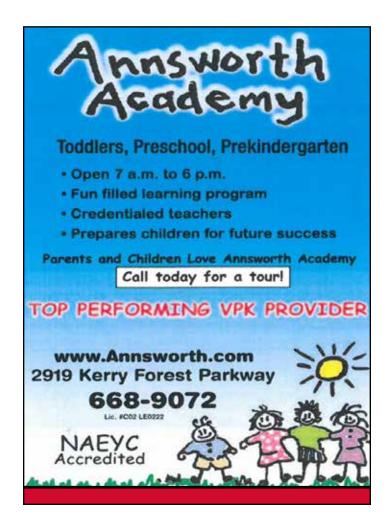
The Lakes Committee has tentatively scheduled a meeting with the City of Tallahassee Stormwater Division next week. We plan to discuss Blueprint 2000 funding, sediment removal, permits and water control infrastructure needs. I'll provide a summary of our meeting in my next column.

Our lake biologist Sean McGlynn is continuing his monitoring and limited spraying of our lakes for hydrilla, lotus and waterlily plants growth. He waited until after ducklings were out of their nests before spraying, and

we take careful steps to protect lake wildlife. Sean has focused on Lake Kanturk over the past week or two, due to heavy plant growth and homeowners' concerns.

We are still waiting on approval for the carp permit to stock triploid carp to eat algae. The carp barrier has been in place and operational for a month. The FDEP test results on the algae type in our lakes is also pending. We hope to receive both this month in order to complete the carp stocking for biocontrol of our lake weeds.

I appreciate the community feedback from homeowners about the lakes. The owners I've talked to about the lakes are eager for improvement and willing to help. If you want to get involved or have any suggestions, please contact the Lakes Committee through the KHA Office. Thanks for your help and support for our Killearn lakes.







The Swim Club is open and will remain open until October 1st. Complete the form and mail or drop your payment at our office located at 2705 Killarney Way. The entire season is available at \$475.00 for non-residents and \$450.00 for residents. Discounts are given monthly. There are also single memberships for \$250.00.

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