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➤ Gateway Services Recreation

- The Gateway Commons Pool is located at Gateway Blvd. The pool is an Olympic size heated pool with a designated lap lane. There is a wading pool and new playground for the kids. Other features include covered area with picnic tables. Lounge chairs and tables with umbrellas for the kids.
- The Sherman Soccer Complex has 6 regulation size soccer fields, a playground, restrooms and a concession stand. The soccer fields may be used by residents at anytime there is not league play. If you have a large group or would like to use some goals please contact our office.
- The Gateway Fun Park has a playground, basketball court and sand volleyball court. There is a BBQ grill and picnic tables. It also has plenty of room to throw a frisbee or football around. The Fun Park is located at the end of Eagle Point Dr off Gateway Blvd.
- We also have more than 15 miles of walking, jogging, biking and fitness trails which wind throughout the community, many of them overlooking the golf course, lakes and nature preserves.

➤ Watering Restrictions

SPRINKLERS

- Now that the rainy season is here, there is no reason to have your sprinklers on. Remember we all pay for that. Please turn your sprinklers off.

➤ Front Gates

- Front Gates of Daniel's Preserve are still not working.
- The front gates will remain non-functional due to the fact that Mercedes left them inoperable when they turned over the community to our HOA. Mercedes also left this neighborhood with a huge deficit which means we have limited reserve funds to make repairs. In addition to this problem, we have a minimal amount of homeowners paying their HOA dues. These facts leave us with no money in the budget to repair the gates.

➤ Architectural Review Board Committee

- As a member of an HOA, all homeowners are required to make application for ANY outside structural or landscaping improvements. Please respect this process and download form on web site. All requests will be reviewed at monthly board meetings and homeowners will receive letter of approval from our management company. Thank you.

➤ What is an HOA

- We all own this neighborhood (including the streets, entrance, landscaped areas, etc), just like our individual homes. We have monthly expenses and a budget. Our HOA dues (currently \$345/quarter) pay for limited basic cable, outside water and the maintenance of all common areas.
- Why aren't things being taken care of if I'm paying my dues? Problem: out of 197 homes and 18 vacant lots, approximately only 40% of the community is paying.
 - Solution: Please Pay Your Dues, We can't move forward with improvements until everyone participates.

➤ D.P - FUN Activities

- On Saturday, May 31, 2008 a community picnic was held at the park. Even though the evening started out with rain, there were many residents of all ages who braved the elements and came out to meet new neighbors, make friends and share in some delicious food. Everyone had such a wonderful time that it was suggested we have another picnic before Labor Day. You will be notified on the date and time.
- The Community Yard Sale was a huge success on Saturday, May 3, 2008. Many shoppers showed up at 7 o'clock on a very hot Saturday morning looking for bargains and enjoying conversation with the residents who had laid out their treasures for sale. This could be a twice yearly event and with more participation. Future information will be handed out.



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.danielpreservehoa.org

The next HOA meeting will be held on Monday August 11th at 6:30 pm at Gateway Commons

Curbing Your Pets

- Dogs need to be leashed at all times.
- Please clean up your pet waste within the community and put pet feces in your own garbage container; do not leave it at the park.
- Please keep your pets out of your neighbor's yard.

➤ Home & Garden Improvements/D.P Neighborhood

- What's happened to our neighborhood? , Have you noticed all of the "bad yards" in this community?
- A small group of us did and we tried to make a difference with an Adopt a Yard program.
- A handful of homeowners working in abandoned yards for the past 10 Saturdays (minus 2 weekends off)—mowing, edging, weeding, mulching. Unfortunately due to lack of community involvement we could not keep up with the program. It's a shame this undertaking didn't have more support as it was a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and get to know your neighbors. We encourage all of you who took it upon yourselves to take care of the abandoned yards you live next to, to continue in your efforts. Finally, a HUGE thank you goes out to all of you who donated money, time, sweat, etc. to this worthwhile cause!!!!!!
- LAKES
 - There are alligators in our lake. Many of us have seen them. As a safety measure, no children should be allowed to run around unsupervised in back of the houses near the lakes. It is also important not to have your dog out there also.
- PRESERVE AREA
 - The preserve area is not a play area. There are snakes and animals out there that could be dangerous.



➤ Attention D.P Residents:

- Lost keys—large set of keys found in the park end of June—please call Janet Harris at 561-7898 to claim them

- **Services available for Residents –**

Some Residents are willing to assist their fellow residents w/some basic services as an when needed for a nominal fee.(e.g. Baby Sitting,Dog/Cat Sitting etc)

Please contact the News Letter team via the DP mailbox , if anyone is interested in providing a service to the community