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DANIELS PRESERVE

"To inform and enlighten the community of Daniels Preserve of issues, events, situations and conditions good or bad that affects and is of interest to us all in the community"

Special Interest Articles

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➤ School Buses

As of 4/24/09 all school buses private and public are now picking and dropping off at specific designated areas only.

- A & S Transportation, the private school bus company will pick-up and drop-off inside the community near the playground
- Lee county public school buses will pick-up and drop-off about 500 feet southeast of the entrance on Commerce Lakes.

All bus drivers have been given strict instructions by their supervisors to pick-up and drop-off children at these areas and these areas only. If you park on route intending to flag the driver down, you will not only be most likely parking illegally, you will be asking the driver to violate what they've been told expressly not to do. The bus number will be recorded and reported and we've been informed that the driver will be dealt with. So please remember if this practice is continued, it may be responsible for jeopardizing the bus driver's employment, an important consideration in this tough economy. Additionally, parking at the entrance on either side of the gates will no longer be allowed. Two "No Parking" signs will be installed on both sides outside the gates. "**Gateway Security**" has been asked to enforce this new arrangement.

➤ Front gate

New lower wattage and cooler operating lights were recently installed to illuminate the gates and new cement column tops have also been installed on the gatehouse.

➤ Drainage Grate Filters

A Big Thanks to Sue and Tony Tiso!

They volunteered to inspect and clean all of the drainage gates in the entire community and since this had obviously never been done, this was no small task. Many of the filter systems that sit down under the street level grate were almost completely plugged up with debris and trash including sand, soil and paper. Enough of this material was removed to fill Tony's truck bed. So, when the rainy season arrives this summer at full peak and you don't see the streets flooding, you'll know whom to thank.

➤ **New Committee**

Ruth Mitchell and Janet Harris have volunteered to co-chair the newly formed "Landscape Committee". They will meet with our community landscaper, Pillar Landscaping with whom they will work closely to identify and address problems.

➤ **Bike Rack**

As it was noticed that bikes have been left chained to the stop sign at the exit from the gate onto Commerce Lakes, there has been board discussion about installing a bike rack at a more secure location inside the gates. Sterling Property Services, our property management firm is looking into pricing for different units.

➤ **Lake Fountains/Bubblers**

Gateway Services has offered to take over complete maintenance of the lake bubblers. FPL will determine cost of bubbler electric use and Gateway will reimburse the association for this expense twice each year. Once Gateway has provided and both parties have approved the agreement, the fountain lighting will be resumed

➤ **Developer Bankruptcy**

Attorney James Costello advised the Board that Mercedes Homes has filed for bankruptcy. Notification has been provided to owners via the website as to how to file a claim. After further discussion, a decision was made by the Board not to pursue legal action since specific loss could not be proven without considerable cost, and any award of damages could be pennies on the dollar

➤ **Fences between Communities**

Management has been informed that children, teenagers and some adults have been crossing from Daniels Preserve and walking through private property in Timber Ridge to get to the 7— 11 store near Griffin Drive. Timber Ridge has asked if Daniels Preserve would consider splitting the cost of continuing the white vinyl fence along the border to try to prevent this traffic through the Timber Ridge community. The sense of the Board was not to consider this matter at this time. It was suggested that residents of both communities attend a Neighborhood Watch meeting in May and maybe No Trespassing signs might be a deterrent.

➤ **New Community Handyman Service**

Tony Tiso, who along with his wife Sue did such a great job cleaning all of the drainage grate filters as a service to the community is now offering his skills as a handyman service. Can do most handyman jobs inside and out, such as painting and misc. jobs you can't seem to get done yourself, lawn work such as trimming and cutting trees, planting, taking care of your pets or your home if your away, etc. Can do most anything, so call for information. Pricing is very reasonable and affordable.

Tony Tiso - 481-0956 or Tisostar@aol.com

➤ **Stolen and Vandalized Cars**

Recently, a member of the Lee County Sheriff's Department reported that in Daniels Preserve, 2 cars were stolen and 5 were broken into. Don't let an operating gate lull you into a false state of complete security and leave your keys in your car. While the gate may deter some, it will not stop all, especially the most determined thieves.

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