

Third Quarter 2011

# Community News

## **Did you know? 2012 Budget Meeting** Will be held November 9th, 2011 at South Creek Library.

For those who like a good garage sale: Hunter's Creeks Fall Community sale is

November 5th, 2011



**Annual Meeting** The annual Meeting, per our documents, is held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at our playground at 7:00 p.m. Sharp

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#### PARKING

Many homeowners are parking their cars on the lawn in front of their houses. Let's skip how that makes the neighborhood look for a moment and focus on the Covenants. Conditions and Restrictions of the subdivision

Parking a car (or many cars) on the lawn will rut the lawn and kill the grass. You will then be required to repair the lawn and replace the grass.

You should have ample room to park at least one car in your garage, and two in the driveway. If you have more vehicles at your home than that, you need to park them in the street.

We currently have numerous homes vacant due to mortgage foreclosures and don't need prospective homeowners seeing nothing but cars on what should be green healthy grass.



Interested in construction at CFP and JYP? See page 3

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY BY BEING A **BOARD MEMBER IS REOUESTED** TO FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED NOMINATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Information about every applicant will be in the Annual Meeting Notice so that you can get to know the people who are running for the board.

Maybe you don't have the time to serve on the board, but you would be interested in serving on the Architectural Control Committee or help by submitting articles for the newsletter. We always welcome help. Just let us know.

## Concerned about speeders in the neighborhood?

Sign the Speed Bump petition

We want to thank EVERYONE who has taken the initiative to keep the neighborhood looking better by maintaining the lawn of a homeowner who has vacated the property.

### THANK YOU



#### Fall 2011-

#### Mount Dora Craft Festival Mount Dora - October 22-23, 2011

This quaint town is already a favorite destination with its downtown shopping village. Over 300 crafters take to the streets and lake front along with plenty of food and entertainment to provide a great As one of the top 100 craft festivals in the country, this is good family fun!

Florida Seafood Festival Apalachicola - November 4-5, 2011

Florida's oldest maritime exhibit – The Florida Seafood Festival – draws thousands to this small river port city a the mouth of the Apalachicola River. Delicious seafood, arts & crafts exhibits, and seafood related events and displays are offered in Battery Park in downtown Apalachicola.

Riverhawk Music Festival Brooksville - November 3-6, 2011

The Riverhawk Music Festival, held this year at the Sertoma Ranch in Brooksville, will have your imagination soaring. Diverse musical performances on multiple stages make this festival incomparable!

#### **Home Energy**

OUC can give you specific tips on conserving electricity and offer details on the following OUC customer rebate programs (single-family homes only):

• Window Film or Solar Screen Installing solar window film on pre-existing homes can help reflect the heat during hot summer days. Your cooling unit will become more efficient. Incentive Requirements: 1. Shading Coefficient (SC) of film or screen must be 0.5 or less.

• **High Performance Windows** Energy-efficient windows can help minimize your heating, cooling, and lighting costs. They provide comfort and they also protect your valuables from harmful sun rays. Incentive Requirements: 1. Windows must be ENERGY STAR® rated (see <u>www.energystar.gov</u>).

• **Caulk / Weather stripping** Properly air sealing cracks and openings in your home can significantly reduce heating and cooling costs, improve building durability, and create a healthier indoor environment.

• **Cool** / **Reflective Roof** A cool/reflective roof reflects the sun's rays to help lower roof surface temperature and increase roof life. It helps lower your energy bill during the summer by preventing heat absorption. To qualify, the cool roof product must be certified and approved by the ENERGY STAR® Roof Products program and have an initial Solar Reflectance greater than or equal to 0.70. (see www.energystar.gov).

• **Wall Insulation** Air leakage and improperly installed insulation can waste 20% or more of the energy you pay to heat and cool your home. To qualify, outside walls must be all block construction.

• **Ceiling Insulation Upgrade** The attic is the easiest place to add insulation; it can help lower your energy costs and keep you comfortable through the seasons. To qualify, final insulation level must be R-19 or higher to qualify. This program covers products purchased and installed on or after January 1, 2009.

• Heat Pump Older central air conditioner units can be very costly to operate and maintain. New units are more efficient and use less energy while lowering your electric bill. Annual energy savings for a 15 Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating (SEER) or greater unit could be up to 30 percent when compared to a 12 SEER unit. This rebate is applicable to residential improvements projects. New Heat Pump system must be rated 14 SEER or higher. You are required to provide copy of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI) certified efficiency data form and a copy of invoices and model numbers for both the condenser and air handler units.

• **Duct Repair/Replacement** Duct leaks make heating and cooling systems work longer and harder to maintain comfort in a home. Properly sealed ducts will lower your energy bill and improve the efficiency and performance of your central heating and cooling systems.

### What's new?



**PROJECT ABC PD** 

The corner of John Young Parkway and Central Florida Parkway.

The developer went before the Orange County Board of County Commissioners last month to ask for a substantial change to the Land Use Plan

#### **Crime and Sky Lake South**

	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Auto Theft	0	2	0	0	0
Residential Burgla	ry 0	0	0	0	0

We are relatively crime free although if you have been the victim of a crime it's not a relative issue to you; it's personal.

We have tried to get enough people involved to do a neighborhood watch, but very few people are interested.

The land was designated for an automobile dealership (72,000 square feet). The developer wanted to change it to either it's current use or 144,000 sq. ft. of Commercial/Office. The Board of County Commissioners granted his request with some restrictions. For more information you can check the clerk of courts website for the minutes.

#### Safety Tip:

#### If You're Out for the Evening

Turn on lights and a radio or TV so that it looks like someone is home.

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.

Every year the Board is asked why we don't have Off-Duty Orange County Sheriff's patrolling the neighborhood.

There was a time when we did. But we found out that even though we are paying the bill and the officer is technically "off-duty" he has to respond to any calls made in the area. In essence , we were paying the officer with our tax dollars and with our HOA assessments to not be patrolling our neighborhood.

"We all know the eyesore we see when a house is vacant."

#### **Miscellaneous Information**

#### **Plant Blooming Bulbs**

Check out your garden center for a great selection of daffodil, crocus, hyacinth, tulip and other spring flowering bulbs. Plant them in masses or tucked into other beds for a surprise of spring color year after year The **Retention Pond** is fenced in and the gates are locked for a reason– you aren't supposed to be in there. If we find people in the retention area we will be calling the police to have you removed and a trespass warrant issued.

# The **playground** closes

# at dusk.

There is no reason for anyone to be in there after dark.

We are calling the Sheriff's Office to enforce the "No Trespassing" signs.



Homeowners Association of Sky Lake South Units Six and Seven, Inc. P.O. Box 772243 Orlando, FL 32877-2243 (407) 538-5040

The Homeowners Association official address for each homeowner is the address you have at the Orange County Property Appraisers. If you want your Homeowners mail delivered to a different address, you need to send us that request in writing.

#### **Local Numbers**

Waterbridge Elementary	
Hunters Creek Middle	
Freedom High	407-816-5600
Pre-Kindergarten Office	407-317-3522
Pupil Assignment	407-317-3233
Consumer Fraud Investigative Unit	407-836-2490
Cooperative Extension Service	407-836-7570
Non-Emergency Fire Rescue	407-629-7592
Non-Emergency Sheriff's Office	407-836-4357
Florida Highway Patrol	407-737-2200
South Creek Post Office	407-855-6568
South Creek Library	407-858-4779

<b>Orange County Government Services</b>	407-836-3111
Orange County Library	407-858-4779
Property Appraiser	407-836-5000
Supervisor of Elections	407-836-2070

## **Garbage Service Days**

Tuesday/Friday Garbage Collection
Tuesday Recycling
Wednesday Yard Waste
Friday Bulk Waste



# **Contact Information**

You can now keep up on events that affect you in the neighborhood, county and state by logging onto our website:

Skylakesouth.info

You can contact the board via e-mail at:

skylakesouth@cfl.rr.com, by phone at 407-538-5040

#### Phone or fax: 407-855-6919

or mail at P.O. Box 772243, Orlando, FL 32877-2243. It's **YOUR** neighborhood too. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to give the board constructive feedback about the neighborhood or make suggestions.