

The Waterleaf Times

Message from the Board

Thanks to all of our neighbors who attended the August 18th HOA Board meeting. It's good to know that we have your support as we move through these difficult times of transition. A few highlights:

- Huge thanks to our neighbors who volunteered for committees. Help is still needed in some areas.
 - Architectural Review Board – This committee is responsible for reviewing the requests from home owners to alter their properties. More volunteers needed.
 - Social Committee – This committee would help plan neighborhood social events such as movie nights at the pool, charity clothing drives, Community Yard Sales, BBQs, etc. Volunteers are needed.
- Numerous maintenance and repairs are in progress – a new waste can at the west end of the nature bridge, pool shower repairs, replacement of the damaged netting at the splash pool, (remaining netting to be replaced very soon!) pool bridge stone repairs, amenity center gate repair. We are awaiting a proposal for repairs to the deck behind the pool area.

We live in a wonderful community, yet, to keep it that way, we need to be good neighbors and honor the covenants we made to each other when we decided to live in a deed restricted community. The word covenant really means "I promise" and our deed restrictions are what we promised to abide by.

We are extremely fortunate to have JSO Sgt. Baker to man and maintain our security patrol with JSO officers and detectives. This service is not free and is included in our association dues. If you haven't met Sgt. Baker, look for him around our neighborhood and give him a shout out! We all can help keep our community secure by reporting anything that appears to be out of the ordinary or suspicious. Regardless of how minor we feel the incident may be, call the JSO non-emergency number: 630-0500!!

We need everyone's involvement and help to keep our community well. We welcome all suggestions, ideas, concerns and we look forward to a great turn-out for the September 15th Board meeting.

Finally, we are very grateful to our past president, Leslie Pragasam and vice president, Mitch Chin, for their years of service and hard work. They will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

Waterleaf HOA Board of Directors



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Crime & Safety



Excerpt from Sgt. Bakers most recent long report:

"During my shift, I observed three vehicles parked in the opposite direction of traffic. They were all issued warning parking citations in an effort to correct the improper parking, as well as to increase the perception of police presence. The warning parking citations that were issued are as follows:

I conducted a street light check where I found the light pole at 754 Briarcreek not working. The HOA can report the light inoperable here so that the city can repair it: <https://www.jea.com/Apps/Outage/ReportStreetlight.aspx>. This is extremely important in keeping our neighborhood safe.

I conducted a check of the calls for service in and around Waterleaf where I was happy to see that there were no calls for service. However, the Sorrel Luxury Apartments located at 12001 Abess Boulevard, experienced a rash

*of vehicular burglaries August, 17th and 18th. One vehicle was burglarized on the 17th where the driver side window was broken. Forced entry was made to this vehicle, because a purse was left in plain view. Because the forced entry increased the burglar's chance of getting caught, he left; and returned the following night. Four vehicular burglaries occurred on August 18th. All of these vehicles were left unlocked. It should be mentioned that this is a gated community as well. This is **very** close to home, and a reminder to take the extra steps in showing our vehicles some **TLC: Take valuables out, Lock your doors, Close your windows.**"*

Next HOA Board meeting is September 15th at 6:00pm in the Waterleaf Elementary School media/library room. Have a comment or concern; be sure to sign up on the form to speak during the Home Owners Forum held at the end of the meeting. Each speaker is allowed 3 minutes.

Waste Collection

- ◆ Household -Every Wednesday
- ◆ Recycle- Every Other Tuesday
- ◆ Yard—Every Tuesday

For pick up of bulky items call 630-CITY. Bulk items are defined as large items of residential waste which, because of their volume, size, shape or weight, cannot be placed for collection in the City-issued garbage cans. They are **NOT** to be stored curb side and should be placed for out for pick up no sooner than 6:00am on the scheduled pick up date. **Trash receptacles must be stored out of view from the street.**

Who Are the People In Your Neighborhood?

Hello Neighbors! We are the Hart Family and we are 5 strong; Ryan, Lori, Spencer, Nathan, and Grandma Ann. We have been Waterleaf residents since May of 2015 and we LOVE our neighborhood! We have enjoyed getting to know our neighbors on walks and at the pool. Our family enjoys the outdoors. We are avid campers, hikers, and kayakers. That outdoor time includes being good stewards for the planet as well by volunteering at local clean up events. All of our outdoor time isn't spent on the trail or water though. We also really enjoy our back yard for BBQ'ing!! Yes, that wonderful smell on any given day might be us. Well, not us, but the yummy food on the Big Green Egg! We are also animal lovers!! Our fur baby's include a rescued Boston Terrier, a rescued French Bulldog, a ferret and a sugar glider. All creatures great and small, we love them all!! In addition to the outdoors and critters we are a Scouting family. Both our kiddos are Boy Scouts with Troop 182. Spencer, our oldest, is currently working on his Eagle Scout and our youngest , Nathan, just earned his Scout rank. When we aren't busy with our hobbies and kids we are earning our shiny nickels in the IT and veterinary medicine fields. We look forward to spending many years in Waterleaf and helping it to be the fabulous place to live that it is!

Yard(s) of the Month

A hearty congratulations are in order! September's Yard of the Month winners had fantastic front yards. We've got The Mejia family representing the south end of the neighborhood and The Clausen family representing the north end. There were lots of really great yards that we saw this month and we'll be back at it again for October. Congrats to all!



Waterleaf Zoned Schools

- ◆ Waterleaf Elementary
- ◆ 904-565-8000
- ◆ 8:30am—3:00pm
- ◆ No Bus

- ◆ Landmark Middle
- ◆ 904-221-7125
- ◆ 9:30am—4:15pm
- ◆ Bus Stop —Candlebark
Dr. & E. Hindmarsh
Circle , Bus #679
- ◆ Pick -Up at 9:05 am &
Drop Off at 4:20pm

- ◆ Sandalwood High
- ◆ 6904-46-5100
- ◆ 7:15am—2:00pm
- ◆ Bus Stop—community
club house/pool, Bus
#821 & #49
- ◆ Pick Up at 6:40am &
Drop Off at 2:25pm

Please call the DCPS Transportation Department at 904-858-6200 if you have questions regarding your student's bus stop.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ September 15th -
HOA Board Meeting
6:00pm
- ◆ October 13th—
HOA Board Meeting
6:00pm
- ◆ November 10th -
Annual Meeting
6:00pm

For Pet's Sake

Nobody likes the job of cleaning up after their pet but for the health of our community it needs to be done. Why you ask? There are many reasons but the most important is for the health of humans and other animals.

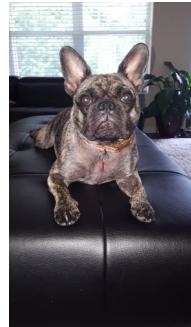
Dog and cat feces carries germs and parasites known as zoonotic diseases that humans can catch. The most common ones shed in pet feces that infect humans are hookworm, roundworm, and giardia. They are contracted by humans when the microscopic organism enters through the skin or by ingesting. How does this happen you ask? By stepping in feces left on the ground or walking in contaminated soil then unknowingly transferring those microscopic organisms to your skin or mouth. It's that simple. And the eggs of these microscopic organisms can live in the soil for years.

Pet feces is also one of the top five water contaminants. When not disposed of properly, pet feces is washed away with storm water run off and deposited in waterways. The decay of your pet's waste actually creates nutrients for weeds and algae that grow in the waterways. As these organisms thrive on your pet's

droppings, they overtake the water and limit the amount of light that can penetrate the water's surface. As a result, oxygen levels in the water decrease, and the fish and seafood we eat can be asphyxiated.

So, while not the most glamourous part of having a pet, picking up your pet's poop serves an invaluable purpose. Let's all be diligent and scoop the poop!!

Contributed by Lori Hart, CVT



Pet(s) of the Month
Blu and Pippa

Covenants and Restrictions Refresher

Article 6.12—Trash

No rubbish, trash, garbage or other waste material shall be kept or permitted on Common Property except in containers located in appropriate areas, if any, and no odor shall be permitted to arise therefrom as to render Common Property or any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to any other property in the vicinity thereof or to its occupants. No lumber, grass, shrub or tree clippings or plant waste, metals, bulk material or scrap or refuse or trash shall be kept, except within an enclosed structure appropriately screened from view erected for that purpose, if any, and otherwise in accordance with the approval of the Committee.

Community Volunteer

People volunteer for a wide variety of reasons, especially when it comes to helping others. But it's also OK to want some benefits for yourself from volunteering. In this case those benefits are improvements and solutions that help our neighborhood. Don't have a lot of time you say? That's OK! You might be surprised at what that 15 minutes you could spare a week could help accomplish.

The HOA currently needs more volunteers in the following areas:

- ◆ Architectural Review Board
- ◆ Social Committee
- ◆ Neighborhood Watch

Change starts with you!

volunteers
needed!
reach out and HELP!



“The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home.”
~ Confucius

In The Loop

Wondering how you can stay in touch with the board or keep up with the latest news and information? Waterleaf provides several ways to do just that. There is currently a Facebook page, website (www.waterleafhoa.com), and a monthly newsletter. Be sure to register on the website so you receive important email notifications.



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