

HUNTINGTON TRAILS

FALL/WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Green Springs Islands - New Trees!

In partnership with the City of Safety Harbor the islands on Green Springs have new trees. We have coordinated with City of Safety Harbor to remove the old, dying trees and replant with the new Elms and Withlacoochee trees. The City provided the new trees and we will water the islands.

Find it on HuntingtonTrails.org

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Architecture Request & Info

Change in paint
color, fence or roof
need approval

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HOA Documents ByLaws, Rules and Covenants of our Neighborhood

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HOA Meeting Minutes Board of Director Monthly Meeting Recap



Please STOP !
Drive like your
kids live here!
Oh, right -
they do.



POND UPDATE

As many of you know, we have been suffering from an accumulation of floating algae in our ponds (especially in the summer months) for the past few years. In an effort to better manage this and other pond challenges, Huntington Trails retained a new pond management company (Gulf Coast Lakes and Wetlands, or GCLW) in April 2018 and they have been treating and maintaining our ponds since then.

GCLW suggests the following preventative measures to our homeowners and lawn maintenance companies to help keep our ponds in good shape year round:

1. **Establish a NO Fertilizer buffer 15 feet off your pond banks**

When washed by sprinklers and rain down the bank slope and into a pond, fertilizers will load the ponds' water with nutrients. This nutrient loading increases the odds that a pond will be overtaken by weeds and/or have an algal bloom. Then the subsequent treatment and decay of these weeds re-releases the nutrients into the water again creating more algae blooms.

2. **Aim Grass Clippings away from your ponds**

Please direct lawn mower (and trimmer) exit chutes away from ponds when cutting grass near pond banks. When allowed to land on the pond surface, grass clippings will decay and release nutrients into the pond setting off the same processes as the loading of fertilizer.



3. **Keep Landscap Debris away from storm drains & ponds**

Landscape debris such as grass clippings, palm fronds, fallen leaves, etc will all add nutrients to the ponds if they are allowed to enter the storm sewer system or ponds. Even homeowners that do not live on the ponds should be mindful of this. Any landscape debris that goes into the road and enters the storm drains eventually reaches the ponds. Landscape debris should be collected and disposed of properly. (Homeowners may use City of Safety Harbor's yard waste recycling and mulching service including curbside pickup.)

4. **Trim Overhanging Trees**

Trees that overhang the ponds or roads should be trimmed back to prevent leaves, branches, and pollen from falling into the ponds or entering the storm drains. Fallen leaves release nutrients as they decay that feed algae and lead to muck accumulation in the ponds. Trees that overhang ponds directly are large contributors to the eutrophication process that leads to excessive growth of weeds and algae.

Ameri-Tech Representative

Ameri-Tech is the property management company for Huntington Trails. Jim Mateka is our new community representative. Please contact him if you have any questions or concerns:

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2018 Board of Directors

Joe Incorvia, President

Tom Tracy, Vice President

Kathy Wilson, Treasurer

Russ Bowman, Secretary

Helen Renshaw, Director

HOA Board meetings are generally held the 4th Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm at Joe's house. Note, not in November see Annual Mtg. notice next page.

2018 Huntington Trails Improvements

The Street lights have been replaced within Huntington Trails in 2018. The new street lights are LED'S. The biggest change is the old lights had a yellow cast to them (good for Halloween) and the new lights are white in color. The old yellow High Pressure sodium lights burned out fairly frequently. The new lights have a life expectancy of over 20 years.



The new lights use less energy, are white in color, last longer and have lower maintenance. The one thing Duke Energy does not provide us, is a lower monthly street light bill. Maybe someday? Find out more about LED streets lights [by clicking here.](#)

The exterior wall has been given a fresh coat of paint. HOA is currently working to resolve some issues with the job quality.

New Trees planted on Green Springs Islands.

New mulch will soon be installed on interior islands.

Sidewalks - Every two or three years the HOA repairs and replaces sections of sidewalk that become uneven due to tree roots, settling or vehicle damage.

Join the Huntington Trails Social Network - [NextDoor!](#)



Join 120 of your Huntington Trail neighbors on Nextdoor - a social network for Huntington Trails and Safety Harbor. [click](#) to join. A great place to get recommendations and share local information.

Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 14
6:30 PM
Safety Harbor Community Center

Our Home Owners Association Annual meeting will be 6:00 PM November 14, 2018 at the Safety Harbor Community Center located at 650 9th Ave S. Our meeting will be held in the Art Room. At this meeting the Association will approve a budget for 2019, elect a Board of Directors, select Officers for 2019 and discuss any neighborhood issues.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. State law requires that at least 40 homes in our subdivision be represented at the meeting. Very rarely does this number of people attend. State law provides that homeowners can be represented by proxy. When you get your notice of the meeting from our Management Company (Ameri-tech), please return the proxy even if you plan to attend. When you get to the meeting the proxy is returned to you and you can vote in person. Each year Board Directors contact home owners to remind them of the meeting and sign a proxy. This is how we meet the state required meeting representation. The Board members will also answer any of your questions.

The Board of Directors recommended Budget for 2019 will have the same \$150 quarterly Association fee as 2018. Our Association is fortunate to have a fully funded Reserve Fund for all capital infrastructure needs.

See you all on November 14
Joe Incorvia, 2018 HOA President

**happy
holidays!**

