

Ravenswood Forest Homeowners Association Update: Summer 2011

What's news?

Update from the Developer:

The new builder in Ravenswood Forest is D.R. Horton. They are going through the permitting and review process. Here is some information about the company:



Over 30 years ago, Donald R. Horton had a vision-of livable and affordable new homes built with unmatched efficiencies and uncompromising quality. Of family traditions passed on to new generations. Of a business that would grow by making customers' dreams a reality. That philosophy of creating value every step of the way was the Company's signature focus when Horton unveiled his first neighborhood in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area over three decades ago.

As the Company grew from a local homebuilder, to a regional homebuilder, to ultimately the largest homebuilder in the United States that philosophy has never wavered.

Today, D.R. Horton continues to demonstrate its leadership in residential development through design innovation, superior craftsmanship, and responsiveness to the needs of its customers.

Exterior Modifications

Home owners are reminded that any exterior changes require Board approval. This includes but is not limited to changes to exterior paint colors, replacement of windows and doors, changes to patios, installation of fences and landscaping modifications to name a few. Any structures i.e. summer gazebos/canopies need to be dismantled and put away from November until May they also require permitting by the ARC. The necessary forms are available on our website www.fcpm.com under Association Forms.

There are two fence companies providing group discounts for Ravenswood Forest homeowners. They are Hardwick Fence Company (904-599-7959) and Classic Fence Company (904-261-1894).

Lawn Maintenance

Residents are reminded to keep lawns mowed and shrubs trimmed during the growing season.

Art's Nursery on Racetrack Road is giving a discount to Ravenswood Forest homeowners on plants, trees and shrubbery. Purchase \$100 worth of plants and get \$15.00 off. Please call ahead to order larger shrubs or for larger quantities. Art's Nursery & the Arbor House, 2850 Race Track Road St., Augustine FL 32084, (904) 829-2641

General Information

Information Provided By Resident Vicki Jo Polina:

A burglary has been reported in the community recently. Residents are encouraged to participate in the neighborhood watch program. The St. Johns County Sheriffs office has assigned Deputy Swindull to our association and she has offered to work with residents willing to participate in a Neighborhood Watch program. Deputy Swindull met with approximately 18 homeowners on Tuesday the 26th of July at the home of Greg Barnes. Deputy Swindull reassured residents that the perpetrators of the recent break-in have been charged with that crime and will be prosecuted.

She encouraged residents to call SJSO non-emergency number [824-8304], day or night, if we see suspicious activity in the area. A patrol car will come out to investigate. The more calls received, the more often SJSO patrols will be performed. She also stated that residents should keep exterior lights on at night, cruise around the community each time we enter and exit in our vehicles, and generally watch out for each other.

Deputy Swindull stated that we can request an SJSO Crime Prevention Officer to come to our home, review our property, and suggest ways to improve our security. If and when we make the necessary changes, the SJSO officer can provide written verification that we can submit to our home insurer for a possible reduction in insurance premium. This will increase the security of our home whether or not we intend to apply for the homeowner's insurance premium reduction.

Friendly Reminder

Non-payment of Association monthly dues will result in a lien being filed against the property and legal fees added to the past due assessment. Foreclosure will follow if payment is not made. Please contact the management office if you are behind on your assessment payment so that arrangements can be made to get caught up.

Pet Owners

Once again we are reminding pet owners of the leash requirement in St. Johns County. Pet owners are also responsible to pick up after their pet. Violators should be reported to the St Johns County Animal Control office at (904) 829-2226.

Parking

Owners are reminded that vehicles are not permitted to be parked on lawns and empty lots. This includes trailers, boats, cars and trucks. Violators may be towed.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Summer Season!

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff