

Dear Davis Lake Residents,

I have heard from many of you since our first newsletter was published, with positive comments and requests to continue. Everyone especially liked “Don’s Corner!”

There is one correction to the first publication: I mentioned that several “original owners” were recognized at a party to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Davis Lake. I have since learned that Susie and Doug Baird #323 are also original owners, and we want to recognize them also. I apologize that their names were inadvertently omitted.

Some general renovations have begun for the Manager’s unit. The intention is to do it periodically when we have the money. The Manager’s unit belongs to Davis Lake, so we need to lead by example, and in a few years that unit will be fully upgraded and looking modern.

As you know, the hurricane season is upon us in SW Florida. All predictions say this will be a very active season, but hopefully nothing as devastating as Hurricane Irma. Although most of us are not currently at Davis Lake, I would urge you to read the Davis Lake Disaster Plan to assist you in knowing what to expect and how to prepare. You can access this on the Davis Lake website: www.davis-lake.org. Once you’re on the website, click on the “Association News” tab to read the plan. It is very informative with helpful information, regardless of whether you are in Florida or not. Most importantly, if you left ANY food items in your refrigerator and/or freezer that would spoil in the event of an extended power outage, please make arrangements now to have that food removed.

Before we know it, the rental season at Davis Lake will be here. We love our “seasonal guests,” and many have been coming to Davis Lake for years and have become good friends. However, there are many new guests every year, and it is obvious that some have not been informed of the rules and regulations for our lovely community, which is a year-round residence to several, and a second home to many of us. As owners, it is your responsibility to provide a copy of the Rules & Regulations to all renters. (This document is also available on our website, under “Association News.”

All renters MUST check in with the office manager upon arrival. (Office hours are 8-noon, weekdays) At a minimum, seasonal guests should be informed of our re-cycle process; no smoking in the pool area; no jumping or diving into the pool; chairs, lounges and umbrellas should be returned to their original position; no glass in the pool area, etc. The bottom line is that none of us want our community to be treated as a “hotel” by the short-term renters. It takes all of us following some very simple rules, applying common sense and showing consideration to our fellow residents to keep Davis Lake a wonderful place to live and vacation!

And speaking of a wonderful place – I’m sure the grounds look as fabulous as ever! The rainy season in SW Florida is May-October, and in May alone Fort Myers received over 16” of rain. The new sod and palm trees, along with our all the gardens should be doing beautifully! Be sure to check out “Don’s Corner” on the next page for more specific info. We welcome your ideas for future newsletters.....let me hear from you. poolfloater@aol.com

Jane Patterson, Secretary

Davis Lake Board of Directors

Don's Corner:

THE HIBISCUS ARE RED

THE GRASS IS GREEN

THE SNOWBIRDS HAVE FLED

NARY A ONE TO BE SEEN.

Well that sums it up....as I am always asked how many of us are here in the summer. As of June 15th there are 10 units occupied for a total of 13 people. Sometimes we have an occasional guest/renter. Just the right amount for Davis Lake.

Things are going well as we have been getting some rain. The shrubs and schefflera trees are being trimmed, dead shrubs being replaced and getting ready to replace some ugly looking sod.

Lori Metzger is trying to keep up weeding the gardens and so has William (our lawn care co.) all around the complex. With no major projects this year it is a little bit easier taking care of things.

One project that is complete is the 65 foot long, 6 feet high fence built in the northeast corner of the property by the garage. Forty feet of it was old and had some hurricane damage, with an additional 25 feet added for privacy from our neighbors or vice versa. Linda will be sending out pictures soon. Javier & I spent about a month off & on to complete the project.

All of the new trees planted.....palms & fruit trees are doing well. It will take a while for the new royals to lose their wind burnt fronds (from transporting) before they will look really royal.

This is also the time of year when the fronts of the buildings have to be swept and washed down.

Linda has been busy cleaning out drawers & going through all the files and keeping only necessary paperwork. Paperwork from 1776 is being pitched. (Yes, I said 1776!)

That's it from here. Have a safe & warm summer! (We will). Don