

Davis Lake Newsletter, June, 2020

Dear Davis Lake Residents,

I hope this finds all our owners and their families doing well, and staying healthy. To say this is an unusual time is an understatement! Davis Lake has been affected, along with the rest of the world, with unprecedented situations and the necessity of establishing new guidelines to deal with those issues. Many seasonal guests and owners left early to return home, and the Board has made an effort to communicate everything the Board has done in their absence.

As you may know, the state of Florida was slow to implement state-wide guidelines to deal with Covid-19. But it became apparent that we must take responsibility ourselves and implement measures to protect our owners and guests. Therefore, the Board made the difficult decision to close the pool and all common areas effective 3/28/2020. After monitoring state guidelines and CDC regulations, these areas were re-opened for use on 4/28/2020, with several stipulations in place to ensure the continued safety of those using the common areas. As of this date, I believe owners and guests may return to FL and Davis Lake with no restrictions, other than those who come from NY, NJ, CT and LA. Those individuals must self-quarantine for 14 days before they are free to mingle with others. (Specific guidelines for use of the pool are available from the Office Manager.)

In spite of everything our community has been challenged with, we faced each with a positive attitude and even learned a few new things: what a "Zoom meeting" is; how to social distance; the proper way to wear a face mask; the joys and benefits of Peanut Butter Whiskey; and creative ways to socialize with friends. (Can you say "Parking Lot Happy Hour?") Also, many, many positive things were accomplished that will have a lasting effect on Davis Lake. As you may have read in past communications, nearly everything was done by volunteers, savings the association thousands of dollars! Without going into any detail, I am listing many of those completed projects:

- 67 ficus trees were removed along the south perimeter
- Mulch from those ficus trees was spread on all flower beds and around trees
- All landscaping was examined and evaluated for future planning
- Hibiscus bushes were trimmed in front of most buildings & are showing new growth
- Vining plants were removed from the tennis court fence to prevent future damage
- New garage door and lock were installed on the maintenance shed
- Maintenance shed was cleaned out and organized
- Burned-out security lights on buildings were replaced
- Asphalt holes were patched and repaired
- The entire pool area was cleaned & sanitized due to Covid-19
- All the umbrella tables at the pool were cleaned, prepped and painted
- New pool pump was installed
- Chaise lounges and pool chairs were evaluated for repair or replacement
- Fencing was installed along the east perimeter

Future projects include relocating two palms under the power lines along Davis Road, and pressure washing and sealing the pavers. That task alone will save \$10,000 if volunteers are able to do it.

As many of you know, there have been many incidents of trespassers on our property over the past few years, sometimes resulting in vandalism of personal property. Very recently the sheriff's office responded to a call from the Office Manager of young men trespassing and fishing in our lake. The sheriff arrived and confronted those individuals, took their personal info, and warned that any further incident would result in their arrest. This is a positive step in stopping intruders from entering onto Davis Lake property. And the new fencing along our rear perimeter should further deter that.

Below are pictures of volunteers at work, and of our new fence. It's a wonderful addition to our safety and security!



The finished fencing along the West perimeter of our property.



Volunteers at our "Sanitizing Party" in the pool area

A few people have submitted notes for inclusion in this Newsletter, and they're below:

From Penny Barker (#323): Dear Butterflies and Davis Lake Friends,

I am thinking of you all.... the special times, fun activities and warm friendships during our many winters spent in #323. I know that Jane shared the sad news of Bill's passing on April 13th. Thank you all for your beautiful cards, notes of sympathy and encouragement. Your thoughtful and kind words are very comforting and bring back special memories. I really appreciate hearing from you. This has been a difficult time for everyone and I know your winter holiday was different this year. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Keep well and safe. Love and virtual hugs, Penny Barker

From Bert Jackson (#715): Our group completed another quilt top for "Quilts of Valor" this winter season. In the photo Claudette Delorme (#523), Jeanne Lux from Sunshine, Bert Jackson (#715), and Kathy Stewart (#113) are holding the completed top. From here it will go home to PA with Bert. From there it will be sent to a "long-armor" to be quilted. Back to PA for the binding...and voila, finally finished. Then they are given to veterans in our area. It's nice to know that our work provides comfort to those who have served.



From Sharon & Jerry Trent (#922): Previous newsletters have mentioned the many volunteers that donate their time and energy toward enhancing the Davis Lake Community. These volunteers have been recognized through the committees they serve on and at our annual meetings.

There are, however, two individuals that work behind the scenes and are never singled out for their time and hard work in making Davis Lake the gem it is.

Have you noticed that palm trees are being trimmed yet the landscapers weren't here? Or have you seen a golf cart whiz by filled with tree trimmings, branches and debris? So many day-to-day chores are being completed without the expense of outside help.

There are two fellows that are the first to just jump in and do what needs to be done without formally serving on a committee. They are working every day and going the extra mile to do the tasks that need to be done. They give their time and labor to improve our community.

Mike Sharpe (#624) and Bob Risher (#914) need to be recognized for all they do for Davis Lake. Their contributions are priceless and they deserve a big "thank you" from everyone. Stay healthy! Sharon and Jerry Trent

In closing, I pray that each and every one of you continues to be healthy and safe. We look forward to seeing everyone back at our beautiful community soon. In the meantime, please send me anything you would like to share in a future Newsletter. A special thank you to all those who contributed information and/or pictures for this edition!

Jane Patterson, Secretary
Davis Lake Board of Directors