

Annual Election of Directors

Three positions on the Board were open and four homeowners submitted their names as candidates. David Weiss, Jo Glennie, and Wanda Bankston were elected to the Board. Our thanks to those who run for elections, have served and those who continue to serve our HOA.

For 2024, Bob Lund will continue to serve as President, Carol Bycel as Vice President, Robin Polletta as Secretary, Elliott Gross as Treasurer, Robert Will as Sargent-At-Arms along with Jo Glennie, Wanda Bankston, David Weiss and Jeanine Foray as Directors at-large.

Chili Picnic

The CRC hosted a Chili Picnic on Saturday, February 3rd at the island on Dakota Circle. There were 8 pots of chili entries to be sampled and voted on (trust me, they were delicious!), several side dishes such as pasta and coleslaw salads, and desserts to be sampled and voted on. Bob and Sue Lund brought hot dogs to grill which this writer used to construct a chili dog (hey, I'm from Detroit and that is how we roll!).

The CRC also organized several activities as well; corn hole and a large game of Connect Four. Residents contributed rocks for a snake building activity by the Acoma kiosk. The two built snakes were dubbed Hali (the mother) and Rocky (the baby).

The local fire department brought out a truck to tour and the Volusia County Mosquito Control department gave a lecture on how to minimize our local pests. The Florida Wild Life Extension Service gave a talk on native snakes and how they are important to our habitat and identifying nonvenomous and venomous snakes.

Congratulations to the CRC for organizing and executing this wonderful community event!

Calendar

Feb. 12th Property Inspections

Feb. 20th HOA Board Meeting; 4:00 p.m. at Gazebo

Feb. 26th Property Inspections





Gardener's Corner: I've been walking my dog Sammy and listening to the birds singing their spring territorial and mating songs. Last night I heard the first of the spring peepers singing in the cut, which tells me spring is on its way.

Recent columns have explored using Florida native plants to support our pollinators and wildlife. Several of our Board members drove out to visit a nursery that specializes in these native plants. I was unable to go, so last week, I bundled up Sammy and drove out to Chiappini Farm Native Nursery in Melrose, Florida.

While Sammy ran around with their resident miniature Aussie Shepherd (He had been on leash but the owner said it was okay for them to play) I strolled their extensive collection. They have ground cover, flowering perennials, bushes, grasses and a lot more. The staff is knowledgeable and a pleasure to discuss ideas and selections.

In the end I selected some Muhly grasses, some coneflowers that are adapted to our area (hope springs eternal!), some pennyroyal, and some asters. The latter will go into my fenced area as the deer love them! I will keep you posted on how they grow here.

Calling all HPP! Homeowners! We are looking for those who are willing to share how they are minimizing their lawns with hardscaping, xeriscaping, etc. Please send me a photo (with address) to share in the upcoming March and April newsletters.

Have suggestions? Please email me at: rlp5558@yahoo.com to share them!



Beautiful day for a Chili Picnic!

Florida Agriculture speaker on native snakes.





Chili cook off winners: 1st Place: Wanda Bankston; 2nd Place: Lori Humphries; 3rd Place: Mary Edwards.



Our local fire station on Old Dixie Highway brought a truck for all the kids (large and small) to investigate!



Bob and Sue Lund grilling hot dogs which were wonderful when topped with fresh chili!



Lining up to sample the 8 different Chilis.



Jodie vonGal organized and supervised the snake building activity. We ended up with two and named them Hali and Rocky.



Laine Keltner, CRC Chair, helping to organize the picnic set up.



The dessert winners were: 1st Place: Lin Flanagan (cream puffs); 2nd Place: Karen Weiss (pistachio cake); and 3rd Place Linda O'Brien (pizelles).



Happy customer Hank Sarkis
(above) and (right) happy chef
Andy Bloch!

