

# Ripples

APRIL 2019



SKYE LOCH HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEETING AND ASSOCIATION FORUM: Thursday, April 4, at 7:00 pm

**WOMEN'S CLUB:** Our next meeting will be April 9th at our new time, **10:30**. After the meeting we have 11:30 reservations for lunch at Ozona Blue. Please sign up in the kitchen if you plan to go to lunch as we need an accurate count for the reservation. Car Pooling is encouraged. We would also like to thank all who brought us non perishable food items that were donated to the Dunedin Food Pantry.

**THE MAGIC OF SPRING PARTY:** Women's club is hosting a very casual party by the pool and inside the community building on Saturday, April 6th from 4:00 to 5:30. If you wish, bring an hors d'oeuvres to share and it is BYOB. And for your entertainment we are having a magician to keep our minds busy and have some fun. We are also raffling off a basket. Tickets are \$1 or \$5 for 8. Please join us!



**MEN'S LUNCH:** Meet in front of the community building on April 9th at 11:30 and decide at that time were to have lunch. ALL men are welcome.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Thank you to all who participated. And a big thank you to Virginia and Les Gilbert for hosting it and making it a fun time for everyone.

**AMERI-TECH NEW CONTACT:** Our new property manager is Phil Colettis. He can be reached at 727-726-8000 ext. 259 or pcoletis@ameritechmail.com

**SKYLOCK WEBSITE:** Check our website for board meeting minutes (after board approval), the financial report and the Ripples! Also you can find our rules and regulations, contact information, architectural change request form and a preferred Vendors Directory.

**WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:** Robert and Nadine Nash, John and Jean Blakley, Paul Christie and Cheryl Brown.

**GET WELL WISHES:** Ellen Sloan, Victor Isabella and Joy Horton.

**BELATED GET WELL/GLAD YOU ARE FEELING BETTER:** Lila Barry, Linda and Barry Pink and Kathy Bavosi

**CONDOLENCES:** To the family of Connie Roserio.

**MILITARY BRIDGE:** Due to not having enough players, military bridge is over for the summer and hopefully will resume in the fall if we can find 20 players.

**COFFEE TIME:** April 2nd at 9:00. Last one of the season. Bring \$1, a mug and a dish to share. Thank you to all who hosted breakfast!

**SOLAR POOL COVER:** Frank Kane would like to thank those who volunteered with the daily chore of removing and covering the pool for the past 2 winter seasons with a shout out to Mark and Joan Sloan for all their help. Thank you all for your effort and time. We all enjoy year round swimming in Skyloch's beautiful pool.

**2019 PHONE BOOKS:** They have been delivered. Thank you to Kevin Murphy for volunteering to take charge of this project.

**FEEDING THE WILDLIFE:** Please, don't do it. It is a violation of our Rules and Regulations, Article 6.7. Bread, hot dogs and such are not part of their diets and can actually be harmful to them. And any food they leave behind can attract other unwanted wildlife.

## Skye Loch Community Schedule

- Shuffle board—Monday at 1.
- Lady's Cards—Mondays at 6.
- **BINGO**—Tuesdays. 6:30. Sales end at 6:15
- Coffee Time—First and Third Tuesdays at 9.
- Men's Cards—Wednesdays at 6.
- Bocci Ball -Thursdays at 1:00
- Billiards—Fridays at 12:30
- Military Bridge— Hope to resume this fall



**EARTH DAY FACTS:** Earth Day helps remind us that we need to stay in that green state of mind, and each year on April 22nd 180 countries around the world celebrate this anniversary.

In the spirit of Earth Day, here are a few facts that can motivate us all to consider our impact on the environment and take action.

Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson on April 22, 1970.

20 million people participated in the first Earth Day.

More than 100 billion pieces of junk mail are delivered in the United States each year.

The U.S. buried or burned more than 166 million tons of resources – paper, plastic, metals, glass and organic materials – in landfills and incinerators last year.

It only takes about 6 weeks total to manufacture, fill, sell, recycle, and then remanufacture an aluminum beverage can.

Half the world's tropical and temperate forests are now gone.

More than 2 million people globally die prematurely every year due to outdoor and indoor air pollution.

Every year in the U.S. nearly 200 billion beverage containers are sold, two-thirds of which are landfilled, incinerated or littered.

Recycling, reuse and remanufacturing account for 3.1 million jobs in the U.S.

Recycling saves 3 to 5 times the energy that waste incinerator power plants generate.

By reducing our waste 1% per year and recycling and composting 90% of our discards by 2030, we could save 406 megatons of carbon dioxide equivalent every year. This is the equivalent to shutting down 21% of our nation's coal-fired power plants.

More than 76% of cardboard boxes and 72% of newspaper were recycled in 2006 but less than 50% of printing and writing paper was recycled.

Source: ecocycle.org

**CELEBRATE EARTH DAY: APRIL 20 & 21.** Fees: An \$8.00 donation per vehicle at the gate includes free parking. -

Up to 8 people per vehicle.

Pet Friendly: Pets permitted on 6' hand-held leash.

Live music both days.

Kids crafts & activities with new seine netting!

Live Animals and Birds of Prey presentations, nature education and history displays.

Great food & beverages, including beer & wine.

Representatives from local parks & facilities.

Located in the shady picnic area next to the beach & the wooded hiking trails.

**LIGHTNING. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** NO PLACE outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!!

If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.

When you hear thunder, immediately move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up.

Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

Indoor Lightning Safety

Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.

Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.

Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.

Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.

Source: National Weather Service



**DUNEDIN RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS:** Building permits are required for most work on residential buildings and structures. Residential buildings include single family homes, duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, condominiums, apartments, villas and mobile homes.

Below is a list of the most common types of residential work that requires permits from the City of Dunedin.

- Additions
- Alterations or Renovations
- Garage or Carport
- Shed, Storage or Utility Structure
- Swimming Pool or Spa
- Door or Window Replacement
- Garage Door Replacement
- Deck, Patio or Porch
- Screen Enclosure or Pool Cage
- Gazebo, Arbor or Pergola
- Fencing
- Driveway, Sidewalk or Walkway
- Reroofing
- Electrical Service Change or Upgrade
- Water Heater Replacement
- Air Conditioning System Replacement
- Solar Systems .

**No permits are needed for the following work:** Carpet, vinyl and ceramic tile flooring installation. Painting, paneling over existing walls and wallpapering. Ordinary minor repairs.

**A Homeowner's Guide to Residential Building Permits:** Why Are Permits Required? Building permits are how your local government ensures that buildings and structures are built in compliance with the Florida Building Codes. The purpose is to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

**Tips for Choosing a Contractor:** Please consider these helpful tips when choosing a contractor.

If you are planning to have work done that requires a building permit, take care to select a qualified person to perform the work. Under state and local laws, any person you hire (verbal or written) to perform construction on your property must be a licensed contractor. All printed advertising material such as business cards, newspaper ads and telephone book ads must show his or her license number.

Ask to see their license and check the appropriate licensing agency online such as the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board ([www.pcclb.com](http://www.pcclb.com)) for county licenses or the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation ([www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com)) for state licenses to verify the status of the license and for any complaints against the license holder. Properly licensed contractors are proud to display and show their licenses.

Don't be fooled. A local business tax license (formerly known as an occupational license) is not a contractor's license.

Ask for and verify references from past customers.

Check with the Pinellas County Consumer Protection, the local Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau.

Get a written estimate from several licensed contractors. Be sure that the estimate includes all work to be done by the contractor, the materials involved, date of completion and the total cost.

If the project is for repairing damage, check with your insurance company first to verify that your insurance will cover the repairs before you sign a contract.

Beware of contractors who ask to be paid in cash or ask for large payments up front.

Make sure your contractor obtains a permit and posts it in a conspicuous place on the property for the duration of the project.

Your contract should contain language that all final inspections must be completed and approved by the City prior to your final payment. This will insure the permit is completed and closed before you make final payment to the contractor.

Make sure your contractor provides you with releases of liens from his subcontractors and supplier.

Source: [www.dunedingov.com](http://www.dunedingov.com)

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**LAST RIPPLES FOR SPRING:** Everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer.

