

Ripples

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HAPPY EASTER



SKYE LOCH HOME OWNERS
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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BOARD MEETING AND ASSOCIATION FORUM: THURSDAY, April 6 at 6:00

Location: SKYE LOCH COMMUNITY BUILDING AND ZOOM

SOCIAL CLUB:

Is meeting on Tuesday April 4 at 10:00.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH:

We will be meeting at Ozona Blue on April 4, after the Social Club meeting. There is a sign up sheet in the clubhouse kitchen. Please join us.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENT:

Marc Becker

GET WELL SOON:

Mario Pierluca, Irene Chapman, Richard Nagy, Maureen Kane, Mario Wells, Joan Lafayette

KEN BRADY CONCERT:

Thank you to all who attended the fabulous concert given by Ken Brady at the clubhouse. He was just wonderful and was enjoyed by all. We are hoping to book him again for another concert in November.

COFFEE TIME:

We will meet for coffee and conversation on April 11 and 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the clubhouse. Bring a mug, \$1 and a dish to share if you can.

DUNEDIN FOOD BANK:

We will be collecting non perishable and non expired food items throughout the summer for Dunedin Cares Food Pantry. We hope to exceed what we collected in 2022 which was 1196 pounds of food!!!! Our new goal is 1680 pounds of food for 2023. That is 10 pounds of food per villa. The donations are delivered to the food bank every Tuesday. Please help us help others in need. Thank you.



CLEARWATER SHRED-A-THON AND OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET:

Clearwater Police officers and solid waste workers will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 22 at Countryside Mall, 27001 U.S. 19 N., near the Whole Foods store to collect and shred any paperwork that Clearwater residents no longer need. Clearwater Police also will accept old, unused and expired prescription medication at the same time, as part of a nationwide Operation Medicine Cabinet. Call (727) 562-4920 or visit MyClearwater.com for details.

HEADING NORTH FOR THE SUMMER?:

Before you leave Skyloch, remember to bring in all of your outdoor furniture, bikes, yard and wall ornaments and anything that is not secure for safety in the event of a hurricane.



*Gratitude turns what we have
into enough*

MOSQUITO PREVENTION AND PROTECTION TIPS:

The best way to protect yourself and your family is to practice the 3 Ds:



Dump or cover standing water.

Dress in loose, light-colored long sleeves and pants.

Defend by using a repellent with a CDC-recommended active ingredient such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.

Container-Breeding Mosquitoes

You may know these as the “ankle-biters.” *Aedes aegypti* is a mosquito that lives in man-made containers and standing water around your home. They are the #1 mosquito species we find at service requests. They’re active during the daytime and evening, so fogging is not an effective control measure.

The best way to get rid of these pesky mosquitoes is to dump standing water around your home. They don’t fly far — roughly the distance of three houses — so check your yard for standing water and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Prevention

Did you know that mosquitoes only need 1/4 inch of water to complete their life cycle? Breeding habitat can be found around your yard and home year-round due to rainfall and watering your plants or lawn.

Prevent mosquitoes by following these tips:

Dump standing water once a week.

Dump and refill water in pet dishes and bird baths.

Check common places water accumulates, such as flowerpots and saucers, wheelbarrows, tarps, children’s toys, garbage and recycling bins, gutters and AC drip lines.

Treat or cover what you can’t dump.

Cover rain barrels with 1/16-inch mesh or screen.

Treat bromeliads by flushing with hose water

once a week or sprinkling Bti bits once a month in the tanks (center that holds water).

If you are having a problem with mosquitoes, you can call Pinellas County Mosquito Control to schedule a service request at (727) 464-7503.

Sometimes breeding can be hard to find, or the source is a nearby habitat such as a mangrove stand or storm drain.

Protection

Mosquitoes breed year-round in Pinellas County. Protect yourself from bites and mosquito-borne illnesses by following these tips:

Avoid the outdoors during high mosquito activity times. Many mosquito species are active at dusk.

Wear loose, light-colored long sleeves and pants. Socks and shoes also help create a barrier.

Wear a repellent with a CDC-recommended active ingredient. DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 and Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus are recommended. You can also try a spatial repellent device that uses repellents such as allethrin.

Make sure screens are intact and repair any holes. Avoid propping open un-screened windows and doors.

For more information about mosquito prevention and protection, check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (Source: pinellas.gov/mosquito-prevention-and-protection-tips/)

