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SKYE LOCH HOME OWNERS
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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APRIL 2024

BOARD MEETING AND ASSOCIATION FORUM: APRIL 4 at 6:00p.m.

Location: Community Building and Zoom

DIRECTORS CORNER:

Generous Donation!! The generous contribution to the Special Assessment was donated by Randy Cozatt, a long time resident of Skye Loch Villas. Thank You Randy!

Yard Debris – Leaves and small branches, twigs or cuttings should be bagged and placed inside a dumpster. The Association does not have someone to pick up these items. We are all responsible for caring for and maintaining our own property.

Plants encroaching the sidewalks - If you have plants growing near the sidewalk please keep them pruned back to the edge of the sidewalk. Sidewalks should be free and clear of any obstructions including plants.

Exterior Change Requests - As a reminder, no structural additions, alterations or improvements may be made to the exterior of any unit and/or yard without submitting an Exterior Change Request form. The form must be submitted to the Board for review and approval before any work begins.

THANK YOU:

To Kevin Murphy for designing , purchasing and installing the new Skye Loch Villas signs at the entrances along Beltrees Street. This big improvement was donated by Kevin.

THANK YOU !

To Kevin Murphy for volunteering to put together the Skye Loch Villas Residents Phone Book. Great job, Kevin!

SOUTH LAUNDRY: There appears to be an electrical problem with the washing machines at the south laundry room. We have service called to the Laundry Company. Until we know they have been repaired you might want to use the laundry room at the clubhouse. We will notify everyone when we know the problem has been solved.

2024 PHONE DIRECTORIES:

The new 2024 Skye Loch Directories have been printed and are now available for pickup at the Board of Directors workshop every Wednesday morning between 9:00 am & 10:00 a.m. in the community building kitchen and after any regularly scheduled evening board meeting. If you wish to pick up directories for any of your neighbors, please have their addresses available to provide at pickup.

SPRING FLING:

Come one, come all, to Skye Loch's annual Spring Fling on April 12 (April 13 in case of rain) at 4:00!! Hoping for a beautiful day to use our new patio furniture. Bring a dish to share and a grab bag under \$10 for the white elephant swap. We can visit with our neighbors, old and new, as well as say farewell to our Snow-birds. We hope to see you all there.

SKYE LOCH BREAKFAST:

Come join us for breakfast this month. Breakfast dates are April 9 and 23 at 9:00 in the CB kitchen. Bring a mug, \$1 and a dish to share if you are able. ALL are welcome.

CARD BINGO!

Come to the Community Building Kitchen for Card Bingo Tuesday nights at 6:30 !! We've added extra games that are free with surprise items for winnings! There are still 10 Games that are played for "Show Me the Money! These are \$1 a card.

SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:

Is April 2nd at 9:30 at the CB kitchen.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH:

Join us at Cricketers for lunch after our Social Club meeting on Tuesday, April 2. They are expecting us between 11:15-30. Please sign up in the kitchen or call Mary Jane at 404-433-5251 to add your name to the list. All are welcome.

GET WELL WISHES: Lila Barry

OUR CONDOLENCES: To Dawn and Anthony Ramirez for the loss of his mother and to Vincent Marino for the loss of his wife

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Beautification Committee is participating in the city of Dunedin Arbor Day Tree Giveaway held April 13. We would like to acquire at least 12 blooming trees (Crepe Myrtle, Fringe tree or Walters Viburnum) to beautify our property. If you would like to participate and obtain two trees per resident you must show a valid Dunedin proof of residence (driver's license). Details available through Dunedin Parks and Recreation on line. Please sign up on the form posted in the CB kitchen or you may contact Kerry Jarvis @ 912-996-6669 for further information.

DUNEDIN FOOD PANTRY:

Thank you for continuing to support the food pantry. This month they are in need of: gravy, instant potatoes, stuffing, all kinds of baking items (e.g. cake mixes, frosting, Jello), canned tuna, chicken, spam, Vienna sausages, cereal (not cheerios), canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly. They are always in need of toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, feminine hygiene products and adult incontinence items. They also collect cat and dog food and laundry soap.

CATS: In January we found a dead rabbit in our yard on Portree. Last week we got a picture right after another rabbit was killed by a large orange cat on the loose in the neighborhood. While most of us love our kitties, free-roaming outdoor cats are a major threat to wildlife. While the hunting behavior of cats is instinctive, cats are not wild animals, nor are they a natural part of the ecosystem. A 2013 study by the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that free-roaming cats kill between 1.3 and 4.0 billion birds, and between 6.3 and 22.3 billion mammals annually in the U.S. For the health of your cat and our wildlife please keep your cat indoors. If that is not possible, please make sure your cat has a bell to warn others of its presence. From the Wildlife Center of Virginia website. **Please note:** Article III, section 17 states Skye Loch Villas permits **one indoor** cat per villa.

NEW RESIDENTS: Gary & Karen Laniewicz

If you fail, never give up
Because F.A.I.L. means
First Attempt in Learning.

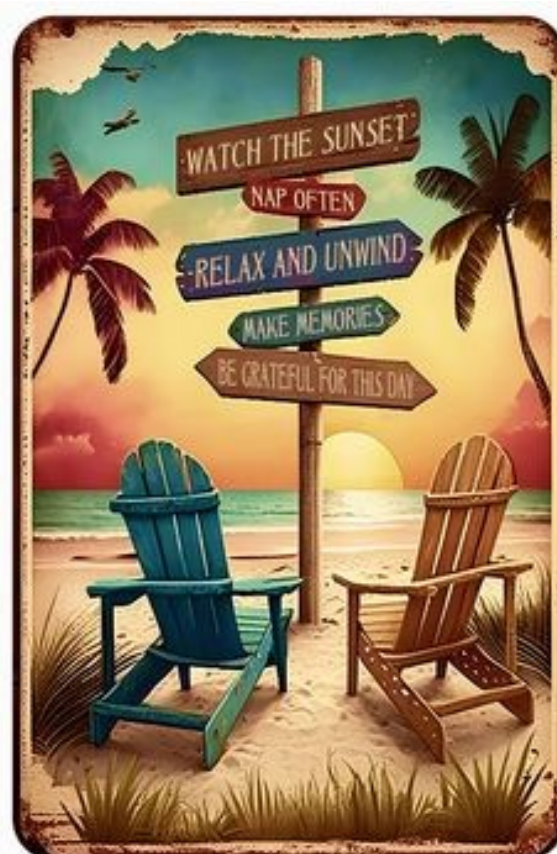
End is not the end
In fact, E.N.D. means
Effort Never Dies.

If you get NO for an answer
Remember N.O. means
Next Opportunity.

Change your mindset!

CLOSING DOWN YOUR HOME BEFORE- YOU LEAVE FLORIDA TO-DO LIST:

1. Replace thermostat batteries (AA or AAA).
2. Replace all smoke detector batteries (9 volt).
3. Replace the A/C air filter and leave some spare ones in home.
4. Have the A/C serviced, including the cleaning of the drain line.
5. Leave a couple of ceiling fans on low for circulation.
6. Turn off main water valve.
7. Turn off water heater breaker if electric or put on low/vacation/pilot setting if gas.
8. Turn off the ice maker in freezer and dump out all ice from the ice bin.
9. Empty all perishable items from your freezer and refrigerator.
10. Leave dishwasher door slightly open.
11. Leave all closet doors open.
12. Leave all sink cabinet doors open.
13. Leave all toilet seats and lids up and leave a toilet bowl brush and a small bottle of bleach by each toilet Or properly clean bowls, add a splash of bleach in bowls and seal top of bowls tightly with plastic wrap.
14. Put rubber drain covers on your shower floor drains to avoid palmetto bug roaches from coming through.
15. Leave window blinds down 1 inch from window sill to avoid mildew build up.
16. Unplug night lights, as defective night lights could cause fires.
17. Place the outdoor patio furniture, grill, bikes, lawn ornaments etc. Inside.
18. If vehicle is left in garage, connect the vehicle battery maintainer or disconnect the battery.
19. Arrange for hurricane shutter installation/removal with your shutter company prior to leaving.
20. Make sure all trash and recycling items have been removed from your home and /or garage/carport prior to leaving.





Arbor Day sprouted from the mind of a zealous tree lover named Julius Sterling Morton. A popular Arbor Day tradition is to plant a tree in honor or memory of a loved one. Learn some interesting facts about this day, and learn about the power of trees, which support our well-being! Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April, although some states observe it on dates that better coincide with the local area's planting times. For instance, Hawaii celebrates Arbor Day on the first Friday of November, and Alaskans celebrate it on the third Monday in May. Find out when your state observes Arbor Day. Its purpose is to encourage people to plant trees, and many communities traditionally take the opportunity to organize tree-planting and litter-collecting events on or around the holiday.

The History of Arbor Day:

Julius Sterling Morton had a passion for planting all kinds of trees.

The first Arbor Day occurred on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. It's estimated that nearly one million trees were planted on this day. By 1885, Arbor Day had become a legal holiday in Nebraska. (The date was changed to April 22 to honor Morton's birthday, which was also the 22nd of April.) On that day, thousands of Nebraska City citizens turned out for one big party, including 1,000 school-children who formed a parade.

Within 20 years of its creation, the holiday was celebrated in every American state except Delaware, which eventually joined in.

Particularly pleasing to Morton was the fact that schools across the country began celebrating Arbor Day by dedicating the trees they planted to special people.

Who Was Julius Sterling Morton?

Morton was born in Adams, New York, in 1832, but his life took a decisive turn on his wedding day in October 1854. After he and his bride, Caroline Joy French, were married in Detroit, they headed west for adventure in the wilds of Nebraska Territory. The couple settled on 160 treeless acres (the key word here is treeless). Despite having a busy career and four sons, Morton planted thousands of trees on the homestead he called the Morton "ranche." He planted an apple orchard, as well as peach, plum, and pear trees, plus cottonwoods, evergreens, beeches, and more. Morton took every opportunity he could to spread the word. He gave speeches and filled his newspaper with agricultural advice, urging Nebraskans to plant trees and try new crops.

Today, the family home, Arbor Lodge, is a state park in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Over the years, Arbor Lodge grew from a four-room home into a 52-room mansion, complete with a terraced garden, a pine grove, and 65 acres of more than 250 varieties of trees and shrubs. In 1893, President Grover Cleveland appointed him U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. He also served on the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture and the State Horticultural Society. J. Sterling Morton died at the age of 70 on April 27, 1902, writing just a month earlier that he hoped to plant trees as soon as the weather turned warm. A statue of him stands in the National Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C.

The Power of Trees:

Trees support our health and the health of our planet! They clean our air and water. They provide shade, which cools our urban areas. Even on a personal level, trees have been proven to calm us and reduce our stress levels.

Trees also support wildlife and our entire ecosystem. One oak tree attracts thousands of pollinators and beneficial insects! Trees provide birds and aquatic animals with habitats. In addition, they provide humans with powerful medicine, materials for living, and agriculture.

Finally, trees are our biggest allies as the world climate warms; they are a cost-effective way to pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere today. Planting even one tree makes a difference.