



The Grove at SummerBrooke

Spring Newsletter

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NEW BUSINESS

Thank you! Ruth Potts for serving on the Board and our neighborhood.

At the February 11, 2010 General Board meeting, the following agenda items were discussed:

- TPD Officer Andy Berentsen submitted the crime stats for the Grove area and offered some crime prevention tips. He also noted that residents can participate in a free Security Survey of their home by contacting his office.
- Financial Report – **Delinquent Dues!**
- Pine straw and flowers to be added to the front entrance

Welcome!

**Walter Corbett, Melissa Armstrong
and Chris Thompson to the Board!**

LOOK FOR IT!

HOA Survey available now!

**Your opinion is important so please
fill it out!**

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XNR5BPY>



Helpful

Internet Links:

lcs.leonfl.org

tal.gov.com

www.doacs.state.fl.us

www.myflorida.com

www.fdle.state.fl.us

www.floridadisaster.org

Helpful Numbers:

Leon County Sherriff:

922-3300

Tallahassee Police Dept.:

Non-emergency: 891-4200

Leon County Fire Dept.:

891-6600

Poison Control:

1-800-282-3171

Refuge House Hotline:

681-2111

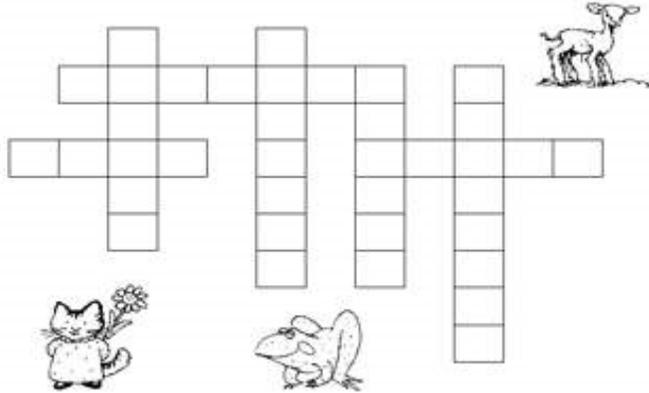
Tips for Homeowners (Per the Association for Homeowners Across America)

Homeownership brings with it great pride ...and great responsibility, too. Here are some tips that will help you keep your home in top condition.

Spring Maintenance Tips

- Check smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors by pressing the test button. Be sure to change the batteries at the same time. Both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are available at local stores. Contact your local fire department for recommendations on detectors.
- Check for damage to your roof. Inspect it for missing or broken shingles -- using a pair of binoculars will keep you off a ladder! As the shingles age, the fine grains of stone get washed and worn off the surface. After 15 or 20 years, even the best shingles may need to be replaced.
- Inspect your vinyl siding. Check for cracks or damaged siding; replace or repair. The biggest threat to siding is the wind. Wind can catch seams and corners and tear lightweight vinyl or aluminum siding off the walls. This then allows water into the wall cavity, causing water damage.
- Clean up your yard. The winter leaves behind debris, so rake your yard and pick up branches and twigs. Raking the lawn will remove thatch, exposing the grass to sun and rain.
- Fertilize your lawn. The grass is desperate for a dose of nitrogen in the spring. A little fertilizer will help it get off to a great start and strengthen it to withstand the stresses of the summer ahead.

Spring Crossword



Rain
Robin
Tulips
Spring
Puddles
Flowers
Umbrella

Luscious Lemon Bars

by Emily B. Todd from FamilyFun Magazine

Ingredients FOR THE SHORTBREAD:

3/4 cup butter, at room temperature
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar

FOR THE FILLING:

2 lemons
4 eggs
1-1/2 cups sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour

Instructions

- Heat the oven to 350 degrees. For the shortbread crust, have your child use fingertips to work the butter, flour, and confectioners' sugar in a large bowl until the mixture holds together. Transfer the dough to an ungreased 9- by 13-inch pan and press it into the pan. Bake for 20 minutes or until the edges begin to brown.
- While the shortbread is baking, make the lemon filling. Wash and dry the lemons, then grate the rinds using the small holes on your grater (you will need 2 tablespoons of zest). Slice each lemon in half and squeeze the juice into a measuring cup until you have 1/3 cup. Remove any seeds. (**Tip:** To grate a lemon, your child should hold the grater firmly with one hand and grip the lemon with the other, keeping the fingers as far away from the grater as possible.)
- In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs and sugar. Whisk in the flour. Stir in the lemon zest and juice. When the shortbread has baked, pour the filling over it and return the pan to the oven for another 20 to 25 minutes or until the filling no longer jiggles and the edges are lightly brown. (Test by inserting a knife in the middle.) Cool and dust with confectioners' sugar. Makes 24 two-inch lemon squares. Refrigerate any leftovers.





!!Exercise!!Get Outdoors!!Exercise!!Get Outdoors!!

Now that spring is here, it's a great time to get outside and get healthy. There are plenty of ways to use nature as your friend and get a workout that promotes all-around health. One of the easiest ways to get the heart pumping is to walk. Walking or hiking is a low-impact, aerobic exercise that temporarily increases the heart rate to exercise and strengthen the cardiovascular system. Walking can be done almost anywhere, including neighborhood streets or park trails. Keep up with a walking regimen by getting a friend to join you!

COVENANT REMINDERS

- All mailboxes, fences, decks, screened porches, pools and any other exterior improvements must have prior approval from the Architectural Control Committee.
- Please remember to pick up after your dog.
- Each lot owner is assessed an annual fee of \$150.00 per lot, due each January, which provides for maintenance of the common areas, administrative/office costs, social events, and other expenditures deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

For a complete copy of covenants, please contact the Management Office or go to www.thegroveshoa.com

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