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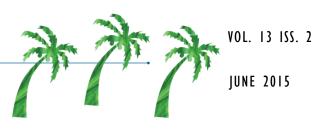
Homeowners' Association

#### Around the Neighborhood . . .

Whew, it's hot! Nor surprisingly, the pool is beginning to have heavy usage so please make sure to observe the POOL PARKING ONLY signs & leave the parking spaces for those neighbors who are actually using the pool. And, in case you want to have a "pool party," you'll need to contact Sonny Hinchee to make arrangements for a deposit (refundable) & pool usage requirements.

Earlier in the year, the Board voted to discontinue the pool furniture since it has been difficult to maintain & it had become very inconvenient to keep up with breakage, replacement, etc. The Board, at a recent meeting, heard your feedback on this decision -- loud & clear. We rescinded that decision & created a pool committee, made up of volunteers from the neighborhood, to research furniture that would be functional, lasting, & within budget. If you've been to the pool within the past few days, you've seen what a great job the committee did!! Thanks from all of us to Walt Levriett, Sarah Hickey, Frances & Larry Smith & to Pete Mignione, who coordinated the effort. And, in addition to everything else, the furniture is **comfortable**!! For those who have not yet visited the pool this summer, there are some pictures included in this newsletter. Now that we have this "good stuff" we ask each neighbor who uses the pool to monitor for vandalism, theft & improper usage of the furniture. Please help take care of the pool & the amenities. After all, it's your pool whether you are a frequent user or not.

If you live adjacent to one of the retention ponds, you might have noticed landscape work that has been done. Due to some problems that have been corrected, the common ground was eroding & causing loss of property. We had representatives from *Lake & Wetland Management* here to assess the situation & come up with a solution. The work to stop this erosion has been completed & hopefully, the situation has been corrected.



An ARC walk-through of the neighborhood is coming up very soon, so please be aware of lawn/landscaping work that needs to be done to bring your yards up to Selva Lakes standards. Also please remember that anyone who receives a letter from ARC re: violations of the C&R's MUST respond within 30 days, in writing, as to plans for correction as well as a time frame for compliance. And don't forget that all exterior work needs prior approval before beginning the repairs/changes. If you have any questions, contact your ARC representative, or consult the Covenants & Restrictions, available on the Selva Lakes website.

Have you noticed how units for sale are few & far between in our community? And have you property owners noticed how quickly units that are for sale are selling in Selva Lakes? It seems as though the "For Sale" sign is up only a few days before the seller has a contract or two on the unit. Could it be because of compliance with our Covenants & Restrictions? Please keep in mind that when we all comply, we increase the value of everyone's property. So bring your home, yard & landscaping up to par to aid us all.

That's all I have for now, so have a great & safe summer – & thanks for being good neighbors.

Flag Etiquette (www.vfw.org) If you plan to display the U.S. flag for an upcoming holiday, "The federal flag code says the universal custom is to display the U.S. flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open, but when a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24-hours a

day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. Also, the U.S. flag should not be displayed when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed."



# COMMITTEE WORKS!

June 12 saw the delivery & set-up of new pool furniture. A committee was appointed at the last board meeting to purchase replacement furniture for the damaged chairs, tables, & loungers . The committee — Larry & Frances Smith, Sarah Hickey, Walt Levriett, Peter Mignione — went to work immediately. They have purchased, with board approval, 16 chairs, 6 tables, & 8 loungers.

Board member BJ Viers volunteered to pick up & deliver the furniture. Some of the tables were yet to be delivered



Sarah, Larry, BJ, Frances

on set-up day, but should be in place by the time this newsletter reaches residents. Please notice that the backs of the loungers must be locked securely in place before leaning back. Our pool is a great selling point for the community, & is well-cared-for by Sonny Hinchee & Crystal Clear Pools. The weekend after the new furniture arrived, a resident sponsored a pool party for her church choir. She reports that the attendees were delighted with the ambiance of the pool house, & delighted with the furniture. One comment—"I had no idea that such an attractive community was in this area!" With everyone's help, the committee's

furniture choices will remain comfortable & attractive for many seasons.





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## NatGeo moment

Otters have been sighted in the lake that borders the pool. A homeowner who was taking her dogs for their early visit to the back yard called to the homeowner across the lake (who was supervising her one-eyed cat's lizard hunt) — "Look, otters!"— & there they were, three heads popping up near the banks & pool side. After a few minutes, the otters lost interest in the dogs & people, & disappeared. Perhaps the low water in the Park Side Drive lake has driven them to look for better accommodations? For more info, see the St. Johns River Water Management site: http://floridaswater.com/education/river\_otters.html And let the newsletter know about any of **your** *NatGeo* moments! Oh, — & have you noticed the ducks enjoying the pool as well as the lake?

#### ARC REQUIREMENTS

The Selva Lakes Homeowners' Association attorney urges all homeowners to pay special attention to the requirement concerning Architectural Review committee (ARC) approval.

Prior to doing any exterior work on one's home, a homeowner should have an Architectural Review form completed & approved.

This includes painting, roofing, garage door replacement, & fencing. Forms are available on our Internet site. Lacking electronic access, phone current president Jerry Walters. The Selva Lakes Homeowners' Association is concerned with preserving & maintaining the quality of life in the Selva Lakes community. Our neighborhood is a source of pride for our homeowners, & has been & will continue to be a valuable financial asset, as well.

The association's board provides oversight for the maintenance of the codes & restrictions agreed to by homeowners, & cooperates with the city of Atlantic Beach in matters pertaining to the neighborhood.

The Selva Lakes Homeowners' Association collects quarterly dues from homeowners through South Beach Tax & Financial Services. The quarterly newsletter is mailed with the homeowner's dues statement.



