# **Arrowhead News**

## August 2018



Welcome to the end-of-summer edition of Arrowhead Estates HOA newsletter. Summer has brought quite a few new homeowners into our community. Greeting our new neighbors is a polite gesture that can help to begin a positive relationship. We can help alleviate the anxiety of moving into a new place by introducing yourself and members of the community and letting them know that you're there to help if they need you. It's always to your benefit to get to know your neighbors. Please, take the time to meet your neighbors through a few simple actions:

- 1. **Wait a few days.** Give them a chance to settle in before stopping by to introduce yourself.
- 2. **Bring other neighbors with you.** This can reduce any possible awkwardness that may arise in conversation by incorporating more people into that conversation.
- 3. Form a neighborhood welcoming committee.

  At a recent HOA meeting, we discussed the possibility of establishing a welcome committee that can aid in orienting new members of our community. Just think how nice it would have been when you moved in, had someone knocked at the door and then sat down to explain things with you..... where to find our website, how to pay your dues, who to contact for a pool key, where to find the most recent newsletter, local menus. etc.
- 4. Leave a note.

In any case, be mindful and show consideration for peace and privacy of our new neighbor.

"A good neighbor increases the value of your property." Czech Proverb

## Meet our newest Architectural Review Board member.....

Hi my name is **Avian Quock**. My husband, Hanloy, and I moved to Arrowhead Estates almost 15 years ago. Hanloy is disabled and I am semi-retired. We have a large dog, cats, ducks (that swim in the pond behind our house) and a koi pond. I love animals and pet sit for various families in the neighborhood. I am licensed with the State of Florida to grow and sell exotic plants. As the newest member on the ARB, I look forward to helping keep our community one that we can all be proud of.

### **Beautiful Home Award**



14530 Wishing Wind Way

Congratulations to the homeowners at 14530 Wishing Wind Way for the most Beautiful Home in Arrowhead Estates for this quarter. The homeowners receive a \$50 gift card, a yard sign designating them Beautiful Home, and of course, bragging rights! Thank you for keeping Arrowhead Estates a pleasant and beautiful place to live.

"Beautiful Home Award" was established to promote goodwill and to reward exemplary home care in the Arrowhead Estates subdivision. The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large. This is a great award and the program is administered entirely by volunteers. (Thank you, Beautiful Home Committee!) The Homeowners Association is dedicated to improving the quality of living and appearance of our community. We encourage residents to take pride in their homes and neighborhood. In turn, we look to celebrate those who do a superior job in maintaining their homes in such a way that they enhance the overall curb appeal of the entire community.

## How to fill those empty hours.....

Got time on your hands? Not that many of us do these days, especially if you have small children. However, your HOA board could use some help.

Consider volunteering. You don't have to offer to become a board member, although that would be welcomed. You can assist with putting up various holiday decorations or help plan a holiday party or event.

Any of your board members will be thrilled and delighted to hear from you if you have some ideas for interesting activities and can find the time to volunteer.

#### Neighborhood Limelight Michaela Kovar



I'm Michaela Kovar and I have lived in Arrowhead Estates for my whole childhood. Growing up, I'll always remember going to the community pool with my family and meeting other kids my age and forming new friendships. When I'm not hanging out with friends or family, I'm working at our local Publix or working out at the gym. Before I got my job at Publix early 2017, I was shy and never comfortable

talking with others. I now stand today as a cashier that talks to hundreds of customers every day and can have great conversations with them! I know it's hard to love one's job, but the environment at Publix is positive and always welcoming thanks to great customers and amazing coworkers! Working out every day has not only effected my body, but my mind and spirit. There's something about seeing results over time from one's hard work and dedication, that makes the sore leg days and dripping sweat worth it. This past May, I graduated from Lake Minneola in the top 10% of my class! I graduated with Summa Cum Laude and my CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) and CMAA (Certified Medical Administrative Assistant) certifications. From achieving such a high honor, I am blessed to say I got into all 7 of the schools I applied for and will be going to my number one choice: The University of Florida!! I will be continuing my Nursing journey being a gator! Through this chapter of my life, I would not have gotten this far without God and my always supportive parents and family. As I go onward and upward, I will grow even more closer to God, spend as much time with my family and friends as I can, and never forget where I came from: Arrowhead Estates.

## Knock, Knock....Soliciting...

### **NOT in Arrowhead Estates!!**



Through the years, salespeople have knocked on many doors to sell everything from encyclopedias, vacuum cleaners, to home repair services, but the laws have changed. According to Florida law, individuals who engage in certain door-to-door solicitation activities that sell, lease or

rent consumer goods or services with a purchase price in excess of \$25.00 are required to obtain a Home Solicitation Permit; issued by the Clerk of the Court. There has been a string of solicitors in Arrowhead Estates recently. Often times these solicitors are checking homes with the intent to later burglarize them. Soliciting is prohibited in Arrowhead Estates and signs have been posted at both entrances to our property. If you see a solicitor, describe the solicitor, describe what they are selling, and where they are located (what street) to Vista, our management company. With your help we can get these unwanted individuals out of our community.

## Did you know that Arrowhead Estates has a Facebook page???

The number of users on our neighborhood Facebook page is growing! We find this to be a great tool to get the word out about everything from lost pets to community events and everything in between.

#### Visit

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ArrowheadEstates today!

Something new on our Facebook page: An Album to enter a picture of your pet with contact information. Sometimes our fur babies mysteriously jump the fence or sneak out the door when we are not looking. Just click on Arrowhead Estates Furry Members, then click the Add Photos button. Upload a picture and add as much info as you feel comfortable with and enough to contact you if your pet is found. You can also edit the information by clicking on the three small dots in the upper right-hand corner of the screen and selecting "Edit Caption." A great tool to help get your furry family member back home!

It's important to note that the Facebook page is not monitored or endorsed by the Homeowner Association or Vista Management. It was created by residents as a tool to help inform neighbors of things such as missing pets, items for sale and barter, small groups and events, recommendations, and so much more. We encourage you to attend the HOA monthly meetings for proper information.



- Historically, a red door has been a symbol of protection and refuge. In Scotland, however, it signifies that the home's owner has paid off the mortgage.
- Only 15 percent of Americans have home security systems, and of those who do, 54 percent don't know how to operate them.
- The most common street name in the U.S. is "Second." Oddly, "Third" comes in second place, and "First" is in third place. This just doesn't seem to add up!
- Clermont was founded in 1884, and incorporated in 1916. The town was named for the birthplace of one of the founders, A. F. Wrotnoski. It's probably fortunate they didn't name the town after Mr. Wrotnoski!! In 1922, a developer named Edward Denslow organized something called The Postal Colony Company. He bought 1,000 acres and planted citrus groves. The groves were owned and tended by the retired post office employees. Clermont became one of the foremost citrus growing towns in the United States.

Did you know many cultures call August the "harvest month" or the time of harvest? Speaking of which, why shouldn't you tell secrets on the farm? Because the corn has ears, the potatoes have eyes and the beanstalks!



#### RULES REMINDER

- NO SMOKING. NO GLASS OF ANY KIND ALLOWED ON THE POOL DECK NOR IN THE POOL.
- PLEASE lock the door when you leave. ONLY key holders are allowed in the pool area. Do NOT squeeze through or over the bars.
- **3.** Guests must be accompanied by a homeowner. The Homeowner is responsible for their guests!
- 4. The pool is being enjoyed this year by a lot more homeowners. Please be courteous of others, pick up your stuff before leaving the area. There are two trash receptacles. If you are using the amenities, please help keep the common areas clean and throw trash in available containers.
- 5. The pool net and life-saving buoy/rings are not toys. Our pool is serviced/cleaned several times a week, but since the pool is not covered, leaves, bugs, spiders, and frogs often find their way into the pool. Feel free to scoop up the critters and leaves before you shower and take a dip. The rings are not to be used as floaties. It is a life-saving buoy designed to be thrown to a person in the water, to provide buoyancy and prevent drowning. We are required by law to have these, of course. Please teach your young'uns the proper use of these life-saving devices.
- 6. Pool and Parking areas close at dusk to residents and their guests.

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## SUMMER

It's the perfect season to hit the road, relax, spend time with family and friends or embark on a new adventure. We hope that you have fun on your summer vacations; we also want to make sure that your home stays safe and that you continue to fulfill your responsibilities to the neighborhood. Please follow these tips to prepare your home in a way that protects it and the community while you are away.

#### Avoid the telltale signs of a vacant home.

Common vacation mistakes make a home look empty and inviting to thieves. Prevent <u>mail</u> and newspapers from piling up by stopping delivery. Avoid social media posts that broadcast your absence. Load up the car inside the garage, never in plain sight. Set lights and televisions on timers. Have someone care for your pets at home rather than boarding them. Not only is it less stress on the animals, but it also guarantees that there is activity in your home while you are gone.

#### Keep your property maintained.

Un-mowed lawns and dying flowers are additional indications that a home is empty, plus unkempt yards are an eyesore. Summer is a busy season for home buyers, and tall grass and shaggy bushes don't make a great first impression for prospective neighbors.

#### Potential energy savings

Vacations are the perfect time to save money on your energy bills. Timers and programmable devices can help maintain your property and discourage burglaries, all while reducing energy usage. Setting the air conditioning at a higher temperature like 77 degrees instead of 68 will reduce electrical costs, too, but still allow the compressor to kick on occasionally. This makes it appear that someone is home and prevents mold and mildew. Reducing sprinkler frequency and duration can also reduce costs while keeping grass from growing too quickly.

#### Lastly, rely on each other

Get to know and trust your neighbors.
Knowing that there's someone a few doors down who can grab the newspaper or call if there's a problem goes a long way toward helping to relax while you travel. Would-be burglars are less likely to target homes within a community where people look out for each other.



The HOA meets the fourth Tuesday of every month unless otherwise noticed. (6:30 PM at the Clermont Baptist Church, across from our neighborhood on Old 50)

#### **Your HOA Board Members**

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If you need help with guidance or approval, feel free to call one of the ARB members listed.

## **Vista Community Management**

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### **Important Lake County Phone Numbers:**

Lake County Sheriff (Non-Emergency)-352-343-2101 Code Enforcement--352-742-3950 Animal Control---- 352-343-9688

He who remains calm while those around him panic probably doesn't know what is going on. Anonymous



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- October 27th HOA meeting at the pool Announce winner of the Scarecrow contest
- November 10th and 11th Fall Garage sale
- November 27th Annual and Budget Meeting
- December 8th Light up Arrowhead

Thanks for reading our newsletter and for your cooperation! Let's all have a great end of the summer. Thanks for your help in keeping Arrowhead Estates a great place to live!

