



Fall Landscape Tips

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A look around our neighborhood reveals that our tree canopy is thinning. Some of our trees are getting old and their leaves are thinning out. Some of these are Water Oaks, which are shorter lived and they are nearing the end of their lives. One of the best things about Secret Cove has always been our trees. Healthy trees are not a threat to our houses. If you doubt that, please take a good look at our neighborhood. We came through Hurricane Irma with only a few trees down. For the most part, the live oaks stood strong. The one on my block was a notable exception. And it had the good grace to fall and miss the house. There are many wonderful trees of all sizes...and some of the most wonderful ones you never see - a purple leaved redbud tree ('Forest Pansy'), a black leaved plum, the more compact "Highrise" live oak, Carolina Silverbell, and others.

If you would like to look into adding trees to your yard please let me know. If there are enough of you out there, I suspect we can get information as a group, buy wholesale, and make some inquiries of some companies that will do the planting for us. I'm talking about planting trees that are bigger than you see in Home Depot. There may not be an interest in this at all. Or perhaps there is.

And for the record, there is no room in my yard for additional trees! I'm not shopping for my yard.

Buildings and Grounds Report

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It has been a busy year... Repairs have been completed on the tennis court surface. We removed a significant amount of tree and root debris and should have many years of a more stable court structure for our members to enjoy.

I hope you have had a chance to visit the North Dock and enjoy the view from the new deck. Pavers have been installed in part for aesthetics, but also to improve an erosion issue we have had in the past. These pavers on this dock are similar to those used for the tennis court deck and sidewalks in the bathhouse area. It seems like a good place for a picnic!

The fence along Secret Cove Drive is now replaced and in my opinion gives an improved look as the prior structure was certainly showing its age.

For those that did not get a chance to attend any events at our pavilion this year, we now have some new picnic tables the Women's Club funded and sponsored, not to mention some of the great volunteers from our neighborhood that rebuilt and assembled the new picnic tables.

I hope that Irma did not overwhelm any of you as it has certainly been a busy period for clean-up in Secret Cove. We continue to try to stay ahead of the curve, but just as with each of our properties, Mother Nature and normal wear-and-tear seems to keep us busy.



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Changing Board Members

Each year we change out 3 of the 9 board members. New members are confirmed at the Annual Meeting each January. If you would like to serve on the board, please contact me, Jenny Suber or Doc Bolden.

Annual Meeting

Our annual Meeting will be on January 22, 2018. We plan to send a copy of the project and financial presentation package to the community by January 10, so that you have time to review the numbers and ask questions before the meeting.

I'm looking forward to hearing your ideas and to seeing you at the next neighborhood work day. Together, we can make sure that Secret Cove remains a great place to live!



Secret Cove Women's Club...More Work...More Fun!!!

The Secret Cove Women's Club has a fun-filled year planned!!! All the ladies in Secret Cove are welcome to join us. You don't have to attend all the meetings, just come to the ones that interest you. Please mark your calendars. Our next meeting is one you won't want to miss. We will be gathering at the Pavilion to fill bags with luminary items for all our neighbors while laughing and having wonderful time catching up with each other. Again, be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss the fun.

Saturday, October 28.... 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Halloween Pumpkin Carving and craft for the kids. AND pumpkin carving contest for all middle school and high school students. Please join us at the Pavilion with the kids to carve your pumpkin and/or do a Halloween craft. The children also have the option of painting their pumpkin.

Monday, November 6.... Counting out luminary bags and luminary candles! To see what it is all about, plan to drop by the Pavilion at 7:00 to assemble luminaries.

Friday, November 10... Movie Night. Bring your chairs and blankets and join us under the stars at the Pavilion with your family to watch a movie and enjoy some fresh popcorn. The movie shown will be appropriate for all ages. Time will be posted on the message boards closer to date.

Saturday, December 2.... Neighborhood Christmas Decorating...Holiday lights and decorations installed. Members of SCWC will be decorating the entrances that Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. Feel free to join us.

Saturday, December 2.... 7th Annual Children's Holiday Craft Day. Pavilion 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Watch your children create a beautiful ornament for your tree. We are so happy that more and more children are participating each year.

Saturday, December 9 and 16.... Luminary Sales 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the front entrance. Don't be the only house on your street without beautiful lights out front. Support your neighborhood and the SCWC and light up our streets! The women you see at the entrance selling the luminary bags are members of SCWC. We staff shifts to provide you with luminaries. This is a service we are happy to perform and provide. Sales from the luminaries help to fund projects to beautify the neighborhood. If you will not be home on Christmas Eve but would like to participate, or if you are unable to pick up your luminaries on the sale dates, please ask one of your neighbors to help. In case you are still unable to pick up your luminaries on the sale dates, you can pick them up at Carolyn Peacock's home, 8212 Ketch Court.

Monday, December 4.... Potluck Christmas Holiday Supper. 6:30 p.m. This year we are meeting at the home of Carolyn Peacock, 8212 Ketch Court. Mark this date on your calendar because you don't want to miss this special night the members of the women's club come together to enjoy the company and fun with our members. **Please note that in observance of the Christmas spirit, we will NOT be judging holiday decorations this year.*

Monday, March 5.... Easter Egg Stuffing. With the kids in mind, we will once again gather at Janie Cumiskey's house to eat, laugh and chatter while we stuff Easter eggs for the Secret Cove Community Easter Egg Hunt held each year at the common area. The Club loves the camaraderie of coming together and the kids are thrilled to then find the eggs.

Saturday, March 31.... Easter egg hunt. Bring your children to the Common Area to watch them thrill to find Easter Eggs. It's a great day of fun for the whole family. We do plan to invite the Easter Bunny to join us again.

Monday, May 7.... End of year Potluck

Membership is easy!!! Only \$10.00 for the year. And you don't have to be a member to try us out. You are very welcome to pick a day and come see what we are all about. SCWC typically meets the first Monday of each month. If you need any information, feel free to call Carolyn Peacock or any officer or

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The 2017- 20178 SCWC Officers:

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Movie Under the Stars

Friday, November 10

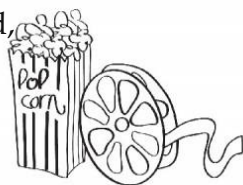
6:30 P.M. at the Pavilion

The Secret Cove Women's Club will be hosting a movie night for *Secret Cove Association members* and their family.

Please arrive at 6:30 P.M. to get your refreshments and seats before the movie, *Mary Poppins*, starts at 7 P.M.

Parking may be tight, so if you can walk, carpool or be dropped off, please do. We will provide caffeine free coke and popcorn (so we don't get the kiddos too hyper before they go to bed). *All children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Please RSVP with number of children and adults attending to Jenny Suber, suberen@bellsouth.net or call 904-737-9699 by November 3rd, to ensure we have enough drinks and popcorn.



Children's Halloween Pumpkin Carving and Craft

Pavilion

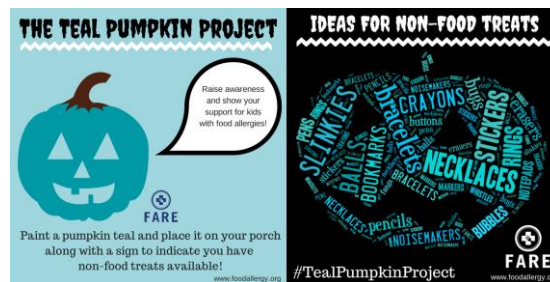
Saturday, October 28 10:00 - 2:00

Bring your own pumpkin!

Please join us to carve or paint your pumpkin and do a Halloween craft

Welcome New Neighbors!

- * Scott and Jo Johnson Crawford
 - o 8213 Hidden lake Drive North
- * Mark and Arie Hilton
 - o 3427 Compass Rose Drive East
- * Shane and Heather Johnson
 - o 3440 Compass Rose Drive East
- * Ryan and Kristen Kethman
 - o 3423 Hidden Lake Drive East
- * Mackenzie Marchy
 - o 8373 Compass Rose Drive South
- * Shad and Danielle Markwell
 - o 8327 Hidden Lake Drive South
- * Madelyn Pittman
 - o 3245 Clipper Place
- * Michael and Julia Tyler
 - o 8211 Ketch Court



Pumpkin Carving Contest!

Pavilion

Saturday, October 28

10:00 - 2:00

Bring your own pumpkin!

All Middle School and High School Students are invited to come to the Pavilion and carve their own pumpkin and enter the contest for Best Carved Category and the Most Unique Category.

We will provide the carving tools, you provide the imagination and skill.

