

Davis Lake Newsletter, December, 2018

Dear Davis Lake Residents:

As 2018 winds down, our thoughts turn to the new year and the upcoming season at Davis Lake. Many of us will be heading south in January for the sunshine and warm weather, the fellowship and activities that make our lives there so enjoyable!

You have already received notice from our Office Manager Linda regarding the upcoming budget meeting date, along with the proposed budget for 2019. The Budget Meeting is for your Board of Directors to vote on and officially approve the budget. There will be time after for your questions and open discussion. We look forward to seeing many of you there, and we welcome your input.

The “season” at Davis Lake will be busy and fun-filled, as usual. So that you can plan your activities, here are the dates of upcoming events:

1-16-2019, 10 am	Budget Meeting, Outside the Manager’s Office
1-16-2019, 3 pm	Welcome Back Party, Poolside
1-23-2019, 4 pm	Ladies’ Night Out, Poolside
2-6-2019, 8:30 am	Pancake Breakfast, Iona Ranch Community Room
2-20-2019, 4 pm	Beach Party, Poolside
3-16-2019, 9 am	Annual Meeting, Iona Ranch Community Room
3-20-2019, 4 pm	March Madness Tailgate, Poolside (Wear your favorite jersey!)

In addition to the planned social events, we hope to have a few impromptu “Music Nights” with our favorite DJ’s, Art Kopaz (#512) and Rick DeLorme (#523). More details will follow on all the social events, and the times scheduled are subject to change. But get these events on your calendars and plan to join us!

I want to recognize the Entertainment Committee: Kathy Stewart (#113) and Teri Parker (#513) are co-chairs; Arlene Carr (#311) is the Treasurer. But as you can imagine, it takes a whole lot of help to make the parties successful! The committee works hard to keep the costs affordable, and profits are used to update and replace equipment, landscaping and other items that improve our lifestyle at Davis Lake. You will hear a full report from the committee at the Annual Meeting.

Please note: You too can help – by attending the social events and purchasing Lucky 3 Raffle tickets, and by volunteering your ideas for parties. But mostly by volunteering to serve on a party committee – all are welcome to help, including our seasonal guests! Please reach out to someone.

In September I wrote at length about re-cycling at Davis Lake, and hopefully we will continue to see participation and improvement in this area. You will notice that all the “blue” re-cycling containers are now very clearly labeled with what can and cannot be placed in them. The biggest culprit continues to be plastic bags. Before you place your things in the containers, please take them out of the plastic bags, and place those bags in the dumpster. Speaking of dumpsters: please inform any person doing re-modeling for you that construction waste and discarded furniture cannot be placed in the dumpsters. This waste should be hauled away!

For those who have not been at Davis Lake since last season, you will be happy to see the buildings and the grounds are looking wonderful! Don Knipp and his helper Javier have worked hard all summer and continue to cut back trees and bushes, keep the lake cleared of unwanted weeds, and repair and replace landscaping items that were damaged during Hurricane Irma. (You will see a re-cap of what they have worked on in “Don’s Corner.”) We are so fortunate to live in a community we can all be proud of!

Finally, with the Annual Meeting in March comes the election of Directors for your Board. If you are interested in serving and wish to submit your name for election, you may contact Linda Donnelly for a list of qualifications and requirements.

I will close by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May 2019 be filled with health, happiness and prosperity for each of us. Please continue to remember those less fortunate, and those suffering with health issues.

Jane Patterson, Secretary

Davis Lake Board of Directors

Don's Corner

Yes, there is a chill in the air this morning, and as they say, "Here in Florida, water freezes at 55 degrees". I thought I saw a thin pool of ice on the lake.

Can't believe it's Christmas time again. It seems like we just took all the Christmas lights down and here we are putting them back up, plus a few new additions. Had good help from Bob Oberg, Rich Dabrowski, Steve Stewart and Javier, and everything went well. Thank you to all my volunteers.

Being Santa's helper and SPY to see who is naughty & nice I must warn you some of you are "On Thin Ice". I did such a good job last year that Santa changed one of his reindeer's name from Donner to Don E.....Ho Hummm!!!

The pool has been active on the warm days and we had quite a few owners plus guests here until the holiday season set in and sent them home. They will be coming back slowly and by January we will be going full blast. (Can't Wait).

The grounds look good and the money we spent on aerating the sod in June did its job, and we will continue the process.

With the aging of the buildings, plumbing and electrical problems are showing up. Outside water lines have an occasional break as are the irrigation lines. So far we are keeping up with it all.

This is it from the South Pole. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Don E .Knipp