

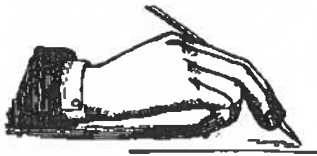


SLPA Newsletter – February 2025

There will be a **SLPA Board of Directors/members Annual meeting** on **Monday, February 24th**,

at **6:00 pm** in the Community Center located at 209 Spring Lake Blvd. Come meet your new team!

The Spring Lake Improvement District will conduct a Regular Board Meeting on **Wednesday, February 12th** at 10:00 AM. For more information on District projects and activities go to their web site at: www.springlakefl.com



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello Spring Lake...

Well, voting for board members is at an end. Don Elwell decided to leave the board of directors. He will be sorely missed, he has provided an outstanding service for our community and helped Spring Lake in more ways than you could ever imagine. Hopefully you all did your due diligence in selecting the best candidates to vote for.

No matter the outcome we will continue to serve Spring Lake with the HOA members' best interests in the forefront of all decisions and actions taken. Please, if you have any issues or concerns do not hesitate to contact me personally and do not take out any frustration you have on the ladies in the office. Schedule an appointment with me. I promise the issue will be taken care of in a professional manner. I am looking forward to a prosperous 2025 and wish the best for you all.

Thank you

Rick Logan

**The SLPA office will be closed on Monday, February 17th,
2025 in recognition of President's Day**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VIOLATIONS OFFICER

Howdy friends and neighbors of Spring Lake. Well, we are headed into the beginning of 2025. February looks as if it is starting out with much warmer weather than we had in the month of January. The warm weather will have an effect on being outdoors and enjoying the beautiful weather this time of year. We are going into a new year, and everyone is hoping for better things in 2025 than what they were faced with this past year. Let us all work together and make the right decisions for the betterment of the people of Spring Lake as well as America. With that being said, we have a few issues that need to be dealt with here in our neighborhood, Spring Lake.

1. When putting yard waste and household waste out on the curb, please keep it in your garage or side yard until the day before pickup. (Waste Connections – (863-655-0005) Please do not place yard or bulk trash on empty lots.
2. We have seen a large increase in trailers and boats with trailers in Spring Lake the past several weeks. Boats and trailers of any kind are not allowed in villages 2-6, they are not allowed to be parked in your driveway, on the roadside or a vacant lot or your yard. They must be put behind an enclosed fence (completely out of sight from all adjacent properties and roads), put in your garage or put in storage. Please check your property restrictions regarding this matter. Let us know if you need to bring your boat in to clean or repair.
3. When you put out any household appliances you must call Waste Connections so they can get additional help to pick it up. Put them on the curb only on bulk waste dates.
4. This is the time of year to share things and be friendly to friends, neighbors and strangers. We have some neighborhoods who do not know who lives next door and other neighborhoods who know what each other is doing daily. Let us spread the attitude of being friendly and not negative or hateful all the time. Just a thought.
5. We have had several inquiries about building a garage next to your house. You must call the office to get the information and apply for a permit and get the details that our HOA will allow.
6. If you live in Spring Lake and you own a custom lawn mowing service or any other type of business for which you have a trailer, you cannot park your Box Trailer or Flat Bed Trailer on your property overnight or weekends when they are not in use. They must be put behind a fence (completely out of sight of all adjacent properties and roads), put in your garage or put in storage. We have had several violations related to this issue.
7. WHEN DO YOU NEED A PERMIT? Basically, whenever you make any physical changes to your residence, other than landscaping, you must first obtain an HOA permit, then a county permit. There is no fee for the HOA permit but there is for the county permit. Go to springlakepropertyassociation.com and read the regulations and requirements when changing your property. We have the ability to check to see if you have a county permit and if not, you will be reported.
8. We are still getting several complaints about people driving too fast in our neighborhoods where children are playing. The speed limit for Spring Lake is 25 miles per hour except for Duane Palmer, which is 35 miles per hour. PLEASE SLOW DOWN BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

I want to thank you for a job well done. We could get even better if we just tried to get on a schedule and stick with it. I do not like writing citations any better than you like receiving them. If we all worked together and did our part, we could make a difference and make Spring Lake a better place to live. Feel free to call me anytime with your questions or concerns.

(217-653-2409)

Leroy Kaylor





February 7, 21 Bulk Waste Pickup

February 14, 28 Yard Waste Pickup

Waste Connections (863) 655-0005 or (863) 402-6505

Remember – DO NOT SET ANY TRASH OUT UNTIL THURSDAY before the scheduled pick up day to avoid a violation.

A copy of the 2025 pick up schedule is available in our office and on our website



SPRING LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

Located off Highway 98 at Spring Lake Village II entrance.
7408 Valencia Road, at Spring Lake Blvd. Telephone (863) 655-2610

SUNDAY: We continue to hold services practicing social distancing and for those that are staying home, we have our worship service assessable at our website: myspringlakebaptist.org.

~Friends and guests invited to visit any week~

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of FLORIDA

Pastor Rick Blythe Pastor Rick Blythe
P.O. Box 267, 1927 Blessings Avenue, Lorida, Fl. 33857
Church Phone 863-655-1878
<http://fbclorida.org>



Our services are as follows:

Sunday school (all ages) – 9:00 am Morning Worship – 10:30 am Sunday Evening Worship – 6:30 pm

Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday Youth – Olympians (K-5th) 6:00 to 7:00 pm; Youth 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Services starts at 10:30 A.M, With Dinner on the Grounds to follow. Come Celebrate with us on our Homecoming Nov.3, 10:30 A.M First Baptist Church of Lorida

SPRING LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5887 US Highway 98 - Sebring, FL 33876

Phone (863) 655-0713

Email: springlakepc@yahoo.com

Website: www.springlakepc.com



Our mission is to demonstrate God's love to each other and the world.

Sunday morning worship service, in the Sanctuary, begins at 10:00 am. Nursery and Children Sunday School is available. You may also join us on-line with Zoom. Please call the office for instructions.

Pastors: John & Harriet Davis

Office hours - Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 2:00 pm

SPRING LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Maureen Baker

8170 Cozumel Lane Sebring, Florida 33876 (863) 655-0040

Email: umc.springlake@gmail.com FACEBOOK @ Spring Lake UMC Sebring

Come as you are! You will find people with a vision of tomorrow that is creating new places for new faces. You will find a warm welcome, kid friendly spaces, Spirited Traditional Music, snacks, and coffee after church and lots of smiles. Come and celebrate God's love, make a new friend, and be encouraged to live out your faith in the 21st century!

Administrative Assistant: Ernette Prueter

Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – Noon

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Pet friendly for our well-behaved leashed fur babies!

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM (Live on Facebook)



February

ACTIVITIES

- ♡ Saturday, February 1st at 9:00 AM – **UMMW Breakfast** – Everyone is welcome.
- ♡ Sunday, February 2nd at 10:00 AM – **Worship and Communion**. Come join us!
- ♡ Saturday, February 8th 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM **SOUPER BOWL! *FREE***
Join us for assorted soups, desserts and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. **Everyone** is invited!!! Please bring a can of soup with you to donate to the SL Presbyterian church food pantry.
- ♡ Sunday, February 23rd at 10:00 AM – **Worship & Potluck**
Come worship with us and enjoy a delicious POTLUCK after Worship!
- ♡ **Be The Light Choir** Practice – Sunday's at 9:15 AM.
All who enjoy singing are encouraged to join.
- ♡ Tuesday's – 1st & 3rd **Learn how to play Mahjong!**
2nd & 4th Play Mahjong and other games and crafts! Come join us!

We are in the Spring Lake neighborhood, corner of Highway 98 & Monte Real.
Come visit us, make new friends, and celebrate God's love!

The deadline to submit
articles or items for sale
for the March newsletter
will be February 24th



For a list of sex offenders/predators in Highlands County visit: <http://www.sheriffalerts.com>. You can also find a link to this and other important information at the Highlands County Sheriff's website - <http://www.highlandssheriff.org>

If you are permitted to have a shed, please remember the color of the shed must be the same as or very similar to the color of the main residence. You must have skirting around the bottom of the shed. If not, you will receive a violation letter.

If you wish to use the Arbuckle Creek Park, you need to get the gate code for that park from Spring Lake Improvement District (655-1715) **NOT Spring Lake Property Association.**

The 2025 SLPA budget has been approved. Stop by the office and pick up a copy or go to the SLPA website if you want to look it over.

Spring Lake Property Owners Association office hours are:
Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm
Fridays from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm

There is a night depository next to the payment window for your convenience in paying your HOA dues and you may also pay online through the website (springlakepropertyassociation.com).

PLEASE NOTE – If you own rental property in Spring Lake or have an Air BNB – IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW & UNDERSTAND, AS THE PROPERTY OWNER, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO SEE THAT YOUR TENANTS OBEY THE DEED RESTRICTIONS. Any violations and/or legal actions will be assigned to the property owner. An abbreviated copy of the deed restrictions is available on the SLPA website for you to print out give to your tenant(s). <https://springlakepropertyassociation.com>.

REMEMBER...

If you plan to build a structure, including additions, alterations, new roof, shed, pool, fence, walls, patio, or paint your house, etc **YOU MUST** submit your plans to the Spring Lake Property Association for approval of a permit, per the deed restrictions for your Village. The permit must be obtained from this office **BEFORE** you apply for a County permit. There is no charge for the SLPA permit.

According to Highlands County Code acceptable hours to mow are from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Also, please **don't litter your grass clippings and leaves into the street or median.** Again, please be considerate of your neighbors.

If you call the SLPA office during regular office hours and no one answers, please be aware that we are on the phone and even though there is a second line, the calls won't roll over. Kindly leave a message and we will get back in touch with you asap or simply call back.

Classified Ads

For Sale: 6" x 24" Ceramic Tile Floor. 3,000 + SF on pallets in my garage. Changed my mind. \$1.00 SF. MUST purchase all. 941-391-2639



Large framed wall art with D-ring hangers. Not sure of age. Heavy gold gilded frame with beveled glass. Frame 44.5" wide x 56.5" high. Mirror is 24" wide x 36" high. \$500.00 (941) 391-2639



YARD SALE: Saturday, February 15th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. 7517 Honeysuckle Drive – Spring Lake. Moving and won't be taking much with us. We have all sorts of household items, kitchen items, CD's, DVD's, knickknacks, furniture, TV's and so much more. Come and take a look!





The 73rd running of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring will take place at the 3.74-mile track in Sebring, Florida. This iconic event is considered one of the most difficult races in motorsports. Tickets for the 2025 race went on sale on October 10, 2024.



Attention residents in Villages I - VI

FYI to all of you who don't believe your HOA does their job, and those of you who believe the deed restrictions do not apply to you... please be advised that the HOA recently took a resident to court for refusing to put his trailers away. SLPA won this case. The defendant will have to pay all court costs, which could be substantial and if trailers are parked there in the future, he will be violating a court order and subject to an injunction and possibly charged with contempt of court. We have other cases pending for various non-compliance issues. This could happen to you. We will enforce your deed restrictions – even if this means going to court. The primary function of the HOA is to enforce deed restrictions. You may not like it, however, you knowingly purchased property in a deed restricted community. Go to the SLPA website (springlakepropertyassociation.com) and read your restrictions. Your failure to do your due diligence in knowing the restrictions of your village is no excuse. There are signs posted at each entrance stating that this is a deed restricted community.



Congratulations to the 2024 Christmas Decorating Contest Winners

First place went to RC & June Marlin of 5900 Glens Court. (No photo available)

Second place winner was Terrence Gibbs & Myrna Diaz of 817 Holly. (No photo available)

Third place went to Tara Baker of 116 Glen Mar (Photo below)



The first & second place winners did not attend the meeting therefore, no photos are available of them.





January 1, 2025

TO: Spring Lake Residents

FROM: Spring Lake Property Association Board of Directors

RE: 2024-2025 Spring Lake Property Association Scholarship

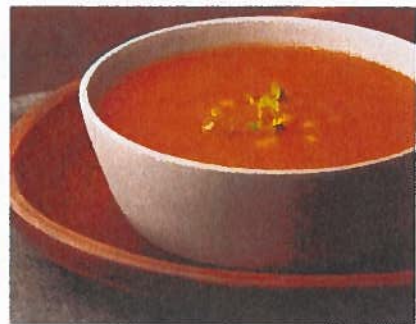
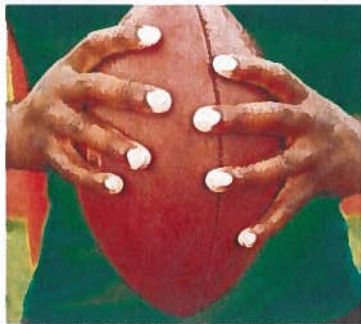
The Spring Lake Property Association Board of Directors is pleased to offer a scholarship to one selected high school graduating student of a Spring Lake Resident. The Spring Lake Property Association Board of Directors will be selecting one candidate to receive a \$2500 scholarship. To qualify the student must:

1. Must be a graduating Highlands County Senior enrolled in the School District of Highlands County
2. Must have resided in Spring Lake for more than the last six (6) months
3. Must be attending a College, University, or Technical Trade School
4. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher (weighted)
5. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
6. One (1) essay (500 words minimum) discussing future education and career goals
7. SAT/ACT or equivalent exam score
8. Resume to include all work experience, academic history, community activities, school activities, and awards

Please note the application must be completed in its entirety and no incomplete applications will be accepted. Interested students may apply for the scholarship and submit completed scholarship to the Spring Lake Office located at 6226 U.S Highway 98, Sebring, Florida no later than April 1, 2025.

Also, scholarship recipient winner must obtain scholarship funds within four (4) years of being awarded and still be enrolled in an educational institution to eligible to receive funds.

If you have any questions, please contact the Spring Lake Office at (863) 655-2230 or at office@springlakepropertyassociation.com



FREE . . . FREE . . . FREE . . . FREE . . . FREE

SOUPER BOWL!

**February 8th, 2025
4:00 to 6:00 pm**

*** FREE ***

*Join us for assorted soups,
desserts, and beverages*



SOUP



Spring Lake
United Methodist
Church
8170 Cozumel



PLEASE BRING A CAN OF SOUP WITH YOU TO DONATE TO THE SPRING LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S FOOD PANTRY. THANK YOU!



John & Peggy Barlow

Karen Ingram

Cindy Hayes

And Geri Hollingsworth

Our helping hands thanks for your help and support in getting the ballots and annual statements ready to mail. Your support, dedication, and willingness to help is greatly appreciated!

And a special thanks to **Mr. & Mrs. Jerszyk, Sr.** for their generous donation to the lending closet.

FOUND: Set of keys. Please call the SLPA office and let them know if they belong to you.





The 88th Annual Highlands County - February 7, 2025, to February 15, 2025.

As our flagship event, the Highlands County Fair stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication. This much-anticipated county fair brings together people from all walks of life, offering a wide array of entertainment, educational exhibits, thrilling rides, delicious food, and unforgettable experiences for the entire family. From thrilling carnival attractions to live performances, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

One of the highlights of the fair is the Junior Livestock Show and Auction, where young participants raise and showcase their livestock projects. This event not only teaches valuable skills in animal husbandry but also instills important lessons in responsibility, teamwork, and perseverance. The auction serves as a culmination of their efforts, as businesses and community members come together to support these aspiring agriculturists.

★ *Happy* ★
Presidents Day

February 17, 2025 – the HOA office will be closed