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## Newsletter July 2023

There will be a **SLPA Board of Directors/members** meeting on **Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Community Center located at 209 Spring Lake Blvd.

**The Spring Lake Improvement District** will conduct a Regular Board Meeting on **Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**. For more information on District projects and activities go to their web site at: [www.springlakefl.com](http://www.springlakefl.com)

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Hi Friends and neighbors!

I hope all you fathers had a good Father's Day. I've been in Florida all of my adult life and seen too many changes to list but I saw Dade and Broward counties grow from cow pastures to concrete. Well, it seems like I just can't get away from growth and expansion because it followed me to Highlands County. When I retired, I wanted to get away from crowds and the traffic jams although I do miss being close to the ocean. It appears this area is on the verge of a new building boom that will equal that of other areas. It seems like everyone wants to live in Florida and to be honest I don't blame them one little bit. Other than the occasional hurricane what's not to love about Florida, great beaches, hunting, fishing, golf all sorts recreational activities. Is growth and change good for our sleepy little paradise? I don't know we'll just have to wait and see. I think this is going to be a good thing, that's just my opinion. Let me know what you think at [president@springlakepropertyassociation.com](mailto:president@springlakepropertyassociation.com).

Thank you Rick



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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VIOLATIONS OFFICER

Howdy friends and neighbors of Spring Lake. Well June is in the past and did bring some rain, but we still could use some more. Summer activities and vacations are now in full swing with July and visitors are coming to share their summer in Spring Lake. School is out, so be aware of are young drivers and children playing in the parks and yards. With these things in mind, we have a few items that need to be addressed. I want to remind our residents that there are restrictions for all residents in each village. These HOA restrictions are provided on the website.

1. Please get a permit whenever you remodel, change, or improve your residence on the outside. Call SPLA and get an application for a building permit or go on our webpage and fill the permit out online.
2. Please use the Waste Connection Calendar to put your bulk waste and yard waste on the curb for the correct date for pickup. The Calendar is posted on our website.
3. When you cross an empty lot without permission, or park your auto, boat, or trailer on an empty lot, you are trespassing. Please do not do this.
4. If you have a dog and he barks for longer than 10 minutes, you are in violation of a noise restriction. Several complaints have been made about not picking up after your dog when walking the paths and streets of Spring Lake.
5. Be aware that when you put appliances or large furniture items on the street for pickup, you must call Waste Connections (863) 655-0005 so they can get additional help to pick it up.
6. We are having a rash of complaints about trucks, trailers and boats parked in yards and lots overnight and on weekends. This is a violation. You must put the trailer in storage, garage or behind a fence. Check your deed restrictions.
7. One thing I see is people driving too fast in golf carts, they are not cars, they are designed to be run on grass at a slow rate of speed and yet we jack them up and speed them up to the point they are sometimes unsafe. I have seen golf carts driving across empty lots (this is a violation, you are trespassing) Please stay on the street. I can see in the future, that if we continue to take advantage of the use of golf carts, we may lose that privilege of riding around in a GOLF CART. According to the State of Florida, you must be 16 years of age with a valid driving license to legally drive a golf cart.
8. Several complaints have been called in about speeding traffic in Spring Lake. I know everyone is in a hurry to get to town and back home. Please be aware that our speed limits here in Spring Lake are 25 and 35 MPH on the boulevard. Be aware that we have a security watch in Spring Lake and your driving is part of that SLOW DOWN. Please call the sheriff's office if you have any questions.
9. We have had several comments made that about residents that are not updating or displaying their street address on the front of their home. This is important because it helps first responders, mailmen, friends, and others who might want to know where you live. Please, help and take care of this matter.
10. One issue that we are faced with in Spring Lake is that some of us don't want to go by the rules or restrictions in our HOA. But we go by the rules when we drive, (stop signs and lights, speed limits, because if we don't, we lose our driving privileges. Maybe we need to start assessing a fee for not following our HOA restrictions. There were 169 violations written in the month of May which is ridiculous.

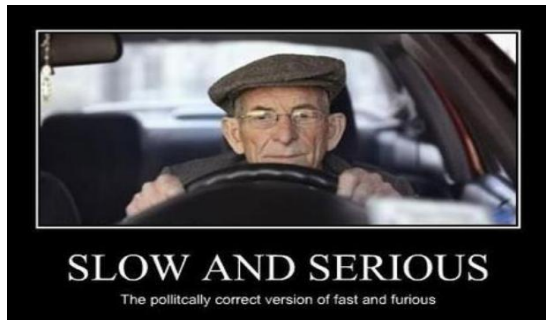
I want to thank you for the most part for a job well done. We could get even better if we would use some common sense and just get on a schedule and stick with it. I do not like writing citations any better than you like receiving them. If we work together and do our part, we could make a difference and make Spring Lake a better place to live. If we all put fourth some effort and help one another out, be neighborly and friendly, Spring Lake would be a great place to live.

KEEP SMILING - LEROY KAYLOR



FYI Did you know that in 1921 Highlands County had 2,924 residents. In 2021 there are 107,000 residents in Highlands County. That is a 3,659 % increase. Go Figure.

We celebrate American Independence Day on the **Fourth of July** every year. We think of **July 4, 1776**, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.



**PLEASE SLOW  
DOWN  
DRIVE THE  
SPEED LIMIT**



**July 7 & 21**

**Yard Waste Pickup**

**July 14 & 28**

**Bulk Waste Pickup**

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



\*We are happy to announce that the Pickleball Courts are now available for use. Like all other District amenities, it will be open dawn to dusk, and the entrance is electronically monitored, along with cameras. Since the courts were partially underwritten with a grant from the County Parks and Recreation Committee, they are open to the public. Our local Spring Lake Pickleball Club will be very involved in monitoring the facility and planning special events. A formal grand opening ceremony will take place in the Fall, when many members of the local Club will have returned from the north. There are no costs to use the courts, but people may join the Spring Lake Pickleball Club to participate in their various programs. Enjoy!!

\*The Fiscal Year '24 budget has gone through two drafts, and a public hearing is set for Wednesday, August 9, 10:00 a.m. at the District Office. Along with assessments and District utility rates and fees the Board of Supervisors will be establishing out of district costs for utilities and stormwater maintenance. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend and give input.

\*The Board has approved another fishing pier, to be located at the canal adjacent to the Bark Park, just past the restroom facility. Our contractor is backlogged with work, but the pier should be installed by September.

\*At the recent Florida Association of Special Districts State Conference in Orlando, a Memorial Award was presented to the District for Tim McKenna, who died in February. He was posthumously given the Board Member of the Year Award. Tim was an avid supporter of the Association and was a very involved Board member; he is missed.

\*Our sincere sympathy to the family of Spring Lake Developer Larry Boyd. Larry was building homes in the Blue Heron area of Spring Lake, and was a partner in the Shopping Plaza and Townhome project at the intersection of Rt. 98 and Floral. Larry and his wife Sherry have resided in Sebring Estates, just east of Spring Lake, for a number of years, and he was a big supporter of Spring Lake and wanted to be a part of its growth. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

\*There are still a number of areas in Spring Lake where the lack of light poles has hindered development and created very dark areas. A new pole installation from DUKE costs close to \$7,000 and tremendously limits how many poles can be installed. A lot of people think these poles are put in free of charge by DUKE, but that is not the case. The District is working with a company called StreetLeaf that installs completely solar powered lights at no cost, with a low monthly maintenance fee. If our negotiations are successful, the District will be able to "bring light" to a number of these dark areas.

\*The June issue of The Breeze was mailed to everyone who gets a water bill. If for some reason you did not receive a copy, please call the office and check the address you have listed. Copies of The Breeze are available at the office as well.

\*Be sure you are on the District e-mail blast list for important and pertinent updates. To be included, simply send your email address to [jdecerbo@springlakefl.com](mailto:jdecerbo@springlakefl.com)

Joe DeCerbo  
District Manager



**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](http://myspringlakebaptist.org).

**~Friends and guests invited to visit any week~**



## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of LORIDA**

Rev. Wayne Godwin, Pastor  
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-5<sup>th</sup>) 6:00 to 7:00 pm; Youth 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Lorida Baptist is again hosting its annual Back to School and Fun Day Event on Saturday, July 29th. Come join in this fun event that will be held from 10:00 am until 1:30 pm. For backpacks students must be accompanied by parent and be present to receive a backpack on a first come basis. Thank you for your understanding in this.

## **Spring Lake United Methodist Church**

**Pastor Maureen Baker**

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

Email: [umc.springlake@gmail.com](mailto:umc.springlake@gmail.com) FACEBOOK @ [Spring Lake UMC Sebring](#)



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!

## **JULY ACTIVITIES**

**BED-MAT MINISTRY – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month at 10:00 AM  
(July 6 & July 20)**

Bed Mats are made by crocheting grocery sacks together to make a comfy sleeping mat for the homeless.  
Come and learn how! (Plastic grocery sack donations appreciated)

**Sunday, July 2, 2023- Communion Service at 10:00 AM**

**Saturday, July 8, 2023, 10 AM – 2 PM “WRAPPED IN LOVE”** – Making washable comfort and security blankets that are given as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children of Highlands County. Sit and sew, cut, knit/crochet or just come and fellowship. Lunch provided. For more information, contact Linda Markham at (614) 214-5492 or email at [benmarkham@aol.com](mailto:benmarkham@aol.com).

All ages welcome. Come and learn!



## **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church**

5887 US Highway 98 - Sebring, FL 33876

Phone (863) 655-0713

Email: [springlakepc@yahoo.com](mailto:springlakepc@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.springlakepc.com](http://www.springlakepc.com)

Sunday morning worship service, in the Sanctuary, begins at 10:00 am. Join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service in the church Fellowship Hall. You may also join us on-line with Zoom.

Pastors: John & Harriet Davis

Hours: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until noon.

Administrative Assistant: Linda Klein

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

**Food Pantry:** Third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Donations of food items and money are welcome and needed to help us continue to feed those in need in our community. Items that are needed include: peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, baked beans, canned soup, spaghetti sauce and pasta, canned tuna or chicken, oatmeal, jell-o, pudding, boxed dry potatoes and canned pastas (spaghetti-O's, ravioli, etc.) Food will be distributed to those in need in our community this month on July 18, 2023 from 9-11 am.

**"Chosen"**, a study of the life and ministry of Jesus in a new and different way, beginning May 25 through July 13. We begin with a meal (no charge) at 6pm and end by 8pm. Childcare is provided.

**New e-mail address: [springlekepc@yahoo.com](mailto:springlekepc@yahoo.com)**



**The deadline to submit articles or items for sale for July's newsletter is July 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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>

### **THE SPRING LAKE WELCOME COMMITTEE**

Would like to remind you that when you move into Spring Lake, please call the Spring Lake Property Office at 655-2230 with your telephone number and your e-mail address. We have our own telephone book for Spring Lake Property Owners and you can **access our monthly newsletter** through the SLPA website. **The website is <https://springlakepropertyassociation.com>.** You can also pick up a copy in the red mailbox near the door at the SLPA office.

There is a "Lending Closet" for the convenience of Spring Lake residents. On hand are walkers, wheelchairs, crutches and other supplies. **The lending closet is in need of shower chairs and stools. If you have one you can donate, please contact Susan.** If there is something you need to borrow, contact Susan Holloway at (704-813-1867).

**THANK YOU Debbie Docherty for your recent, generous donation to the Lending Closet!**

### **REMEMBER...**

If you plan to build a structure, including additions, alterations, 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.

If you have damaged or fallen trees on your property, or if you have a tarp that is blowing off, tattered and torn tarp on your roof, now is the time to take care of these issues before hurricane season begins.....

AND...Please remember you **may not** keep a boat, trailer, motor home, RV, camper, fifth wheel, etc. at your residence in villages II-VI.

# FOR SALE

## ► INK CARTRIDGES FOR SALE:

They are Black 950XL (5 cartridges), and 951XL Color (3 cartridges). I want to sell them for **\$50.00** for the bunch. I know there is close to \$200 worth of ink here. Call 863-991-1089 if interested.



**FOR SALE:** I have purchased a new set of Eargo hearing aids just like the ones in this Ad. But my new set (Eargo 7) is more specially designed for my personal hearing incapacity. So this is only why I'm selling my 3 year old Eargo Hi-Fi's.



These hearing aids can be tuned and balanced nicely and easily with the Eargo Hi Fi app (software application) on your smart phone. The small devices are powerful and will last the day, just don't shower with them. You'll never need to buy batteries, these devices easily re-

charge overnight. A new USB-C cable comes with the aids for that. Please see the attached photos. The tiny microphone is at the back of each device. Each device is easily inserted into the outer ear canal with the plastic tail laying in the lower fold making it easy to retrieve. There is no microphone/ battery pack unit hanging behind your ear.

The Eargo's will not fall out of your ear when you bend down, or over. If you look at online pricing at Eargo.com you'll be very surprised at the original price for these hearing aids. I'm asking \$400 for the set.

John Rarick 305-902-7242 (Call or Text)



**FOR SALE:** This Recumbent Tricycle has a Square Tube Steel frame and seat. The frame can be quickly and easily lengthened or shortened. Drive is a 7 speed Rear Derailleur Chain drive system. No shock absorbers.

The seat can be reclined more or less to your desired comfort. Both pedals have heel stirrups to hold your feet on the peddles. Battery operated small headlight/LED taillight with helmet. I'm asking \$500.

John Rarick 305-902-7242 (Call or Text)

## HEARTLAND HAPPENINGS

INVITATIONS ARE NOW OUT! THE ANNUAL **HEELS THAT HEAL** EVENT WILL BE FRIDAY, JULY 14TH, FROM 6:00PM-9:00PM, AT THE ISLAND VIEW RESTAURANT. IT'S A WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT EVENT THAT WILL FEATURE LOCAL SPEAKERS, A DELICIOUS MEAL, WINE, DOOR PRIZES AND MORE! ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE WOMEN OF RIDGE AREA ARC. TICKETS ARE \$65 PER PERSON AND CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE UNTIL JULY 10TH AT [WWW.RIDGEAREAARC.ORG](http://WWW.RIDGEAREAARC.ORG).

THE **SEBRING PICKLEBALL CLUB** WITH THE CITY OF SEBRING WILL BE PROVIDING FREE BEGINNER PICKLEBALL LESSONS AT CHARLIE BROWN PARK ON JUNE 19TH, JUNE 21ST, AND JUNE 23RD. ENJOY AN INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND THEN MOVE INTO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION EACH

MORNING. LESSONS BEGIN AT 9:00AM EACH DAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, CONTACT ELAINE BY TEXT AT 724-840-9844, OR BY EMAIL AT [EBERRINGER@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:EBERRINGER@HOTMAIL.COM). LOCATED AT 920 HAWTHORNE DRIVE IN SEBRING.

THE **HIGHLANDS FARMER'S MARKET** HAS NEW HOURS! YOU CAN ENJOY THE FARMER'S MARKET EVERY SUNDAY, FROM 11:00AM-3:00PM. LOCATED AT 6270 E. ARBUCKLE ROAD IN AVON PARK.

THE SEBRING RECREATION CLUB IS OFFERING **LINE DANCE CLASSES** FOR THE SUMMER FOR ALL LEVELS OF DANCERS. CLASS FEES ARE \$3 PER CLASS PAYABLE TO THE INSTRUCTOR. CLASSES WILL BE LOCATED AT 333 POMEGRANATE AVENUE IN SEBRING. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CLASS TIMES AND DATES, PLEASE CALL MARY AT 863-273-4495.

AVON PARK LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH IS OFFERING **DAY CAMPS** FOR LOCAL STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A YEAR OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE. EACH WEEK IS \$125 AND INCLUDES SNACKS, LUNCH, TWO T-SHIRTS, AND FIELD TRIPS DURING THE WEEK. CAMPS WILL BE JULY 24TH-JULY 28TH, AND JULY 31ST- AUGUST 4TH. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 863-452-6556.

THE LAKE PLACID ELKS LODGE #2661 WILL BE HOLDING A "**STUFF THE BUS**" SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FROM JUNE 30TH UNTIL AUGUST 4TH. THEY ARE ASKING THE COMMUNITY TO HELP THEM STUFF THE BUS WITH SUPPLIES THAT WILL BE USED FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. SUPPLIES CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE LOUNGE OF THE LODGE 1:00PM-7:00PM DAILY EXCEPT ON SATURDAYS. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL CATHY AT 863-441-3287.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY'S FIRST EVER **DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT** WILL BE SATURDAY, JULY 8TH, FROM 9:00AM-2:00PM, AT THE MAX LONG COMPLEX. THIS IS A GREAT ENTRY LEVEL TOURNAMENT FOR PLAYERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS. ENTRY FEE IS \$40. REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 16TH. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT [WWW.DISCGOLFSCENE.COM](http://WWW.DISCGOLFSCENE.COM).

THE LAKE PLACID ELKS LODGE #2661 WILL BE HOSTING A **JULY 4TH & VETERAN'S FUNDRAISER** ON JULY 8TH FROM 2:00PM-6:00PM AT THE LODGE. THERE WILL BE BBQ CHICKEN DINNERS FOR SALE, LIVE MUSIC, A CASH BAR, AND RAFFLES. ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TO SENDING LOCAL VETS TO THE PARADE OF HEROES IN WASHINGTON DC OVER VETERAN'S DAY WEEKEND. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL JIM AT 954-802-6758.

THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER #1097 PRESENTS A **GOLF TOURNAMENT**, SATURDAY, JULY 22ND, AT THE COUNTRY CLUB OF SEBRING. ENTRY FEE INCLUDES 18 HOLES OF GOLF, A GOLF CART, REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH AT THE ALBATROSS. ITS A FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES! TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL JAMES AT 863-382-3500.

THE **32ND ANNUAL CALADIUM FESTIVAL** WILL BE JULY 28TH-29TH, IN BEAUTIFUL STUART PARK IN LAKE PLACID! ENJOY A CAR & BIKE SHOW, ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS, FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, CALADIUM FIELD BUS TOURS, AND MORE! THE EVENT WILL BE FROM 9:00AM-4:00PM EACH DAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT [WWW.CALADIUMFESTIVAL.ORG](http://WWW.CALADIUMFESTIVAL.ORG).

ATTENTION **BINGO** PLAYERS! THE LAKE PLACID ELKS LODGE #2661 IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE NEW BINGO PAYOUT INCREASES SOON TO BE EFFECTIVE. TRY YOUR LUCK EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT FROM 6PM-9PM AT 200 CR 621 IN LAKE PLACID. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TO THE ELKS CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICE AND THE ELKS YOUTH CAMP FOR FLORIDA KIDS.

FRIDAY NIGHT ON MAIN AVENUE IS BACK IN DOWNTOWN LAKE PLACID EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. FOOD, FUN, MUSIC – AND THE STORES WILL BE OPEN TO WELCOME YOU ON NORTH MAIN.

HANDS FOR THE HOMELESS HOSTS THE FEEDING TAMPA BAY **FOOD BANK** IN AVON PARK EVERY FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH IN AVON PARK. FOOD DISTRIBUTION BEGINS AT 10AM AT UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT 107 JIM ROGERS AVENUE, AND GOES TILL NOON OR THE FOOD RUNS OUT.

PLAY **BINGO** FOR CHARITY AT THE SEBRING ELKS LODGE EVERY MONDAY NIGHT! DOORS OPEN AT 4:45PM, EARLY BIRDS START AT 6:00PM. PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY AND A LOW, \$6 MINIMUM TO PLAY.

**BIKE WITH YOUR FRIENDS!** HIGHLANDS PEDALERS HOSTS RIDES FROM THE DON JOSE'S PARKING LOT ON LAKEVIEW DRIVE EACH SATURDAY MORNING. THE RIDES DEPART AT 7:15 A.M. SHARP YEAR-ROUND. THE "A" GROUP RIDES AT OVER 19 MILES AN HOUR, THE "B" GROUP RIDES AT BETWEEN 17 ½ AND 19 MILES AN HOUR ... SATURDAY RIDES RANGE FROM 33-45 MILES.

**That's Heartland Happenings. If your group or organization has an event coming up  
email: [heartlandhappenings@sebringradio.com](mailto:heartlandhappenings@sebringradio.com)**



**Sat, Jul 1, 7 AM – 9 PM – Sebring International Raceway – 14 hour race (may be some late night noise)**

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Friday Night Cruise In @ Sonic 5:00 pm. Every month on the 2nd & 4th Fridays. Open to all cars, trucks and motorcycles. Bring your ride finished or still under construction. This is a casual meet and greet, so come tell your stories. No...[Read more on Friday Night Cruise In @ Sonic in Sebring – FL Carcruisefinder.com](#)

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### **Patriotic Revue – Free Show!**

Join the Highlands Lakeside Theatre for a Free Event “Patriotic Revue” on July 4th, 2023, benefitting the HLT Janelou Buck! Performances will be taking place on the hour from 11AM – 3PM.

This is a Scholarship Fundraiser. All Food Sales will benefit the HLT Janelou Buck Scholarship Fund. [Click here](#) to donate to the Scholarship Fund

Venue: Lakeside Playhouse - Dates: July 4th, 2023 - Times: On the Hour from 11AM – 3PM

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- ✚ Avon Park Firecracker Festival – Tuesday July 4, from 12-9 pm at Donaldson Park in downtown Avon Park.
- ✚ Sun ‘N Lakes Community Independence Day Celebration – Monday July 3 from 7-9 pm at the Community Center.

Sebring Fireworks – Tuesday July 4 – 9 pm downtown Sebring City Pier with viewing around Lake Jackson.

- ✚ Lake Placid Fireworks – Tuesday July 4 – 9 pm off Lake June in Lake Placid
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## **New Florida Law Restricts Teen Golf Cart Drivers. Here's What You Need to Know**

Under the bill, golf cart drivers under age 18 must be at least 15 with a learner's permit or 16 with a driver's



license.

A new bill signed by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is tightening restrictions for teens driving golf carts. The new law, [House Bill 949](#), was approved by DeSantis last week. Under the bill, golf cart drivers under age 18 must be at least 15 with a learner's permit or 16 with a driver's license.

Under a new bill signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, Florida teens won't be able to drive golf carts without proper identification. The new law is affecting communities across the state.

Also, anyone who is 18 or older must have a valid government-issued ID to drive a golf cart. Florida law had previously allowed anyone 14 and older to drive a golf cart. The law goes into effect on **July 1, 2023**. Violations will be noncriminal traffic infractions, similar to moving violations.

The new legislation will also require that you *carry* a government-issued I.D. *while driving a golf cart*, even if you are 18 or older.

The law authorizes water control districts to designate roads for golf cart use, as long as the districts receive approval from the county.

## **What is considered a Golf Cart?**

According to Florida statute, a golf cart is “a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 mph.

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## **OFF HIGHWAY AND ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES**

- **Off-Highway Vehicles are designed to be operated off-road. Ride only on designated trails, off paved roads, and at a safe speed.**
- Off-highway vehicle operators and riders under the age of 16 must wear a USDOT approved safety helmet and eye protection. It is strongly encouraged that riders of all ages wear helmets and eye protection.
- Helmets are the most important piece of protective gear for safe off-highway riding. Always wear a compliant helmet when using an off-highway vehicle.
- Always wear a face shield or goggles to protect yourself from rocks, branches or bugs that can hit your face and cause distractions while driving. Sunglasses are not an appropriate substitute for safety goggles.
- Never drive an off-highway vehicle while impaired.
- Never carry a passenger on a single-rider off-highway vehicle, and no more than one passenger on an OHV specifically designed for two people.
- Ride an OHV that is right for your age; do not ride a machine that is too big for you.
- **Anyone under the age of 16 operating an ATV on public land must be under the supervision of an adult and must have proof of completion of a Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACCS) safety course.**
- Always check tire pressure before riding; Over-inflated and under-inflated tires can cause difficulty steering.
- Use the buddy system, travel in a group of two or more riders, and never ride alone.
- Always provide someone with a ride plan, including where and when you are riding, and the time you expect to return.
- Remember to tread lightly. Riding behavior that harms the land is self-defeating and irresponsible. Learn to protect and preserve your riding areas.

Florida law states that all-terrain vehicles (ATV) may only be operated on unpaved roadways where the posted speed limit is less than 35 MPH and only during daylight hours. However, a county may choose to be exempt from this. Or alternatively, a county may, designate certain unpaved roadways where an ATV may be operated during the daytime as long as each such designated roadway has a posted speed limit of less than 35 miles per hour and is appropriately marked to indicate permissible ATV use.

Off-Highway and All-Terrain Vehicles are titled, but not registered, and are not required to be insured with PIP and PDL coverage. To title an ATV, submit a completed form [HSMV 82040](#) to a [Motor Vehicle Service Center](#). (Sections 261.20, 316.2074 and 316.2123, Florida Statutes)

For more information on DACS approved safety courses, visit [Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Off-Highway Vehicle Safety and Recreation](#).

## ATV'S ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SPRING LAKE.

### SUMMER HEAT

OUTSIDE TEMP	TIME TO REACH	INSIDE TEMP
75° F	10 minutes	100° F
75° F	30 minutes	120° F
85° F	5 minutes	90° F
85° F	7-10 minutes	100° F
85° F	30 minutes	120° F
100° F	15 minutes	140° F

When summer temperatures reach extreme levels, the inside of a car can quickly become a death trap for children. According to the National Highway Traffic Administration heatstroke is the leading cause of vehicular not-in-traffic non-crash-related deaths for children under 14.

The majority of hot car deaths – 54% – happen because someone forgets a child in a car. This often occurs when parents or caregivers forget to drop their child off at daycare because they've become distracted or are off their routine; the second leading cause – 25% – of vehicular heatstroke deaths are when children get into unattended vehicles, either through an unlocked door or the trunk.

Families are encouraged to educate their children about the dangers of playing in hot cars – and to take every precaution possible to prevent another tragedy.

#### **Tips for Keeping Kids Out of Cars**

- Get in the habit of always locking your car doors and trunk, year-round.
- Never let children play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them a vehicle is not a play area.
- Keep car keys out of a child's reach.
- If a child is missing, quickly check all vehicles, including the trunk.
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**Knowingly leaving a child is the third leading cause of vehicular heatstroke deaths.**

- Never leave a child alone in a parked car, even with the windows rolled down or the air conditioning running. A child's body temperature can rise three to five times faster than an adult. When the body's temperature reaches 104 degrees, the internal organs begin to shut down.

### Tips for Drivers

- Set an alarm on your phone to go off around the time you usually arrive to work to remind you to check the back seat.
- If you need to run inside to retrieve something you forgot, take your child with you. Never leave a child alone in the car, not even for a minute.
- Arrange for day care or school to check in if your child doesn't show up as expected.
- Leave your purse, phone or diaper bag in the back seat as a visual cue to check for your child before exiting.
- Keep a stuffed animal in your child's car seat. When the child is with you, move it to the front seat as a reminder that your child is in the back.
- Place a reminder sticker on your windshield, dashboard or driver's side window —wherever you'll notice it—to remind yourself.
- Remove your kids from the car first and then worry about getting everything else out.
- If you see a child or pet alone in the car, call 9-1-1 immediately and follow the instructions of emergency personnel. In some states, laws will protect citizens if they break into a vehicle to save a person or animal.





**Save the Date to Participate!**



# Spring Lake Fall Festival

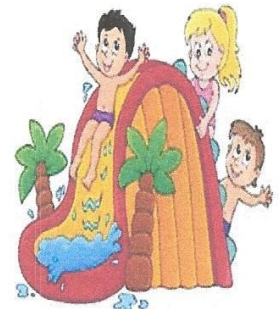
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**October 28, 2023**

10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Spring Lake Boulevard & U.S. Highway 98  
Pine Breeze Park Community Center



**SpringLake**  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**Vendors, Food Trucks, Games, Music  
Contests. Exhibits and Farm Market**



## **FREE Beginner's Pickleball Clinic**

The **Sebring Pickleball Club** in cooperation with the **Spring Lake Pickleball Club**

is excited to announce we will be hosting a beginner's clinic at:  
**Spring Lake Pickleball Courts** 115 Spring Lake Blvd. Sebring FL 33876

**Three 90 minute** sessions will be offered starting at **8:00 AM** on **July 18 Tue, 20 Thur, and 22 Sat.**

Attendees are encouraged to attend all three sessions, but not required. Further information will be provided to those interested in joining the Sebring Pickleball Club.

We will start off with a basic introduction and demonstrations and move into active participation each morning. Aside from a pair of court shoes, you do not need any specific gear if you don't already have it. Balls and paddles will be provided if needed.

Spots are limited so contact Elaine Barringer by text (724)-840-9844 or email [eberringer@hotmail.com](mailto:eberringer@hotmail.com) to reserve your spot today!

