



Homeowner Newsletter

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Our community web site: www.oelhoa.org

SPRING IS HERE !! Grass is turning greener and flowers are blooming. Our NEW landscaper for OEL is RGS Landscaping. The owner, Royce, had some great advice for getting our yards in shape and ready for summer. And as stated in our Covenants: Homeowner's are responsible in maintaining their lots. This includes front/side/back yards. Several homes in our community are looking wonderful with fresh flowers, blooming perennials and new pine straw/wood chips. We appreciate your efforts and it helps our neighborhood maintain it's value and appearance.

PINESTRAW...Now is the time to "re-fresh" your flower beds with new pine straw or wood chips. How do you know if you need to? If your pine straw is light grey in color and/or you can see red clay. It's time. Our subdivision ordered pine straw from westcobbpinestraw.com but there are others you can use.

WEEDS...they are just popping up everywhere. Royce recommended that weeds are sprayed instead of pulled. Pulling may leave the root and they may return. Weed spray can be found at Lowe's or Home Depot or local nurseries. If you have dogs/children, a non-toxic solution is to spray weeds with white vinegar, but be careful because it will also kill grass.

TREES... It is safe to remove the stakes and wires the builder used when first planted. Royce advised that newly planted trees actually form stronger roots if NOT staked.

FLOWER BEDS... All flower beds should be free of grass and weeds. Shrubs shaped/trimmed. Dead plants removed. Pest Control companies recommend that no plants/shrubs/trees touch the house. This helps keep insects from getting into your home. The helpful folks at any home improvement store or local nursery can assist you with your flower beds.

When's the POOL going to open ??

We are hoping to open the pool on May 24th - Saturday. Course to look at it now it has a lovely yellow color from all the pollen. Our pool company will get it cleaned up within the next few weeks. Work was needed in the men's restroom when a pipe froze and broke. That work has been completed. New chaise lounge chairs for around the pool and new table chairs are being ordered. Access to the pool will be granted to homeowners who have paid their yearly HOA dues. If you haven't yet paid, go to our web site. There are instructions on how to pay via credit card or contact Rhonda Nelms - our community manager at 770-548-4285. We are looking forward to a fun pool season !!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Some of you may recall signing up for our neighborhood watch program. We needed 50% of homeowners to participate.

We had over 75% sign up !! Obviously we have an outstanding community that's willing to be involved. The Board thanks you all for your support. The program will be launched May 15th at 7pm at the county library over by the YMCA. Our local police dept. will be giving a presentation and answering questions.

COMMUNITY WEB SITE (www.oelhoa.org)

Our web site was created on February 21, 2007. It is managed by your neighbor David Massey. He's done a phenomenal job and we are very grateful! Our site is really user friendly. It has information from the Boards' monthly meetings, it provides homeowners access to our covenants, board members via email, advertising, tennis club, architectural forms, etc. We encourage everyone to visit. . . often :) If you have any suggestions, questions, or items to submit for the classified page, please contact David at david@oelhoa.org.

Our community has a Landscaping Committee, a Pool Community and a Social Committee. None have any set members but if interested, please do so via the web site.

Be sure to visit **www.oelhoa.org** for the latest HOA news, contact info, documents and other information.