

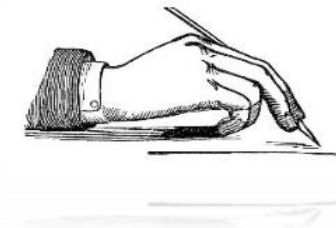


## **SLPA Newsletter – August 2024**

There will be a **SLPA Board of Directors/members** meeting on **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Community Center located at 209 Spring Lake Blvd. Don't miss the discussion on the FRDAP grant for the Russ Ankrom park at the August board/member meeting Join us and be informed!

The SLPA office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day.

**The Spring Lake Improvement District** will conduct a Regular Board Meeting on **Wednesday, August 14<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**

Hello Spring Lake! I hope everyone is well.

For all of you habitual violation offenders that think the board does nothing we had our first court hearing last month and won. I'm not going to give out any details, I simply want to make it known that we will take legal action against habitual violation offenders so please just abide by the rules and everything will be fine. Please don't take this as a threat of any kind, it's a promise.

Remember you live in a deed restricted community.

There will be sheriff's deputies patrolling our area over the next few weeks so please keep your speed down.

We have a large number of elderly people that reside in Spring Lake if any of you are interested in volunteering to help with a weekly wellness check by phone for these people please contact the office and we can arrange it.

Thanks,  
Rick



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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE VIOLATIONS OFFICER**

Howdy friends and neighbors of Spring Lake. Well July is about in our rear-view mirror. We had some more rain which helped the lawns and flowers. Well, it is hurricane season and we already have had one that was close enough that several tornados approached us but no damage. We had a great Fourth of July. The fireworks were fantastic, but the noise was very unsettling to some of our furry friends and senior aged residents. Comments were made that fireworks were set off for too many days, not just on the Fourth of July. Please watch out for visitors as they do not know what the expectations are in and around Spring Lake. Be a neighbor and be friendly and help them out. Spring Lake activities, such as the parks and picnic areas will be in full swing during August. 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. ([www.springlakepropertyassociation.com](http://www.springlakepropertyassociation.com))

With that in mind some areas need to be addressed:

**FYI: At the last Board Meeting, the board supported approval of issuing citations for violations any time the violations officer sees one, not just on the Monday's when all villages are inspected. So that means if you bring in a trailer, boat, or put out bulk waste or yard waste early or violate any of the restrictions in your village you will receive a violation letter from the Office. If you have any questions, please contact the SLPA Office or me for more information.**

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.
2. Please use the Waste Connection Calendar to put your bulk waste and yard waste on the curb for the correct date for pickup.
3. We are having a rash of complaints about trucks, trailers and boats parked in yards and lots overnight and on weekends. These are deed restriction violations. If you can see the boat or trailer from a front, side or back street, the restriction has been violated. You must put the trailer in storage, garage or behind a fence. If you need to work on or clean up your boat, trailer, or camper trailer, call the office to get a 3-day pass. Check your deed restrictions.
4. One thing I see is people driving too fast in golf carts. I have seen golf carts driving across empty lots (this is a violation, you are trespassing) Please stay on the street. You must be 16 years of age and have a certified driver's license. 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.
5. 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.
6. We have had several RVs and motor homes in Spring Lake. You cannot use these for extra bedrooms while parked in Spring Lake, please call the HOA office if you need to load or clean your Mobile or Motor home.
7. Landlords who rent out a residence, would you please inform the residents of the deed restrictions. They must adhere to the deed restrictions, and the property owner is ultimately responsible for their violations.
8. Several vehicles are setting around Spring Lake in backyards and empty lots. Untagged and inoperable vehicles must be in a garage, behind a solid fence or in storage. These vehicles will be reported to the county code office, and they will take care of this matter.
9. Please be aware that vacant lots are private property. It is illegal to trespass or park a vehicle on any vacant lots without the express written permission of the property owner. Please do not drive across the empty lots just to save a block or two.
10. According to the County Code you cannot park on the side of the street overnight or on weekends. This is a county violation and will be reported. Please Park in your driveway or in your garage.
11. Remember, this is election year and Spring Lake does not allow any political signs in yards. They may be displayed from inside of the house.

I want to thank you 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





\*The Spring Lake Improvement District Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, including assessments, utility rates and fees, and other financial matters. Public comments are welcomed and appreciated. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 14, 10:00 a.m. at the District Office.

\*District Supervisor Tim Roland will present a plan to renovate and expand Russ Ankrom Park with a grant application to the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program. He will be speaking at the August 12 SLPA meeting on behalf of the District. The District already received close to \$300,000 for Arbuckle Creek Park and the Bark Park from the FRDAP program.

\*District Supervisor Phil Gentry continues to promote and expand the OCTOBER 26 FESTIVAL. We already have 90 vendors, 7 food trucks, 5 exhibitors, a Farmers Market, games for all, and inflatable slides for the kids. Be sure to mark the date.

\*As always, the Community Center will be used for the Primary Election on August 20th.

\*The District Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, for Labor Day. Our after hours phone is always available at 863-655-0615 for emergencies.

Joe DeCerbo  
District Manager



**August 9,23**

**Bulk Waste Pickup**

**August 2,16 & 30**

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

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

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### **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

On September 3rd, new Grief Share sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. They are approximately 2 hours long and a video is viewed every session. If you are someone you know has lost a loved one, you are invited to attend the meetings free of cost to you.

Come join us for the annual Yard Event on August 3rd. Lots of fun things are planned for the last days of summer fun. Backpacks and other goodies will be given to those who will be attending school in the 2024/2025 school year. (Parents must attend with children to receive the backpacks.) After the fun, hotdogs, and hamburgers ,and cold water will be served to all attending.

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### **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)

***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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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)**

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## AUGUST ACTIVITIES



**Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM– Bed Mat Ministry** (see info below)



**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM – Worship – Communion**



**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM – Bed Mat Ministry** (see info below)

**BED-MAT MINISTRY** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month at 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall). 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)



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 area property owners.

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 as well as inside the office during regular business hours.



**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.**

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**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>. 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.**

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### **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.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PUT YOUR ADDRESS ON YOUR HOME AND MAILBOX SO EMERGENCY VEHICLES (and any new mail carrier(s)!) CAN EASILY LOCATE YOU. *"Every curbside mailbox must bear the following address information: A box number, if used, inscribed in contrasting color in neat letters and numerals at least 1 inch high on the side of the box visible to the carrier's regular approach or on the door if boxes are grouped."* **This is a Federal US Postal Service regulation.**

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**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.

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Under a bill signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday, Florida teens now won't be able to drive golf carts without a permit or driver's license.

DeSantis signed [HB 949](#), a bill sponsored by Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, R- St. Johns, that officially bans young drivers from public streets. The law takes effect July 1.

Florida residents older than 18 must carry a state-issued ID while operating one

If you don't abide by the new state law, the penalty is a **noncriminal traffic infraction with a fine of up to \$108.** **Remember – the Sheriff will be patrolling your community.....** so slow down and obey the laws!

**Spanish Moss Eco Apartments at 260 Spanish Moss Circle, Sebring FL 33876**  
will be opening soon! Reserve yours today! If you would like to schedule a showing call Sandy (941)626-9995 or email [manager@ecolivingrentals.com](mailto:manager@ecolivingrentals.com) or visit us online at [www.EcoLivingApartments.com](http://www.EcoLivingApartments.com) [Apartments.com](http://Apartments.com) or [Zillow.com](http://Zillow.com)  
Facebook: Spanish Moss Eco Apartments

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### **Race Schedule for Sebring International Raceway**

SERIES	WEEKDAY	DATE
FARA	SAT	JULY 26-27, 2024
US DRIFT CIRCUIT	SAT-SUN	AUGUST 24-25, 2024
FARA	FRI-SUN	SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2024
SCCA TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA	WED	OCTOBER 16, 2024
SCCA CFR / US DRIFT	SAT	OCTOBER 26, 2024
SCCA TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA	THU	NOVEMBER 14, 2024
SCCA CFR	SAT-SUN	NOVEMBER 30-1, 2024



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*“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.” ~James Dent, in The Charleston Gazette, as quoted in The Reader's Digest, 1994*





**FOR SALE** Porter-Cable 5250 watt generator, includes 25' distribution cable and cover. Recently serviced. Excellent condition. \$300 call 863-273-7030



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### FOR SALE



**2013 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Motorcycle** \$10,000. Firm garage kept great condition Call 434-822-8596 Keith can be seen in Spring Lakes.

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**For Sale:** 2 identical 5x7 area rugs. Soft shades of blue & gray, short nap, no rubber back. Like new condition \$40 each obo. If interested, call 273-7206 – leave a message. I do have a dog but neither the dog nor myself are smokers and most of the rugs were under my bed.

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**For Sale:** Brand New T-FAL Actifry multipurpose cooking utensil with recipe booklet included. Asking \$100.00







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## NATIONAL DOG MONTH – August

All during the month of August, National Dog Month celebrates our loveable canine pals smack in the middle of the dog days of summer. Dogs are the #1 most commonly owned pets on the planet, and with good reason. Did you know that scientific studies prove our pawsome companions make us happier, less stressed, and more optimistic? The list of benefits to spending time with a dog goes on and on, but it all proves one thing—that a month-long celebration of our furry best friends has been a long time coming.

Whether your dog burrows under the blankets with you at night, plays in the sprinkler, or alerts you to a health need, we know they are constantly improving our lives and making them more fun. Not only that, but the companionship and affection we share with them make their lives better, too. Dog lovers know a life without dogs is a life missing something special, and that's a fact worth celebrating.





Please respect our parks. The Spring Lake Improvement District along with several good steward residents should not have to pick up your trash, yet they do. There are trash containers there for your use. Please use them! Clean up after your pets as well.

Highlands County Ordinances Sec. 4.5-6 – Animal waste Any feces deposited by a dog, cat, or pet pig on public property, public walks, recreation areas or the private property of others must be immediately removed by the person who has custody of the animal unless otherwise authorized by the property owner.

According to Florida Statute 403.413, known as the "Florida Litter Law": Any person who dumps litter in an amount not exceeding 15 pounds or 27 cubic feet in volume, is guilty of a non-criminal infraction, which is punishable by a civil penalty of \$100.

"Litter" means any garbage; rubbish; trash; refuse; can; bottle; box; container; paper; tobacco product; tire; appliance; mechanical equipment or part; building or construction material; tool; machinery; wood; motor vehicle or motor vehicle part; vessel; aircraft; farm machinery or equipment;.....

## ALL ABOUT AUGUST

August is the time to reap what you've sown, quite literally even, as most summer vegetables are ready to be harvested.

It goes without saying, that August then is a time to celebrate a good harvest and a good summer! It's also a great time of the year in the southern hemisphere, as winter is finally starting to wrap up, and spring begins to knock on the door.

August was once the sixth month of the year. In the original ten-month Roman calendar, the month went by the name of Sextilis, meaning "the sixth month" in Latin. It wasn't until around 700BC that August was rudely shoved back in the order of months when January and February were added to the beginning of the year by King Numa Pompilius.

August has also changed its number of days multiple times. In the ten-month Roman calendar, the months all had either 30 or 31 days, totaling 304 days in the year. Not only did Pompilius add January and February to the calendar, but he also reduced the number of days in August down to 29. It wasn't until Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar that it was left with 31 days, and it's stayed the same ever since!

Another year, another change! After so many changes you'd think the month would have had enough, but no – in 8 BC the month was named Augustus, in honor of the Roman emperor Augustus.

August is also a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.

In the northern hemisphere, August is considered to be the last month of summer. In the southern hemisphere, it's the opposite of course, so it's the last of the winter months!

Those born in August are brought into this world under one of two star signs. If you were born before August 22<sup>nd</sup>, you're considered to be a Leo. If you're born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or later, you're a Virgo. Leos are said to be very proud people who display great leadership. Virgos, on the other hand, are analytical and hardworking people, while still being kind and loyal.

August also has two birth flowers – the vibrant multicolored gladiolus and the deep crimson poppy. The gladiolus flower is said to represent generosity, strength of character, and deep sincerity. The poppy flower couldn't be more different though, as it is a sign of imagination, eternal sleep, and oblivion!

August has three birthstones: sardonyx, spinel, and peridot. One of the lesser-known gems, peridots come in shades from grass-green to a more earthy olive hue. They're quite a unique gem, really, and quite rare as they can only be found from two very different sources – they can be formed deep in the earth and expelled to the surface along with lava, and they can be found in meteorites! It is claimed that peridots have healing powers and can protect the bearer from evil.

The US also has some pretty delicious-sounding observances for the month relating to food! In August the US celebrates National Goat Cheese Month, National Panini Month, Peach Month, and Sandwich Month.

Milk-Bone brand (The J.M. Smucker Company) founded National Dog Month in 2020 to recognize all the ways dogs make our lives better. The Registrar at National Day proclaimed National Dog Month to be observed each year in August.

(Information taken from The Fact Site)





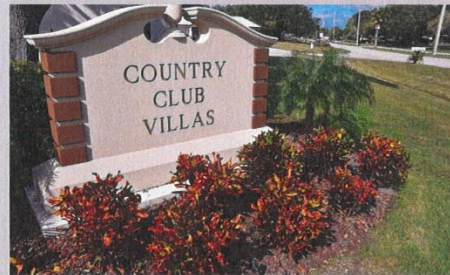
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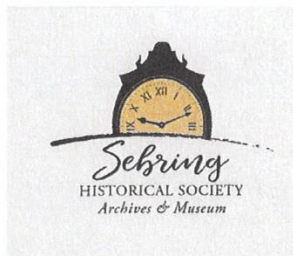
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## Quarterly Luncheon

**Saturday - October 27, 2024**

### Center Jack Stroup Civic

355 West Center Avenue  
Sebring, Florida 33870



### Our Guest Speaker

Lt. Col. Daryl Jeffers



The doors will open at 11:30 A.M. Lunch and the program will begin at 12:00 noon. Bring your favorite food for the Covered Dish Luncheon or pay \$10.00 to help cover the Expenses. The Society will provide Fried Chicken, beverages, plates, and Utensils. We look forward to seeing you. Pastor Daryl Jeffers is the pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church. He has been involved with the Civil Air Patrol for several years and has recently helped start the Highlands County Composite Squadron #314. He serves as the Chaplain for this newly formed squadron.

### Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Patrol is a congressionally chartered, federally supported non-profit corporation that serves as the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. CAP is a volunteer organization with an aviation-minded membership that includes members from all backgrounds.



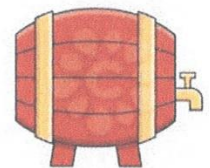


**Save the Date to Participate!**



# Spring Lake Fall Festival

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**October 26, 2024**

**10:00 A.M. to 4:00 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**

Contact: Cindy @ SLID 863-655-1715 or Phil Gentry @ 863-273-6820