

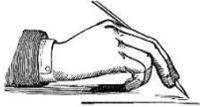
Merry Christmas



Newsletter December 2022

There will be a **SLPA Board of Directors/members** meeting on **Monday, December 12th** 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, December 14th** 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

Greetings & Happy Holidays to my Spring Lake Friends –

Andy Williams was right, many years ago! This truly IS the “Most Wonderful Time of the Year”.

December is an amazing time in our incredible community. I encourage ALL of our residents to take in one (or more) of our cities' Christmas parades, featuring thousands of smiles and a LOT of Christmas Sprit too!

Need to do some shopping? There are SO many terrific small, local businesses to choose from to get that PERFECT gift! Visit the stores and go see the various Farmers' Markets as well – so many great, unique finds that will delight the co-worker or family member that receives it.

Here in Spring Lake, this month means holiday decorations.....on a grand scale! MANY of our residents spend an awful lot of time, effort and money to REALLY help their homes – and our community – shine brightly! I encourage folks to take a night or two and drive around our neighborhood – there are many amazing holiday displays, seemingly one or more down EVERY street in Spring Lake.

We're also drawing near the re-opening of the Pub at Spring Lake (new name coming). Many have waited patiently, and that wait will (happily) end later this month!

Your SLPA Board has been hard at work, addressing issues and trying to improve our community while keeping it a friendly, warm place to live. Please feel free to come and attend our next meeting with any questions or concerns that YOU might have.....plus you can hear the latest development updates as well. December's meeting will be held December 12th @ 6pm in the Spring Lake Community Center. Hope to see you there!

Admittedly, nearly everyone feels this year FLEW by. Well, let's make the most out of 2022's FINAL month. Enjoy the warmth of the season, the love of family and friends and all of that delicious FOOD too!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all – see you around the neighborhood!

Don Elwell



A MESSAGE FROM THE VIOLATIONS OFFICER

Howdy friends and neighbors of Spring Lake. Well, we have gone through the month of November and the Thanksgiving holiday season. We are now preparing for the holiday season of Christmas by decorating indoors and outdoors. Don't forget about our Christmas Decorating contest. Call the office for details. On the lighter side we are seeing some relief in the heat and rain. But now we need a shower for our fall gardens and grass. We are looking forward to the time of year that cooler weather is coming as well as the Holiday Season.

December brings on other issues that we are faced with here in Spring Lake. After enjoying Thanksgiving Dinner, we are gearing up for Christmas. Hopefully, everyone can make contact one way or another with family and loved ones without any major issues. Be safe and enjoy the season by celebrating Christmas and New Year's. May we all have a joyful and Merry Christmas as well as a Prosperous and Happy new Year.

With the Holiday season upon us, there are several issues that need to be addressed. ATTENTION: Residents of Spring Lake: please read the homeowners restrictions online, www.springlakepropertyassociation.com. When you rented or purchased your new home in Spring Lake, you agreed to abide by the Homeowners Association deed restrictions. Working together makes Spring Lake a better place to live. This cooperative effort provides a better place to live and enjoy the rural area of Spring Lake.

WHEN DO YOU NEED A PERMIT: Go to springlakepropertyassociation.com and read the regulations and requirements when making any changes to the outside of your property (excluding landscaping).

1. We are still getting several complaints about people driving too fast in our neighborhoods. 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.

2. PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR YARD WASTE OR BULK WASTE ON THE STREET CURB UNTIL THURSDAY FOR FRIDAY'S PICKUP.

3. Waste Connections – (863-655-0005) Timing in putting out yard waste and Household waste should be according to the calendar. They will not pick up any yard waste that is not cut to length and bundled or put in a trash can.

4. Several residents own small utility trailers and boats. These trailers and boats cannot be parked in your yard or in your driveway. These trailers and boats must be put in storage, in your garage or behind a solid fence so that the trailer or boat cannot be seen.

5. ATTENTION: FYI ALL ABOVE GROUND POOLS MUST BE DISMANTLED AND PUT IN STORAGE UNTIL NEXT SPRING. SOME RESIDENTS PUT UP PERMENTENT DECKS, SPLA WILL ALLOW THOSE STAND-ALONE DECKS TO REMAIN IN PLACE WITHOUT DIISMANTLING THEM.

6. 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 cut across the empty lots just to save a block or two.

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 all worked together and do our part, we could make a difference and make Spring Lake a better place to live. Feel free to call the office or myself anytime with your questions or concerns. If we all put fourth some effort and help one another out, be neighborly and friendly Spring Lake would be a great place to raise a family and live life to its fullest.

LEROY KAYLOR, VIOLATIONS INSPECTOR

(217) 653-2409



DECEMBER

December 9 & 23

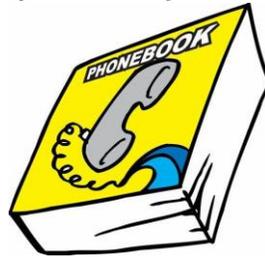
Yard Waste Pickup

December 2, 16 & 30

Bulk Waste Pickup

COMING SOON...

The new Spring Lake phone directory is at the printers and should be available very soon!



"Long time, no hear." you may be thinking. I am trying to follow through on my recent promise to write shorter columns here and stay more 'on target' instead of being so long winded. If you miss me, you can find me every Tuesday on the Viewpoints page of our local newspaper - right under the cartoon - now that I am a regular weekly columnist.

I want to apologize in case you have noticed that our 3 LFLs have not been maintained quite as well as I promised since 2014 when we acquired our first one. August 5th I seriously injured my dominant left arm and shoulder. That is still resolving. I am grateful to a new resident, Susan Dobbins, who with husband Ron is restocking THE BOOKWORM LFL out at Eco Park for me while I attend to our two smaller ones. Over these past 8-9 years, it has been my joy and pleasure to steward the LFLs but time stands still for no one. Within another few years, I will have to decide when it is time to retire.

The only LFL business I have to report this month is that Susan and I have permission to label each of the 3 black donation boxes with some wording to remind people to put returned books in the box and not back into the LFLs - so that i can sanitize them as this pandemic drags on and on. If you find the box full, you are welcome to call me (863-655-0811) and bring them to leave on my covered front porch.

Until next month,

Sam Heede, The Book Lady.



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IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

- The District Offices will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th. We will also be closed on Monday, January 2nd.
- Thank you to outgoing elected officers Bill Lawens and Brian Acker. Together they devoted 31 years of service to the District. They are being replaced by Ken Kirk and Butch Copeland
- The long-awaited Pickle ball Courts should be installed starting the middle of January and will take approximately 5 weeks to complete. They replace the tennis courts
- The Board of Supervisors has approved two fishing piers to be constructed at the ECO Park in the early part of 2023.
- The Library book vending machine will be installed right after the first of the year. The Library will be scheduling time at the community center for residents to secure a library card and be able to access the machine. This innovative piece of equipment will be located on the west side of the community center, next to the handicap parking area.
- There are currently 1,442 subscribers to the District e-mail blast list. If you want to be included, please send your e-mail address to: jdecerbo@springlakefl.com These infrequent blasts share very pertinent information and news to subscribers that is accurate and truthful.
- The next issue of The Breeze will be mailed to residents at the end of January 2023.

ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND STAFF, HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.

~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-5th) 6:00 to 7:00 pm; Youth 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Mark your calendars now! On December 4th the Peace River Quartet will be in concert beginning at 6:30 pm. This gospel group has a great talent and leaves you wanting the concert to last longer. A love offering will be accepted.

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](#)

Administrative Assistant: Ernette Prueter
Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – Noon

Sunday Bible Study 8:45 AM
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Pet friendly for our well behaved leashed fur babies!



CHURCH PIANIST NEEDED: Proficient in playing the piano, Sunday's 1 1/2 hour per week, seasonal choir, no evenings. Wages negotiable, per diem, generous flex time. Contact Rev. Maureen Baker (810) 488-2390 or Spring Lake United Methodist Church at (863) 655-0040/send letter of interest to umc.springlake@gmail.com

GUITARIST NEEDED: Proficient in playing the guitar, can lead singing, Christian music, Sunday's 1.5 hours, no evenings, wages negotiable, per diem, generous flex time. contact Rev. Maureen Baker (810) 488-2390 or Spring Lake United Methodist Church at (863) 655-0040/send letter of interest to umc.springlake@gmail.com

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN NEEDED: to set up and operate computer for Sunday worship and occasional special events.

3-5 hours per week, wages negotiable. Presently using Powerpoint Propresenter and Vmix for live streaming software. Will provide training or can change software depending on level of expertise. Contact Rev. Maureen Baker (810) 488-2390 or Spring Lake United Methodist Church at (863) 655-0040/send letter of interest to umc.springlake@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES:

Wrapped in LOVE

Become a "Blanketeer" and make a difference! We meet monthly: the 2nd Saturday of each month in the Church Fellowship Hall – making washable comfort and security blankets that are given as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children of Highlands County, ages 0-18. Sit and sew, cut, knit/crochet or just come and fellowship. Lunch provided. The need is there and the children are waiting!

For more information, contact Chapter Coordinator – Linda Markham at (614) 214-5792 or email at benmarkham@aol.com.

All ages welcome. Come and learn to sew, knit, and crochet too!

Next meeting: Saturday, January 14th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

COOKIE WALK - CRAFT BAZAAR - GARAGE SALE

Saturday, December 3, 2022 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sunday, December 4, 2022 Live concert with Denny Dwyer

⌚ 10:00 AM **FREE!** **PLEASE SEE BELOW**



DENNY DWYER a Tampa Bay Singer and Songwriter

will be doing a **FREE** concert at

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

8170 Cozumel Lane, Sebring, FL 33876

Sunday, DECEMBER 4, 2022 at 10 AM

He is witty, funny, and talented!

It's all **FREE**, so come early and get a seat upfront

For more information, call (810) 488-2390

DENNY HAS BEEN PERFORMING FOR 20+ YEARS

HIS MUSIC STYLE IS ECLECTIC

HE HAS PERFORMED FOR MANY TYPES



Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

5887 US Highway 98 - Sebring, FL 33876

Phone (863) 655-0713

Email: springlakepc@embarqmail.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. Social distancing is practiced. Join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service in the church Fellowship Hall. You may also join us on-line with Zoom. Please call the office for instructions.

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 December 20, 2022 from 9-11 am.

Please join us in prayer each Friday at 12 pm as we say a short prayer for strength for Christians everywhere and a peaceful resolution of the troublesome situations our world is now facing.

Spread the word to your family and friends asking them to join us for these few minutes of prayer on Friday afternoons. We should never give up or back down. We need to keep praying.





THE SLPA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 26, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2023 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

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.

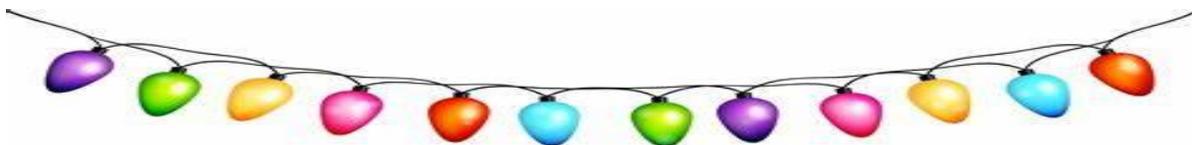
There is a "Lending Closet" for the convenience of Spring Lake residents. On hand are walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs crutches and other supplies. If there is something you need to borrow, contact Susan Holloway at (704-813-1867).

PLEASE NOTE...

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.



Waste connections is contracted with Highlands County to pick up yard debris and household waste for residents that pay for municipal waste pick up on their property taxes (through SLID). Only developed lots pay this tax, therefore, they will not pick up any debris on empty lots. When you place yard/bulk debris on an empty lot – you are littering and/or dumping illegally and the lot owner *could* press charges.



The Christmas decorating contest judges will be going out the week of December 12th. Make sure you are all decorated and ready to go! Cash prizes will be awarded at the January meeting.



BECOME A BOARD MEMBER – BE INFORMED AND INVOLVED!

Are you interested in becoming active in Spring Lake? Would you like to see changes made and be a part of the decision making process that affects living in Spring Lake? Would you like to become acquainted with members of your community, helping to see that their needs are being considered/met and to be aware of what is going on? Consider dedicating your time as a volunteer, serving on the Spring Lake Property Association's Board of Directors. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place to live.

If you have lived here six months or longer and would like to serve your community as a board member of the Spring Lake Property Association, **stop by the office and pick up an application.** Ballots will be mailed out the end of January. Election results will be announced in February.

2022 Spring Lake Property Association's Giving Tree.



**Stop by the office and
take a name from the
tree.**

**Return the tag and gift
to the office before
December 16th.**

**Help someone have a
Merry Christmas!**

This year the Spring Lake Property Association will be sponsoring a giving tree to benefit the residents who reside at the five group homes with Ridge Area Arc. If you would like to participate in helping these residents have a good Christmas, please stop by the office and take a tag off of the tree. The tag contains a first name, clothes size, and a wish. You may purchase any item(s) that you wish. **Return the gift – WITH THE TAG – to the SLPA office by December 16, 2022** so they can be delivered in a timely manner. Thank you for your kindness in participating in this event.



The Academy at the PARC

5300 US Highway 98

Sebring, Florida 33876

December Events

- December 3 & 4 – Nature Survival: Shelter & Fire
- December 4 – Fermentation: Beans for Gut Health
- December 15 – Herbal First Aid: Elderberry
- December 17 – Italian Farm-to-Table Dinner

To gather more information about these classes and for future classes/events, please go to <https://academyattheparc.com/events>

Spring Lake Fall Festival – 2022



Photos from the Appreciation Luncheon on November 22nd. This event was put on by the Pawsitively Spring Lake Dog Club in appreciation of all the workers and volunteers who helped make the Spring Lake Fall Festival a success.



Thanks everyone – and thank you Pawsitively Spring Lake Dog club for all the goodies!

2022 Holiday Events and Celebrations in the Sebring Area

Christmas at the Jacaranda Hotel

November 28 – January 8

Christmas at the Jacaranda Hotel

Visit the hotel and halls where Babe Ruth, Clark Gable and Al Capone once stayed. Step back in time and embrace the magical holiday season at this 1920s historic hotel. Full of traditional and festive holiday décor, the Grand Lobby showcases a 15-foot Christmas tree, nutcrackers, fireplace and ornate holiday splendor. Stroll the Arcade decorated with poinsettias, an antique sleigh and lavish decorations or enjoy a buffet lunch or dinner in the Palm and Citrus Dining Rooms. Make sure to stop and say hello to Santa and Mrs. Claus from December 3-23 (Saturdays and Sundays from noon-2:00 PM/Thursdays and Fridays, 5-7 PM). There's also a special Christmas brunch buffet on December 18th.

Carousel of Lights

November 26 – December 25

Downtown Sebring

Join us for the annual Downtown Sebring Carousel of Lights as historic Circle Park illuminates again with an amazing display of festive holiday lights displayed each night from 6-9 PM. In addition to the lights, this 4-week long event will feature Santa Claus every night, kid games and miniature golf. Free to attend; fee to participate in the activities.

Sebring Christmas Parade

December 2, 2022

7pm-9pm

Downtown Sebring

Here's another chance to see Santa! Just four days after his Avon Park parade, St. Nick heads over to Sebring. Starting on the corner of North Ridgewood Drive and Sebring Parkway, the parade then travels south to Circle Park, which will be illuminated by the Carousel of Lights, and ends at South Commerce Avenue at the corner of McLane Lane. Enjoy the music, floats and festivities. The parade starts at 7:00 PM.

Christmas on the Circle

December 3, 2022

A new holiday event for the Sebring area, Christmas on the Circle event will include a Merry Market (2-9 pm), with vendors set up as a one-stop-shop for finding the perfect unique gift for the holiday season! Apparel, home décor, sweet treats and more will be on display. To end the day there will be an outdoor festival (5-9 pm). Attendees will enjoy "Florida" snow showers every 30 minutes, festive picture opportunities, entertainment throughout the evening and other surprises along the way. There will be armbands available to purchase (limited number) to enjoy ice skating, a snow maze, cookie decorating and getting your picture taken in a giant snow globe.

The Nutcracker – South Carolina Ballet

December 4, 2022

Alan Jay Wildstein Center for Performing Arts

A worldwide holiday favorite for young and old will delight audiences with gorgeous costumes, beautiful scenery, comedy, and sumptuous music! With a charming Prince, dancing gumdrops, a Sugar Plum Fairy, enchantments and snow!

Jingle Bell Run 5K + Children's Fun Run

December 9, 2022

Union Church in Avon Park

Grab your sneakers and show your holiday spirit. Join The Jarrett Family for their annual Jingle Bell Run along Avon Park's Main Street. Enjoy the festive Main Street lighting and help raise funds for the development of the Advent Health Sebring Wellness Center.

Florida Flywheelers' Christmas in the Village

December 9, 10, 16 & 17, 2022

Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Club

The Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Club promotes interest in restoring, preserving and exhibiting antique internal combustion engines, steam engines, antique tractors and autos and other labor-saving devices from the by-gone years. Join them at their season kick-off event that salutes our veterans.

Lake Placid Christmas Parade

December 10, 2022

Downtown Lake Placid

Join Lake Place for their annual Christmas Parade with floats, cheerleaders, bands, fire trucks and, of course, Santa Claus. Parade starts at 7:00 PM.

Kaleidoscope Series: Holiday Traditions Around the World

December 11, 2022

Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts

This fast-paced, rollicking musical takes a joyous around the world tour of the dances, songs and stories from Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and many more holidays. Audiences young and old will sing, clap and tap along as they learn new and old traditions, customs and folklore that instill the magic of the season. This is a free family event, but tickets are required for admission.

Darlene Love – Love for the Holidays

December 13, 2022

Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts

Get into the Christmas spirit with Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Grammy Award winner: Darlene Love! Since the early sixties, Darlene has appeared on numerous television programs and on Broadway.. Her Billboard hits include: *He's A Rebel*, *The Boy I'm Gonna Marry*, *Wait 'Til My Bobby Gets Home*, *He's Sure the Boy I Love* and the #1 holiday classic *Christmas Baby Please Come Home*. Darlene performs a number of special Christmas shows every year and continues to enchant her fans with Christmas spirit.

Breakfast with Santa at Island View at the Sun 'N Lake Golf Club

December 18, 2022

Island View at Sun 'N Lake

Come say hello to Father Christmas at this all-you-can-eat buffet featuring breakfast favorites, crafts, and photos with Santa! Reservations are required.

Christmas Eve Dinner at Chicanes Restaurant

December 24, 2022

Chicanes

Located in Inn on the Lakes Hotel, the Chicanes dining room will be specially decorated for the holidays. Enjoy all your favorite holiday treats!

Christmas Brunch at Seven Sebring Raceway Hotel

December 25, 2022

Seven Sebring Raceway Hotel

If you're looking for turkey on Christmas day but don't want to cook it yourself, Seven Sebring Raceway Hotel has you covered! Their holiday buffet brunch is served from 11AM – 1PM and reservations are suggested.

There's More to Celebrate in Sebring

Stay up to date with what's happening in the Sebring area by visiting our Events Calendar. For more information on our holiday events, please contact Casey Hartt at Casey@visitsebring.com.

Be sure you don't miss this years show!



A MAGICAL THEME

By Angelo Russo...

A must see beginning December 1st ending January 7th

December 1- 9 one hour Christmas light/music shows

**5825 Thunder Road
Sebring (Spring Lake) Florida**

December 10th all of the songs will be loaded and it will be a three hour show!



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



**Thank you to all of this year's
Sponsors for the Spring Lake
Fall Festival.**

**Remember to show them
your support as they
supported our community.**