

CPDE/ Front Entrance Update

By Jim Desmond, President

Road Construction

Last stages of construction/ paving are coming to an end. Road is closed to the public; but the initial paving, curbing is done right through to Deer Park Elementary. Fawn Ridge to Sheldon section will be the first to open when the Key West cul-de-sac is closed and complete. No firm dates yet and we are told the county is looking at additional “traffic control measures” for the middle section that may push back the entire road opening. Confirmed that our upgraded 8 ft. privacy fencing is on order and installation should be in October.

Front Entrance

We have run into some Right of Way (ROW) and water easement issues we needed to resolve with our design plans on the west side monument /signage. They are solvable and should not affect our design plans significantly. Because of this and the near completion of that part of the intersection and walkways, we decided not to finalize our plans until we “see” the build out.

Our preferred contractors and designers are in place to complete the permitting and construction. We have had interest from some to help/assist on the final designs and planning. If you have interest drop an email to Mike Castro, New Gauge Property Management and we will form a working committee.

Mike Castro, New Gauge Property Management
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www.fawnridge.org

HOME (tab top left)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday of the Month

7 p.m. (virtual)

Sign up: bit.ly/frboardmtgweds

2021 GARAGE | YARD SALE

Many homes participated in the annual garage sale. Residents were able to unload unwanted items.

Thank you to Grace Hutchinson for coordinating and advertising of the annual event.



HURRICANE SEASON BE PREPARED

Luckily, Tampa was spared once again with Tropical Storm Elsa. Now is a good time to prepare your house and yard in the event another storm comes through Tampa Bay.

- Trim bushes, hedges and trees. Low hanging tree branches impede pedestrians walking on the sidewalk. With the abundant of rain and storms, saturated tree branches become heavy and could snap, causing property damage or bodily harm.
- Clean gutters of debris
- Check roof for loose shingles and leaks
- Other hurricane preparedness is found at: <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/>

Driveways and Sidewalk Maintenance

Oil and Rust stains can be unsightly in the middle of your driveway and permanently parking your car over the stain is a poor way to disguise the problem. For oil stains, put down cat litter to absorb the oil, then brush away and cover with dry cement as it will absorb the oil and can then be brushed away. Older oil stains can be purged with a mixture of hydrated lime powder and turpentine, spread over the stain and covered with plastic then scrub with detergent and water after a day.



This Is Not Boston

Since we don't live in New England, we don't Pawk aw Caws on da Lawn.

Even though the Fawn Ridge Deed Restrictions prohibit parking of vehicles on lawns or county right of ways, visitors and residents should be considerate of the grass. The rainy season means that the lawns and right of ways are saturated and soggy and a 2,000 pound vehicle is bound to cause damage not only to the lawn but to installed sprinklers.

Please advise your guests and contractors to park their vehicles legally on the street and not on our grass. The HOA will be issuing warning notices, but repeated offenses will be processed as violations which could result in fines.

Help us keep our neighborhood looking good.

Community Patrol May 2021:

25 tickets
29 warnings
5 faulty equipment notices



DON'T FEED THE ALLIGATORS

Is there any more prominent symbol of Florida than the Florida alligator? Found throughout the state, alligators are more plentiful ever given their protection under the law. We now have over one million alligators in Florida. Add to that the fact that we now have over 17 million people in Florida, and you have the right mix for more gator attacks on humans in this state. While alligators don't normally seem to think of adult humans as prey, who really knows what these massive, toothy holdovers of the dinosaur age think? Never trust a Florida alligator, or any alligator for that matter. They may lie around looking lifeless and lethargic, but they move with lightning burst of speed. If folks had any idea that an alligator can outrun a horse over a short distance, they'd probably be a lot more careful.

Fact: an alligator can run 30 miles-per-hour for quite a few yards. I always think of them as big lizards, and most of us know how fast a lizard can move when it wants to. Stay far enough away from an alligator so that the decision as to whether or not you're attacked remains with you, NOT the alligator.

In their natural, wild state alligators--especially the big ones--tend to go out of their way to avoid people, their only natural enemy. There are stories of sunning Florida alligators on the banks of dark water creeks that hit the water to avoid an encounter with canoeist. But let alligators get too used to people, and they can become downright bold around humans. Even worse, let an alligator be fed by people, and you have the makings of a tragedy. There are plenty of places in this state where some gators will not only not run from you; they'll actually come up to investigate whenever they see people. I can only bet that some thoughtless people have thrown marshmallows, half-eaten sandwiches, Twinkies, fried chicken bones and the like to these creatures, and they now associate us humans with food. Bad situation, either for the gator, or infinitely worse, for a person who gets too close. It's bad for the gator because "a fed gator is a dead gator." Sooner or later a large menacing alligator will have to be destroyed. But if that gator actually attacks and kills someone, well, there's a tragedy none of us want even to think about, much less see or read about.



Paint Palette Expansion

In June, the Board of Directors voted to expand the current neighborhood paint palette. Homeowner(s) input is important to the BOD.

Members signed up at fawnridge.org, the voting form was sent to the email address on record, listed in Announcement section of fawnridge.org and copied to FB page (not authentic webpage to FR). Results listed at: fawnridge.org

How were paint colors selected?

With the assistance of Spring @ Sherwin Williams*, two architectural committee members and one board member, paint selections were narrowed to 23 paint swatches.

Sherwin Williams permits up to 20 base colors per book (valued at \$200.00 each). Fawn Ridge receives 3 sets of books and 1 is retained at the store located on Sheldon Rd. Color palette is posted to Sherwin Williams website.

*Sherwin Williams provides Fawn Ridge with professional color expertise and exterior paint books. Homeowners may use a paint manufacturer of choice.



STREET PARKING

Fawn Ridge is a Deed Restricted community with public streets and sidewalks. Often residents question when and if parking is allowed or not allowed.

Deputy Jeff Ramer, HCSO provided county ordinance for street parking. The ordinance is found at:

<https://library.municode.com/>

Search: Sec. 50-110. - Stopping, standing and parking in specified locations.

Hillsborough County

Public Schools

First day of School

AUGUST 10th

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/>

Private Schools – Check individual webpage

BE SAFE!