



WATER'S EDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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An Exceptional Community. A Place to Call Home

COMMUNITY PRIDE ON DISPLAY

As visitors enter Water's Edge, they are beginning to see the results of a community-wide effort to recover from this year's unusually harsh winter weather. From our newly refreshed frontage design to the many homeowners who have restored lawns, flower beds, trees, and landscape features, our neighborhood continues to reflect the pride residents take in their homes and community.

Beautiful communities don't happen by accident. They are the result of neighbors who care, invest their time, and take pleasure in creating an environment everyone can enjoy. While landscaping certainly contributes to a neighborhood's appearance, community vibrancy is about much more than lawns and hedges. It is reflected in the pride residents take in their homes, the welcoming atmosphere they create, and the collective effort to maintain a neighborhood that residents are proud to call home.

Darin Dellilo, one of our three Beautification Committee members suggests, "With the hottest months of the year ahead and voluntary water restrictions in place, homeowners can help protect their landscapes by making a few simple adjustments. Most lawns in Water's Edge feature St. Augustine grass, which performs best when maintained at a slightly higher mowing height during periods of heat and drought stress. Taller grass helps shade the soil, retain moisture, and promote healthier root systems. Adding fresh mulch around trees, shrubs, and flower beds can also help conserve moisture, moderate soil temperatures, and keep landscapes looking their best throughout the summer."

Beautification Committee member Carol Hager noted, "It's wonderful to see so many homeowners successfully restoring their landscapes following the winter weather. The efforts residents invest in their homes and yards is one of the reasons Water's Edge continues to be such an attractive and welcoming community."

The Beautification Committee is especially pleased to recognize our **July Yard of the Month winner, Patricia Sturdivant at 201 Water's Edge Drive South**. Congratulations, and thank you for contributing to the vibrancy, character, and curb appeal that make Water's Edge a community of choice.

"Every improvement a homeowner makes—whether large or small, increases the beauty and value of our community," said Christina Loddo, Beautification Committee Chair. "When residents invest in their homes, they also invest in their neighbors and in the future of Water's Edge. Together, we're creating a neighborhood we're all proud to call home."

COMMUNITY PRIDE AND AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

This Fourth of July is especially meaningful as our nation celebrates its 250th birthday—a remarkable milestone in the history of the United States of America.

At Water's Edge, we're fortunate to experience community pride every day. We see it in the kindness of neighbors, the care residents take in their homes, the volunteers who generously give their time, and the friendships that make this neighborhood such a special place to live. Those everyday acts remind us that strong communities are built one relationship at a time.

Those same values helped shape our nation 250 years ago. America was founded on the enduring ideals of freedom, opportunity, personal responsibility, and service to others. Over the generations, people from every background have contributed their talents, perspectives, and hard work to build a nation that continues to grow and thrive.

A strong community isn't measured just by its beautiful homes or amenities. It's measured by the character of its people—their willingness to care for one another, welcome new neighbors, volunteer their time, and work together with mutual respect. The American story reminds us that honoring our past doesn't mean standing still. It means building on what came before, embracing new ideas, and working together to leave an even better community for the next generation.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, we also pause to honor and thank the members of our Armed Forces, veterans, first responders, and all who have served our nation and our communities. Their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment have helped preserve the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy today.

On behalf of the Water's Edge HOA, we wish you and your family a safe, joyful, and meaningful Fourth of July.

Happy 250th Birthday, America!

PROTECTING THE COMMUNITIES WE SHARE

One of the reasons residents choose to live in Water's Edge and the surrounding Sawgrass Players Club communities is the quality of life we enjoy together. Safe streets and surroundings, well-maintained amenities, and a strong sense of community are made possible through responsible stewardship and residents who take pride in where they live.

In recent months, several of our amenities and common areas have experienced incidents involving vandalism, unsafe behavior, and reckless conduct. In addition, some neighboring residents have been

impacted by social media-driven "pranks" in which individuals kick doors, strike homes, damage property, record the activity, and post it online for attention and notoriety. Reports have also included dangerous stunts around recreational facilities and the reckless operation of e-bikes and other motorized devices.

While Water's Edge has not experienced these issues to any significant degree, these incidents serve as a reminder that protecting the amenities, common areas, and neighborhoods we all enjoy requires awareness, respect, and cooperation from residents, guests, and families throughout our communities.

What may seem like harmless fun can have serious consequences. Property damage, unsafe behavior, and reckless actions create safety risks, increase repair costs, and can cause fear and concern for neighbors. In some situations, what is intended as a prank may be perceived as a genuine threat. Homeowners have no way of knowing whether someone kicking a door or damaging property is playing a prank or attempting to commit a crime. What begins as a poor decision can quickly escalate into a dangerous confrontation with serious or even tragic consequences.

We can all play an important role in teaching and demonstrating respect, responsibility, and accountability. We all, and particularly our youth who look up to us, must understand that leadership is not following the crowd—it is having the confidence to make good decisions and walk away from bad ones.

If any of us witness vandalism, reckless conduct, or unsafe behavior, please report it to SPC Security or the police. Documentation that helps identify offenders and protect community assets can be valuable; sharing content that glorifies misconduct is not.

The overwhelming majority of residents throughout our Sawgrass Players Club communities conduct themselves responsibly and respectfully. By looking out for one another and taking pride in our neighborhoods, we can help preserve the safe, welcoming communities that make this area such a special place to call home.

Together, we help protect the communities we share.

HURRICANE SEASON: PREPARE BEFORE THE STORM

Hurricane season is underway, and while we all hope for a quiet season, experience has taught us that preparation is far easier before a storm is approaching than during the rush that often accompanies watches and warnings.

Residents are encouraged to review their hurricane plans, verify emergency contact information, and ensure they have essential supplies on hand, including water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, batteries, and important documents. It is also a good time to inspect shutters, generators, and other storm-preparation equipment to make sure everything is in working order.

Because Water's Edge is located in the coastal Ponte Vedra Beach area, residents should familiarize themselves with their St. Johns County evacuation zone and evacuation route before a storm threatens. Depending on a storm's projected track, intensity, and storm surge risk, mandatory evacuation orders may be issued for certain zones. Residents can determine their evacuation zone by visiting the St. Johns County Emergency Management website: sjcfl.us/evacuation and using the county's evacuation zone lookup tool. The time to learn a route to safety is before a storm appears on the forecast—not after.

Around your property, consider trimming dead branches, securing loose outdoor items, and checking gutters and drainage areas to help reduce potential storm damage. If a storm threatens our area, outdoor furniture, decorations, potted plants, and other unsecured items should be brought indoors or properly secured.

Just as importantly, please remember to check on neighbors who may need assistance, particularly seniors, residents living alone, or those with mobility challenges. One of Water's Edge's greatest strengths is the willingness of neighbors to help one another during times of need.

Preparedness is not just an individual responsibility—it is a community responsibility. Every home that is properly secured helps protect neighboring homes as well. By planning ahead, staying informed, and looking out for one another, we can help ensure that Water's Edge remains safe, resilient, and ready for whatever the season may bring.

Prepare early. Stay informed. Take care of one another.

COYOTES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: PROTECTING OUR PETS

Several residents have recently reported coyote sightings in and around Water's Edge. While coyotes are a natural part of Florida's wildlife, pet owners should remain vigilant, particularly during the early morning, evening, and nighttime hours when coyotes are most active.

Small dogs and cats may be especially vulnerable. Residents are encouraged to keep pets on a leash, avoid leaving them unattended outdoors, and closely supervise them during walks and outdoor activities. Feeding pets outside and leaving food sources accessible can also attract wildlife closer to homes. If you encounter a coyote, do not approach or feed it. Instead, make your presence known by standing tall, making noise, and allowing the animal to move away on its own.

Most coyote encounters are harmless, and these animals generally avoid people. However, awareness and simple precautions can help protect pets and reduce unwanted interactions. By remaining alert and practicing responsible pet safety, we can continue to enjoy our community while coexisting safely with the wildlife that shares our natural surroundings.

Protect your pets. Stay alert. Respect our wildlife.

NEIGHBORS, NIBBLES & AUTUMN NIGHTS

Save the Date... Join your Water's Edge neighbors for an afternoon and early evening of friendship, conversation, and community spirit:

Saturday, October 17, 2026

4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Covered Pavilion Area Adjacent to the Pool

The **Board will provide an assortment of deli favorites, along with soft drinks and water.** We ask each household to **bring a small, shareable, sweet or savory dish** to help make this a true community gathering. **Residents who wish to enjoy beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages are welcome to bring their own.**

Additional details will follow in a future invitation, but for now, please save the date and plan to join us.

Good food. Good neighbors. Great friends.