

SLOA Quarterly

Seminole Landing Owner's Association

A Message from the President

The SLOA Board has been working on various projects through out the community. Gated entrances quotes, working with an engineer on Donovan Circle ditch, repaired boat dock, filling in our road easements with dirt, sod & gravel, plus a few other issues. Remember projects take time and planning. We have set out annual meeting for August 16, 2008 at Seminole Baptist Church. The SLOA board would like input from our members on any concerns that you feel needs to be addressed. So please notify us within the next month for we are composing the agenda for the Annual Meeting , either

by email at theboard@seminole-landing.com. or by mail at 20207 Sweetwater Loop, Seminole, AL 36574 (also include your phone number, please)

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a member of our board please let us know.

We wish you a wonderful summer, be safe, cautious, considerate of your neighbors, drive slowly thru the neighborhood and please lock the gate at the boat ramp. If you have any concerns please call me at 946-2217

Thank You,
Linda Westenfelder

What We Have Been Working On

- Fresh Coat of sealant has been put on the entrance signs
- Road repairs have been made to eliminate the washed out areas. Al built up the low areas and added fresh sod and rocks in the needed areas.
- Ditch repairs are still being worked on. Dave Westenfelder has met with the engineer, but is having a hard time getting return calls. We are diligently trying to push this project forward, but are running into delays.
- Information on the ponds is being collected in anticipation of the upcoming meeting with the biologist.
- Research has been done to find a new attorney. Our best find has been Stone, Granade & Crosby. They have an attorney that specializes in homeowner associations, they do not require a retainer and their hourly fee is only \$175 an hour.
- We are still looking for new board members for the upcoming voting in August. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact a current

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- Volunteers are needed for area projects and committees please contact Linda Westenfelder or a member of the board is you are interested in participating
 - The Web Site has updates...check us out at www.seminole-landing.com.
 - Interested in having a community yard sale this year? We are looking for someone to organize this initiative.
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Go Green! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

1. Clean Out Your Storage

We all have a closet or garage full of items that aren't used anymore. An easy way to organize these areas is to group the products and decide what to do with them accordingly. Some sample groups could include electronics, household waste (paint, pesticides, motor oil) and scrap metal.

2. Recycle Smarter

Once you've grouped out what you want to get rid of, figure out how and where to recycle these products or donate them for reuse. Earth 911's recycling locator at the top of this page can help. Another way to recycle smart is by closing the loop; buy items made from recycled content and with limited packaging.

3. Use Energy More Wisely

Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) use 20 percent of the energy of incandescent bulb, and they also last 10 times as long. Keeping your thermostat at reasonable temperatures in both the winter and the summer is also a good energy saver. Finally, read your energy bill and check for trends from month to month, and ask your energy company about renewable alternatives.

4. Use Less Water

Whether it's taking shorter showers or putting a bottle in your toilet tank, saving water is important because it is a limited resource. You can also reuse water around the house, such as using cooking water for plants (the nutrients from the food will benefit the plant).

5. Start Composting

Composting is hip again, and it's a great way to reduce your waste and help your garden at the same time. You can include most food scraps and material like cardboard, which will biodegrade in your yard and produce nutrient-rich fertilizer. A cubic yard of compost is worth \$80 in dirt costs.

6. Invest in Energy-Efficient Appliances

If you can afford it, start replacing older appliances in

your home with more energy-efficient ones. These products will reduce your energy output and save money on your electricity bill. Buying a hybrid car is also an eco-friendly investment.

7. Start a Green Group

Plenty of green activities are meant to be a shared experience, such as carpooling. Talk to your friends about the importance of conserving, and develop programs and activities in your neighborhood for others to get involved. Students can also start a Club Earth 911 at their school.

8. Plant a Tree

It may seem cliché, but planting trees was the original carbon offset. Not only do they reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air, but they can provide shade for your home (reducing energy costs) and produce fruits that you won't have to buy at the store.

Baldwin County has a 24 hour drop off site at the Robertsdale Fire Department for paper, cardboard and plastic. Aluminum cans can be dropped off at Wise Recycling 512 N McKenzie St Foley, AL 36535 or Southern Scrap Co. 2911 N Palafox St Pensacola, FL 32501. Batteries and other electronic items can be dropped off at any Radio Shack. Want to recycle more items? Visit www.earth911.org for other local recycling centers including glass, paint, oil and more.



Treasurers Report

We want to start by apologizing for the late mailing of the invoices this year. In an effort to streamline our invoicing system for more accurate record keeping, we ran into a couple of snags that delayed the mailing. We are also sorry for the incorrect due date that was posted on the invoice and any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

As of March 30, 2008 we have \$47, 839.34 in savings (road/emergency fund) and \$23, 755.77 in checking. As of May 12, 2008 we have collected \$34, 154.00 in annual dues and special assessments. If you have not paid yours yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive an invoice, please contact the board to make sure we have your correct mailing address and we will get one out to you immediately.



Annual Meeting

This years annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **August 16, 2008 at 9am**. We are moving our meeting place from the auction house to **the Seminole First Baptist Church located at 32619 Browns Landing Rd, Seminole, AL 36574**. We are hoping this facility will accommodate our association members more comfortably and have more convenient parking.

Please mark the date and plan on attending. We are hoping to have another productive meeting this year. See you there!

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Saturday, August 16th @ 9am @ Seminole First Baptist Church

Common Areas and Fishing

We hope that everyone enjoys our common areas. Please keep in mind that the pond common areas do NOT include a perimeter around the ponds. Be respectful of association members property along the ponds banks.

Fish are quite abundant right now, so take advantage of the biting fish. We do have a meeting scheduled over the summer to talk with a State Biologist to help determine what kind of maintenance the ponds and fish are needing. Improvements and upgrades are being planned for the common areas themselves, if you are interest in helping or have any ideas/suggestions for improving our common areas, please email the board at theboard@seminole-landing.com.



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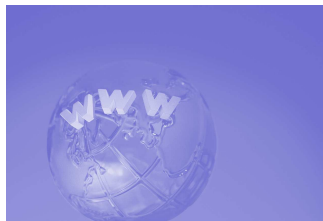
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Seminole-landing.com](http://www.Seminole-landing.com)**

Website Updates!

The rollout of the redesigned website was a great success. Thank you to everyone that gave feedback (which has been wonderful) and we hope that even if you did not give feedback that you are enjoying the information.

We have been updating it regularly with the information we have, so please check back often. As always we welcome your feedback and suggestions.



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