

# Summer Breeze

A Newsletter for the Residents of Summer Creek

Fall 2010

## Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm at Faith Presbyterian Church

The annual meeting provides an opportunity for all residents to participate in important decisions that will affect our community, and to discuss any concerns that arise throughout the year. Please make plans to attend and encourage your neighbors as well!

## Board Members & Officers Needed

Summer Creek needs you. We are losing some board members due to term limits and one who has moved, so we need new members to help ensure we continue to have a functioning board and are not handed over to a management company that would charge much higher dues. Several officer positions also need to be filled.

We meet for 1½ hours once a month, and that's all it takes to be on the board. If you are interested in joining please contact us at [www.summertimecreek.com](http://www.summertimecreek.com)

## Front Entrance Sign Repainted

The Summer Creek entrance sign was recently given a much needed facelift. The Board worked with Festival signs to bring the sign back to its original design. The last time the sign was replaced due to an accident it was just painted with a pastel airbrush background. The newly repainted sign once again features the creek! Thank you to Dan and Darlene Ryon for their continued maintenance of the sign area, including trimming the flowers, weeding and repainting the base and newel post.



## Storm Drains

The Board has recently contacted GRU about the front culverts that have water flowing out of them. Please help us keep our neighborhood clean and pleasant. The storm drains are built to collect and transport rain to prevent flooding in our area. Anything that flows or is discharged into the storm drain goes directly into local creeks, including Summer Creek retention ponds, without any treatment.

NEVER blow grass clippings, leaves, or other debris into the street where they can enter the storm drain; instead use this material in your landscape or compost or bag it up before putting it on the curb. Disposing of dead animals or road kill in the storm drain poses a health risk to residents.

## Support Your Neighbors!

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If you are a Summer Creek resident and would like to promote your business in *Summer Breeze*, e-mail your information to [jon.shinn@summertimecreek.com](mailto:jon.shinn@summertimecreek.com)



Summer Creek  
Homeowners Assoc.

4257 NW 64th St  
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Please make plans to attend the  
**Annual Meeting**  
of the Summer Creek  
Homeowners Association  
**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
2:30pm at Faith Presbyterian Church

**We need your participation to help make  
important decisions and ensure that we  
can keep the annual dues very low!**

**Open for more details and your Fall 2010  
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## **Caring for your Sago Palms**

Many of us have what we call Sago palms (they are actually not palms but from a family of plants called cycads). In recent years many sagos have begun turning white and subsequently dying. The culprit is a scale insect, the Aulacaspis cycad scale. This insect makes the fronds look like they are covered with snow and can cover a sago in a matter of days. Experts recommend using a fish oil spray (e.g. Oganocide™) or chemical insecticides. UF researchers found that four applications at 3 week intervals made significant progress against this insect. One board member recommends a mixture of 1 cup dishwashing soap, 1 cup mouthwash, and about a TBSP of oil and water to fill a spray bottle, spraying both the tops and underneath of the fronds. It is also helpful if you cut back and remove heavily infested foliage.



Sago plants and seed contain a poison that will cause kidney and liver damage. If there is a chance that your pet or child may find these seeds, remove the seed forming "antlers" or cones before the seeds mature.