



Staghorn Plantation Estates
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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS MARCH 2023

Spring has arrived and a lot sooner than many of us expected. Looking out my window, I can see Redbuds in bloom. It is an amazing sight but one we in Staghorn have learned to cherish.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 8th at 2:00 PM

Easter is on April 9, 2023. If you have small children, we have a very special event for you. It is our traditional Easter Egg Hunt.



Just look at the smile on this precious little girl's face. She and her family attended last year's event

The event will be held at 2:00 PM on April 8th 2023 followed by the 3:00 PM Homeowner's Meeting. If you are planning to participate, come a little early and if possible, bring some pre-filled plastic eggs or snacks. Please **RSVP by April 1, 2023** with the number of kids attending and ages of participants via StaghornPlantation@gmail.com, Nextdoor or Facebook.

Our Easter Egg Hunt has time set aside for parents with very little children to hold or carry their child to assist in the search. Parents love joining in and grandparents love the event because they get lots of hugs.

Staghorn Work Day – April 22 9-12 PM

We are hoping that you will join in on Staghorn's "Spring Cleaning" event. Please bring your weed eaters, chain saws, rakes, hedge trimmers, protective glasses, and gloves.

You'll be able to join us in such activities as trimming shrubs, cleaning wooded areas, adding mulch to the playground area, and a variety of other much needed chores.

If you are ambitious, you can do things like help us install the ladder on our recently upgraded swim dock or even be involved in pressure washing our recreation center buildings and bathhouse. We'd love to see your smiling face.

Shad and Grass Carp added to Lake

Garrett Pond Services is under contract to take care of our lake. That includes checking for weeds and water quality.

They have been out to survey Staghorn Lake's weed growth with the most recent visit being March 9, 2023. **Carla Fowler** says the Lake has a weed called elodea that is growing in the swimming area and around the edges of the lake. We will treat it soon.

Water quality can be improved by the type of fish added to Staghorn Lake. With that in mind we will now begin adding threadfin shad and grass carp to the lake's bluegill population.



Pictured above is one variety of Shad

Threadfin shad are filter feeders and feed on both phytoplankton (microscopic one-cell plants) and zooplankton (microscopic animals). They help clean the lake. Also, threadfin shad are forage fish that the largemouth bass will feed on when they are added later in the summer.

A small number of grass carp can add to the ecological balance of a lake. They do not eat fish eggs and live on plant vegetation. Grass carp will sometimes eat algae if other types of weeds are not available.

Our current bluegill or bream population is healthy. They are part of the fish population

that will one day be large enough to catch and eat. By waiting until May or June to add the largemouth bass, it ensures that the bass, will have a large selection of bluegills as well as threadfin shad to eat, while still giving the those fish a sporting chance to mature and reproduce.

Friends of Staghorn Lake Celebration - June 3, 2023 beginning at Noon

Under the leadership of **Pam McGee**, preparations are beginning for the Friends of Staghorn Lake Celebration honoring those who contributed to the repair of the Staghorn Lake spillway. **The event is open to all Staghorn residents (no non-residents).**

It is a day to sit back and relax or participate in a variety of activities planned by the Celebration Committee of **Pam McGee, Vicki Long, Cheryl Martin, and Jenn Webb**. Hamburgers and hot dogs with tea and water are planned for lunch. Afterwards a presentation will be made of the "Friends of Staghorn Lake Plaque."

The event includes a DJ playing favorites and even a bouncy house for all the little kiddos. The beach area will be open for swimming throughout the event. To make things just a little bit more exciting, a pickleball exhibit is planned and there will be kayak races separated by ages.

The Committee expects a large crowd so they recommend that you bring your own chairs and drinks so you can enjoy the whole afternoon.

Pam says that the Committee is always open to new ideas so give her a call or email her. Funds were donated to help support the event and pay for specific events and activities.

Craig Gieler – President SPEHOA