



Staghorn Plantation Estates
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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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SUMMER IS DEFINITELY HERE

After a mild June with what seemed to be daily rain showers, we now have a steamy July with 90-degree temperatures.

Rather than head out to the Georgia or Carolina Seashore, enjoy the crystal-clear water of Staghorn Lake. As one resident recently stated at the HOA Homeowners Meeting and I paraphrase, "The water is so clean that there is no need for showering afterwards."



Vicki Sutton with granddaughter Vivika and pet Willow at Staghorn Lake Beach

Even more special is the fact that the water temperature is now just right for your little kiddies to play in the sand and splash around in Staghorn Lake...So come on down to our recreation facilities and cool off during our hot summer days.

WOODPECKERS CAUSE DAMAGE

Carla Fowler is the Staghorn Plantation Estates Ground Chair. **Andy**, her husband, and Carla have been especially busy this month due to damage recently caused by two Piliated Woodpeckers that took aim at the Staghorn Recreation area.

On June 3rd 2023, the day of our Lake Celebration attended by lots of younger residents, these menaces attacked our picnic tables. **David McGee** said that early that morning he could here what seemed to be a loud, fast, reverberating drumming sound.



Two nasty Pileated Woodpeckers.

When he reached the Staghorn Clubhouse, he could see damage to four of our picnic tables that were not made of pressure treated wood. Looking up in the trees he could see the villains continuing to peck away.

Not only did they damage our picnic tables but they completely destroyed one of our two kayak storage racks.

I couldn't understand why they would pick on these particular objects. Someone had to explain to me what was going on.

The Piliated Woodpeckers were looking for the larvae of carpenter bees. Large and noisy, carpenter bee larvae sounds were attracting the woodpeckers looking for a tasty snack at our expense.

After examining the damage, Andy Fowler decided that the solution was to replace all the damaged boards with new pressurized lumber.



New Picnic Table Benches

As you can see here, it is quite an improvement. The tables were next pressure washed.

Andy also removed the severely damaged kayak storage rack after a cedar tree fell on it.

Another project was the repair and updating of the fencing at Staghorn Trail Extension cul-de-sac. **Hugo Amaya and Andy Fowler** replaced rotten boards and secured the fence with nails. All the bottom boards were raised above the ground so that debris will not accumulate, and water will flow freely.

STAGHORN COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Make plans to participate in the Staghorn Community Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, **August 26th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** According to the 16 residents that participated in last years event, it was a HUGE success.

The Staghorn Community Yards Sale puts money in your pocket as we partner with you to make your yard sale a success with a minimum of effort on your part.

Just think. A yard sale can easily help you get rid of items and declutter your home. The items that you sell in your yard sale may be old to you, but they're a new treasure for someone else. Instead of throwing away your "trash" and filling up valuable landfill space, why not try selling it in a yard sale. No muss no fuss!

Here is how it works. You sign up for the event by emailing staghornplantation@gmail.com. Then we do much of the rest. We advertise your property as part of the yard sale in our local paper and on-line. When it gets time to start the event, we place signs in strategic locations such as the intersection of Hwy 441 and Hwy 335. Signs and balloons will direct shoppers to your yard where you will need to have a balloon to assist your visitors in identifying your home.

Last year there were no complaints about cars doing damage to grass adjacent to the streets and most shoppers were courteous and purchased lots of items.

Hey, why not give this a try. I know I have quite a few items that I am no longer using that would bring in a few bucks. The next time you see **Pam McGee**, thank her for making this happen.

Craig Gieler, President SPEHOA