



Staghorn Plantation Estates
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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Join the Club Today

Have you ever wanted to be a member of a private club with access to your own facilities including a clubhouse with a completely furnished kitchen, beautiful lake and swim/fishing area and even pickleball courts.

You have exclusive access to “The Staghorn Club” by paying your annual dues of just \$300 by 30 September 2023. Use your special access key to take advantage of the beauty of Staghorn Lake and our Recreation Area.

Open House Invitation to All Residents

If you have never been to the Recreation Area and Clubhouse, you are invited to attend a wine and cheese party at the Staghorn Clubhouse on **Sunday, 8 October 2023 at 1:00 PM**. This is one hour before the Staghorn Homeowner’s Meeting at 2:00 PM that day.

You can drive to the Recreation Area that is located on Hwy 335, Brockton Road, between Waterford Cove and Waterworks Road adjacent to Staghorn Chapel. Just go through the gate and park. You can see the Clubhouse. Your other option is to drive to Staghorn Trail Extension, park and walk to the Recreation Area and Clubhouse.

I look forward to seeing you and answering any questions that you might have about your club membership and its benefits. **This time is set aside just for you.**

Incredible Value of Club Membership

Let me share with you what others have told me about the value of paying your \$300 dues.

Having a Family Celebration? For just \$50 you can rent the Staghorn Recreation Clubhouse. This facility with full A/C includes a fully equipped kitchen. That means a Microwave, Oven, Refrigerator, Sink and all the utensils you need to fix a full meal. There are tables and chairs for over 50 adults and children plus covered picnic tables outside with lighting.

Are You Planning a Vacation? Hotel prices have risen as much as 35% and much more in resort cities. Gas prices are outrageous. Plan to have a Staghorn weekend vacation. Enjoy the Clubhouse and bring logs to keep you warm as you sit around the fire pit or play pickleball.

Enjoying a Relaxing Time at the Beach? Bring your lounge chair to the beach, sit under a pavilion or just bask in the sun on our swim dock. Staghorn Lake is fully tested for chemical pollution on a regular basis. Enjoy swimming with no fear of smelling like chlorine when you leave the water. Use the available shower and rest rooms to change from your swim suit.

Want to Participate in Club Events? Join in for the Thanksgiving Party, kiddies Breakfast with Santa and Easter Egg Hunt or the proposed Summer Lake Party.

Go Fishing

It is amazing how fast our fish are growing in just over a year's time. My grandchildren have caught 3" to 5" Bluegills this summer from my paddleboat. There may be larger fish, based on reports.



Some Kids fishing from a Paddleboat

Under the leadership of **Carla Fowler**, your neighborhood association is working with **Garrett Pond Resources** for the restocking and maintenance of Staghorn Lake.

Last fall we added thousands of 1–2-inch **Brim**, mostly Bluegills to the lake. Bluegills will grow to about 10 inches or less and are considered the top choice among the sunfish family for cooking and taste quality. These fish have already doubled in size since last year.

This Spring 1-2 inch **Large-Mouth Bass** were added to the lake. They are a fun sport fish and are a predator of the Bluegills. Large-Mouth Bass easily adapt to lakes and ponds and tolerate both hot and cold-water temperatures.

To aid in the growth of the bass population **Threadfin Shad** were added. **Grass Carp** were also added which will help keep Staghorn Lake weeds down.

Upgrade of the Fishing Dock

One of the advantages of being a dues paying Staghorn Club Resident, is the opportunity to fish in the crystal clear waters of Staghorn Lake.

The budget approved for 2023 – 2024 contains about half the funds needed to upgrade our fishing dock. The dock is now in terrible shape and is too dangerous for us to fish from because the wooden boards have rotted through. You can see the damage below.



Staghorn Fishing Dock Boards have rotted.

Plans call for an upgrade to the dock materials by replacing the black floating pads, improving the cable material and using a high-grade decking called MoistureShield. This is a solid core decking with an impermeable barrier that fights damage from moisture, rot, insects and other harmful elements. The MoistureShield material will last for many more years than standard decking. The cost is estimated to be \$18,000 in total.

Please Pay Your Dues by September 30

We operate on a very tight budget and really need all your help to maintain Staghorn's reputation as one of the top-rated communities in Jackson County.

Craig Gieler - President