

# KILLEARN Commonsense

The Newsletter for YOUR Killlearn Commons Homeowners Association

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## Annual Meeting and Election of Board of Directors

October 21, 2013

Board Members and Homeowners:

This year we had one Board of Directors position open. We had one person submit their name for consideration: Jason Hill.

Since no other names were submitted, there was no need to hold an election.

Therefore, Jason Hill is our newest Board Member. ***Congratulations, Jason!***

Sooner, rather than later, the Board will choose their President and Vice President.

Sincerely,

***Kelly Bagwell***

Chairperson, Election Committee

## Board Meeting Highlights

October 21, 2013

Complete Minutes, Financials and Much More at [KilllearnCommons.com](http://KilllearnCommons.com)

## President's Message

### Update on Killlearn Lakes "Improvements"

Good News! The proposed apartment building plan has been scrapped. The builder has wisely decided there is a much better opportunity in our area for upscale single family individual homes than for

apartments. The proposed upscale homes would be good for our Killlearn Commons property values, because a rising tide lifts all boats. More Good News! The Beech Trail Road Extension and the proposed Roundabout are officially "on hold." Killlearn Lakes Homeowners Association and the Killlearn Commons Homeowners Association will continue to monitor the situation and alert you in upcoming newsletters.

### Fall Festival

I'd like to remind and urge everyone to come to the the Annual Fall Festival at Tekesta Park, Saturday, November 9th, from 11-3. It's a great opportunity to socialize not just with KC residents, but our friends throughout Killlearn Lakes as well. The festival is always a super fun event for kids and adults alike. Hope to see you there.

### Volunteer Board

I would like to remind our residents that our Board is strictly volunteer. Sometimes we receive complaints that we are not doing enough to serve our homeowners. Although we strive to address all our residents' concerns, every one of our Board members and volunteers juggle full time jobs, children and grandchildren in addition to our work with Killlearn

Commons. I am so proud of our group and encourage residents to volunteer, in any capacity, in our goal to keep Killearn Commons a wonderful place to live.

Thanks!

*Tom Weiskotten*

Report ANY Suspicious Activity in Killearn Commons to Leon County Sheriff: 922-3300

## Sept 2013 Financial Reports

### Florida Commerce Share Account

Beginning Balance = \$1,058.27

Interest Earned = \$ 0.08

**Ending Balance = \$ 1,058.35**

### Fla Commerce 1 Year Business CD

Begin Balance= \$ 29,712.29

Dividend = \$6.11

**Ending Balance = \$29, 718.40**

### Fla Commerce Free Business Chkg

**Ending Bal Sept 1, 2013 = \$12,329.58**

Deposits= \$125.00

Withdrawals= 2,615.29

**Ending Balance = \$9,839.29**

## 2013 Dues

Paid to Date: 204 homeowners have paid. This leaves five outstanding. Some have previously been difficult to pay, so we need to again knock on doors, then go ahead and put liens on homes. One has gone into foreclosure. Once foreclosure is complete, we will get paid, including the late fees

## Preparation of 2014 Dues

Dues notices will go out January 2, 2014, including preparing the Web site for on-line payment. The annual dues are \$145.20. After May 1<sup>st</sup> the dues will be \$145.20 with an 18%

penalty, plus any additional cost related to getting the dues paid. In addition, we will continue to use **PayPal** on our Web site for the payment of the dues. There will be a \$2.00 service charge for using this service..

## 2014 Operating Budget

The Board will prepare the 2014 operating budget for the next fiscal year and will present it for approval at the January meeting. The Board will distribute the proposed budget to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting.

## Deer Lake Church Contribution

KCHOA's annual \$100 contribution to the Deer Lake Methodist Church for the use of their facilities was unanimously approved.

## Neighborhood Garage Sale

The Annual Killearn Commons Garage Sale will take place Saturday, November 16 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be an expected 20 to 30 individual sales held. KCHOA will run ads in the Tallahassee Democrat and Craig's List. Sheila Peters has once again volunteered to post the KCHOA Garage Sale signs.

## Pool Closed until March

Thanks to Tom Weiskotten, Sebastian Smith and Richard Wingerson for putting the summer stuff away. We're resurfacing the deck in the off-season. We hope to see you at KCHOA's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pool Cleanup Day in mid-March.

## Holiday Decorations Contest

Saturday Evening, December 21. Judges will again be the Hill and Weiskotten families. A \$50 VISA gift card will go to the best holiday decorations.

## BOO! Spooky Halloween

Lots of resident ghouls and goblins got into the spooky spirit this Halloween. Special thanks to Beth and Mike Sturman at the corner of Elan and Greenland for putting up their annual Boot Hill Cemetery. Their hillside “graveyard” added a little extra chill and scare to the air on pre-Halloween October nights.

## If You Rent, You’re Not Exempt

It’s YOUR responsibility. Your Landlord is responsible for you, as their tenant. So, it’s up you to be keeping up your end of the bargain. Keeping up the property. Making it look good. Keeping your lawn mowed and the mildew off the house. Not parking on the front yard. Not making loud noises. No all-night barking dogs. (Dogs must be walked on a leash.) And while you walk and your dog poops, please bag it, so others won’t step in it. *Thank you.!*

## Our VIPs (Very Interesting People)



### Dan King Represents Us as a Killearn Lakes Homeowners Association Board Member

A Guthrie, Texas native. An Army Paratrooper in the Korean War. A NASCAR Pit Crew Member for LeeRoy Yarbrough and Bill Seifert. A Texas A&M Booster. That’s just some of the colorful background of Dan King, our Killearn Lakes Homeowners Association Board Member. Dan and his wife, Dixie, moved to Tallahassee from Lakeland after Dixie (now happily retired) was promoted by AT&T and Dan retired from the Owens-Illinois Glass Co. The couple has lived in Killearn Commons since 2001. Dan was active in the KCHOA for five years, serving as President, Vice President and Treasurer. He’s also a former labor union negotiator who was appointed by Governor Chiles as the Labor Representative for the

Florida Commission on Community Service responsible for Federal Grants and was Treasurer of that organization from 1996 until 2001. Dan’s been a weekly volunteer as a Mediator in Small Claims Court with the Leon County Court Systems since 2001 and he’s been on the Killearn Lakes Board of Directors for the past ten years. Dan says he enjoys volunteering because “The community’s been good to me and I want to give something back and help keep property values high.” He likes living in Killearn Commons because “It’s the best place I have found to live here in Leon County.”

## Issues with Waste Pro

You had to have noticed. How could you not? A broken lounge from the pool sat next to a broken pool umbrella in a Land Fill Cart full of pool trash in front of our Pool Complex for two weeks. No Waste Pro pickup! Their brochure says: “Bulky Items...you will have to call in to our office to schedule this service.” Ten (10) phone calls later, our Bulky Items were still not picked up! Talked to Emery twice. Talked to Shelby twice. Talked to Alex four times. Supervisor John Allgood (He’s not) was called at **606-1899**. He promised to take care of the problem. He didn’t. His Area Supervisor Bobby Sweet (He’s not) was called at **210-2238**. He promised to “send a truck out today or tomorrow.” He didn’t. Finally, *Lakes View Magazine* arrived, with a column by our Councilman Bryan DesLoge, touting “Waste Pro taking over solid waste collection.” He ended his column with “Please don’t hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns, [deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov) or **606-5364**.” He was called. (Brenda Tanner called back.) Today, this Monday morning, I got a call from Robert Mills, the Leon County Solid Waste Director. He assured me “It will all be picked up today.” Hmm...We’ll see. It’s four in the afternoon. Both bins have been picked

up BUT that !@#\$\$ lounge is still there! Just spoke with Efford Major from Waste Pro and chided him for not returning my two return calls that he initiated. Properly chided, he promised me he'd personally drive his own pickup truck to the pool, pick up the lounge and haul it away. He called to report...He did! THANKS, EFFORD! Pool is closed for the season until March. So, Waste Pro has been put "on vacation" until March 17. But I was advised: "Better follow up. You know how we work around here." They now have four months to get their trash together. Let's hope they'll be able to find it.

### ***OUTDOOR INNOVATIONS***

#### ***Landscaping and Maintenance***

*Plants, Trees, Sod, Irrigation, Decks, Fences, Driveways, Tilling, Tractor Work, Pressure Washing, Cleanup, Maintenance.*

*For a FREE Estimate, Call Killearn Commons Resident, Eric Peacock 570-2781 or [outdoorinnovations@yahoo.com](mailto:outdoorinnovations@yahoo.com)*

#### **Need Your House, Driveway, Walk, Patio or Deck Expertly Power Washed and Cleaned?**

Extreme Power Wash, Killearn Commons Resident Mitchell Payne, will clean that green and destroy that dirt! Call Mitchell at 519-4860 for a FREE Estimate!

#### ***It's Time to Repair, Replace or Repaint That Fading, Rusting, Dreary Old Mailbox***

Some upgrades you may want to consider:  
Repair loose door hinges on your mailbox.  
Repaint that faded exterior. Remount a loose post. Replace or add house numbers. Your mailbox can quickly, easily and inexpensively add to the "curb appeal" of your home.

**For Approved Mailboxes and Mailbox Parts, Call Frank Richardson at First Impression Home Improvement: 491-8475**

## **Board of Directors**

**Tom Weiskotten**, President, 510-7900  
**Roger Bagwell**, Vice President, 841-0334  
**Brian Urban**, Board Member, 228-3546  
**Sheila Peters**, Board Member, 545-1940, [SCPeters@aginggracefully.biz](mailto:SCPeters@aginggracefully.biz)  
**Jason Hill**, Board Member, 907-8298

## **Advisors**

**Shannon Hill**, Secretary, 570-5413  
**Ruth Rivas**, Treasurer, [gmrivas355@gmail.com](mailto:gmrivas355@gmail.com)  
**Melodie Greene**, Assistant Treasurer, 814-4077  
**Kelly Bagwell**, Election Committee, 841-0334  
**Richard Wingerson**, Pool Committee and Newsletter, [Wingerson@comcast.net](mailto:Wingerson@comcast.net)

## **Block Captains**

**Allison Caldwell**, 8220 Charrington Forest, Powerline to Easement  
**Pedro Del Valle**, 8267 Charrington Forest, Easement to Greenland  
**Cheryl Shaw**, 8111 Charrington Forest, Greenland to Powerline  
**Ginger Puskas**, 2833 Dumont Drive  
**Brian and Roxanne Poche**, 8324 Elan Drive  
**Douglas Perry**, 2963 Glen Ives Drive  
**Rob and Renee Kissel**, 8556 Hannary Circle  
**Pete Cuddy**, 8444 Hannary Drive  
**Fran Harrell**, 2756 Oakleigh Court  
**Phillip Bello**, 2752 Whitmore Court  
**Greg and Shannon Hill**, 8408 Wellesly Place

**Next Meeting Mon, Dec16, 7 pm**  
**Deer Lake United Methodist Church**

**\*\*\*\*\*Happy Thanksgiving \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\*Happy Holidays\*\*\*\*\***