

SOUTHLAKE *News and Views*

Community Newsletter • Winter 2012

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Check your calendars and mark these events @ Southlake Recreation Center.

May 26 (Sat.)

*Southlake Pool
Opening Day*
10:00 a.m.

June 16 (Sat.)

*Schools Out Pool Bash
Games/Prizes*
12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m.

July 1 (Sun.)

*Independence Day Ice
Cream Pool Social,
FREE Ice Cream*
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

July 21 (Sat.)

*Family Barbeque &
Swim Night*
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

September 1 (Sat.)

Labor Day Pool Party
12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.

December 14 (Fri.)

*Holiday Party / Children's
Crafts & Santa Visit*
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



Visit our website at
southlakerecreation.com

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Southlake Boards of Directors, many thanks to our Neighbors and Friends for your community support in 2011. With the positive participation of Southlake residents, Southlake can continue to maintain its community resources and stabilize property values.

Special recognition to Lynne DeWitt, who leaves the Southlake Recreation Association Board. Lynne has been active on the Board for eight years, and will continue on the Southlake Cove Townhomes Association Board in 2012. Thanks to retiring Board members Joel Ibanez, Marlon Duke and James Homan, recognized at 2011 Southlake Annual Meetings. **Congratulations and welcome to newly-elected Board members Patrick Brookes, Sheila Dorsey, Keith Herring and Sue Zamperini** (see *Boards of Directors listings on page 2*).

■ DECLINING NORWAY SPRUCE AND WHITE PINE TREES

The Southlake Community has lost multiple 20+ year old trees to age and disease over the past several years. In the Spring of 2011, however, management noted multiple **White Pines and Norway Spruce** showing signs of demise and death. Upon investigation, it was noted that our Landscaping contractor, Community Landscape Services (CLS) applied Dupont "Imprelis" broadleaf weed control in the Spring. "Imprelis", initially lauded and approved by the EPA as an effective broadleaf weed control product, is a commercial product which has produced devastating effects on popular shallow-rooted tree species, principally White Pines and Norway Spruce, throughout the Nation. On August 11, 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency banned the sale of Imprelis.

Our Attorney at Chadwick, Washington, Moriarty, Elmore & Bunn P.C. requested a response from Community Landscape Services. CLS was extremely proactive and hired an independent Arborist who has categorized 175 trees throughout the community, complete with detailed photographs and symptoms to substantiate the claim. A Dupont Chemical Tree Arborist (as part of a random inspection process) has also reviewed the Southlake Landing THA property. **CLS is submitting documentation (on behalf of the Associations) through Dupont's Claims Resolution Process, for eventual reimbursement to the Association. Now that documentation has been completed, the Association will continue the process of removing dead trees as they decline, and planting different tree species, as determined.**

■ TRASH CONTAINMENT

WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE in maintaining a clean and well-maintained community. Most recently, rats and raccoons have been sighted in the community. Prince William Health District, Commonwealth of Virginia, has cited individual residents for placing trash out in plastic bags. **Rats feed on trash and animal feces** left uncontained and in plastic bags, pet food, and wild bird food (spilled on the ground) and harbor in tall grass, firewood and lumber – The Health Dept. recommends you contain trash, pet feces and bird food; cut your grass and elevate your firewood and lumber 8-12" off the ground. Once rats are established in a community, it requires a monetary obligation on the part of the owners to combat infestation with professional extermination services.

SOUTHLAKE 2012 BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

Cove ■ Landing ■ Recreation

Southlake Landing THA

P. O. Box 381
Dumfries, VA 22026

Barbara (Bunny) Smith President
703-583-9696
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703-680-7285
Marie Juliano Secretary
703-583-9719
Sue Zamperini Mbr-at-Lg
703-878-3820
Patricia Kelleher Mbr-at-Lg
617-680-3630

Southlake Cove THA

P. O. Box 333
Dumfries, VA 22026

Guillermo Garcia, Jr. President
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703-897-8367
Lynne Dewitt Secretary
703-730-9710
Sheila Dorsey Treasurer
703-730-7244
Patrick Brookes Mbr-at-Lg
571-285-3759

Southlake Recreation Assoc.

P. O. Box 263
Dumfries, VA 22026

Daniel Schwemmer Chair
703-580-1345
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703-878-2682
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703-590-2999

**Questions: Call Lin in
Your Management Office
@ 703-670-2376**

What was your New Year's Resolution for 2012?

— Organize your life, improve your health, lose weight, exercise, perhaps spend more time with your family! **How about volunteering!!!**

Times have changed since the 1950's and 60's heyday of the Welcome Wagon, when new residents were greeted to their new homes with flowers, information and coupons. The pace of life has increased. People are much more transient – the Southlake community experienced a 4 percent resident turnover this past year alone. There's greater emphasis on work and obligation, leaving people less time to stay home and get to know their neighbors. As a result, there is an even greater need than ever for welcoming our neighbors, to start the process of building personal relationships in neighborhoods. Unlike many communities, Southlake is fortunate to have a recreational facility. Our facility serves as a wonderful place to welcome neighbors.

Millions of Americans volunteer to help others through schools, faith-based organizations, non-profits, hospitals, etc. Three basic reasons why individuals serve – Service strengthens our individual character and gives purpose to our lives and service is important to our Country. The power of volunteer service to touch the hearts and lives of others should not be underestimated. Of the two main reasons Americans give for not volunteering are (1) no one has asked, and (2) they do not know where and how to begin. Well — *we are asking and here's how to begin...*

You may not realize it, but YOU are the real key to a successful neighborhood. Your community association provides a very unique FORUM. You can participate in many capacities – and you can make a difference in your neighborhood. Think proactively about how your talents and positive involvement, if only for a few hours, can improve the quality of your environment and the value of your home. Call 703-670-2376 to volunteer.

JUMP START YOUR NEW YEAR!

Jazzercise

Saturday @ 8:30 a.m. Southlake Rec. Center Contact: Mary Taylor mbtaylor99@hotmail.com or 703-368-4413; www.jazzercise.com

Vandora's Dance

Drama and Voice Company Wednesday evening. Ages 3 to adult. Individualized programs for young people. By appointment ~ Call Vandy Dixon @ 703-670-8351

Drama Kids Intl.

Thursdays @ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Grades K - 2 @ 5:00 p.m. ; Grades 3 - 5 @ 6:00 pm and Grades 6 - 12 @ 7:00 pm. The tuition fee is prorated and varies based on the date of enrollment. Visit www.dramakids.com/va3 for additional info and online registration or call 540-658-1190.

YOGA Classes

No yoga experience necessary! Complimentary yoga mats are available. Join our friendly mixed-level yoga group \$28 per month (4 classes) check or cash ~ \$8 drop-in fee. Call Polina at 703-541-8477 for more info.

Engineering for Kids

Children are naturally curious about the world they live in. We build on that curiosity through hands-on learning 6-Week sessions.

Civil Engineering.

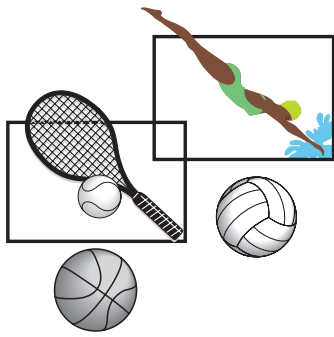
Dates: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, Feb. 7 Students will design, build, and test their own balsawood bridges as a way to study structural loads.

Electronic Game Design.

Dates: Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 Students will have the opportunity to create their own video game in this fun, stimulating electronic game design program.

LEGO® Robotics Club.

Dates: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22 Students learn to design, program, and control fully functional robotic models. Contact: Dori Roberts, Engineering for Kids, Inc. (540)288-1335 or www.EngineeringForKids.net



Southlake Recreation

southlakerecreation.com Association

P.O. Box 263
Dumfries
Virginia
22026

January 1, 2012

Dear Southlake Neighbors,

AS THE NEW YEAR BEGINS, we would like to thank all those volunteer members who have contributed of that most precious of commodities – “time” to the community in 2011. Recognition and congratulations to our newly elected Board members, and special thanks to retiring Board member Lynne Dewitt.

According to the Community Associations Institute, homeowner associations have become increasingly popular as more homeowners recognize the importance of maintaining and improving the neighborhoods in which they live. The underlying purpose of a homeowners association is to pool its members’ resources to enhance the appearance of the community facilities and quality of life for its residents.

In the long run, successful communities are measured according to the value of their relationships among neighbors, respect for diversity within the community, participation by homeowners as stakeholders in building and maintaining community unity, a focus on civility, and a value and respect afforded the elected and hired leadership within the community. Thank you to those members who expressed their interest by attending board meetings and the Annual Meeting to share their ideas and support.

The membership, at the annual meeting, approved a 2012 annual assessment of \$250.00 per lot, and elected a 2012 Board of Directors. **Please return your completed application form for recreational and pool passes with your payment, and include your email address, so we may keep you apprised on recreational events.**

Outlined below is a brief overview of the 2012 billing procedures:

- March 1 Annual Assessment of \$250.00 is due and payable.
- March 15 Accounts not postmarked by March 15, 2012, accrue a late fee assessment of \$25.00.
- April 15 An additional late fee assessment of \$50.00 is accrued.
- May 1 All delinquent accounts will be forwarded to the attorney for collection and/or lien proceedings.

Please contact your Board members or manager Lin Stauffer at 703-670-2376 with any questions and to volunteer to participate and lend your expertise and ideas on the Social Committee. Board meetings are regularly scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., at Southlake Recreation Center. Homeowners are always welcome and meeting agenda are posted on the bulletin board at the Center.

Visit your web.site at www.southlakerecreation.com for more information.

Our best wishes to your family for a safe, healthy and Happy New Year !

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2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dan Schwemmer - Chairman
Anthony Brannan - President
Keith Herring - Member-at-Large
Garth Miller - Member-at-Large
Greg Barlow - Member-at-Large

Southlake Recreation Association

2012 Application for Recreation Center and Swimming Pool Passes

Please PRINT or TYPE CLEARLY to ensure correct spelling. This information is only for Management's use and will not be shared with any other entity. **PLEASE INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE POOL UPDATES.**

Resident's Name: _____

Resident's Address: _____

Resident's Phone #'s: Home/Cell _____ Office _____

Email Address _____ **PLEASE INCLUDE** email address to receive pool updates.

Name(s) of family members or persons occupying this residence: *(To be shown on pool card)*

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| 1.) | _____ | Date of Birth _____ | Age _____ |
| 2.) | _____ | Date of Birth _____ | Age _____ |
| 3.) | _____ | Date of Birth _____ | Age _____ |
| 4.) | _____ | Date of Birth _____ | Age _____ |
| 5.) | _____ | Date of Birth _____ | Age _____ |
| 6.) | _____ | Date of Birth _____ | Age _____ |

**SRA retains the right to request proof of residency in some instances. Only owners and/or residents of this address will be issued passes.*

Local Emergency notification name: _____

Phone: _____

In consideration of providing swimming pool facilities, the undersigned applicant, for himself/herself, family members, guests and invitees (collectively, "the applicant"), expressly agrees to assume the risk of any accidents which he/she may sustain while using said facilities and that Southlake Recreation Association ("SRA"), its respective officers, directors or employees and agents, and the operators of the pool management company, will in no way be liable for any such injury directly or proximately caused by the applicant's negligence, carelessness, recklessness or breach of the pool rules and regulations, or that of the applicant's family members, guests or invitees.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the undersigned the undersigned applicant, for himself/herself, family members, guests and invitees further hereby waives any right, claim or cause of action against SRA, its respective officers, directors or employees and agents. The applicant also hereby releases said parties, from any and all liability for any personal injury, death, damage to property, costs, damage, expenses, or claims which the applicant his/her members, guests and invitees, or anyone on the applicant's behalf may experience or suffer, as a direct or indirect result of using the swimming pool facilities.

The applicant agrees to read the SRA 2012 Rules and Regulations and understands the Board of Directors may bar admission to the Recreation Association premises to any member, family member or guest who misuses the facility in violation of the 2012 Rules and Regulations. The applicant further agrees and understands that said 2012 Rules and Regulations are incorporated by reference herein and are made part of this contract.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

This form must be filled out in its entirety and mailed to:

Southlake Recreation Association
 Attention: Lin Stauffer • P.O. Box 263 • Dumfries, VA 22026
 Telephone: (703) 670-2376 • Website www.southlakerecreation.com

Return application by the April 15, 2012 deadline.

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| POOL HOURS* <small>*Hours are subject to change, based on patron use.</small> | May 26 to June 15 Mon. — Fri. 2 - 7 Sat. 10 - 9 Sun. 11 - 7 Holidays 11 - 8 | June 16 to Sept. 3 Mon. — Fri. 11 - 8 Sat. 10 - 9 Sun. 11 - 7 Holidays 11 - 8 | |
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