

St. Andrews Preserve

Newsletter

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The Green Scene:

Summer Lawn and Landscape Care

Hello neighbors! Summer is here, and with the sunshine comes the need for a little extra care for our lawns and landscapes. With warm temperatures and occasional heavy rains, keeping our yards vibrant requires smart practices that work with the season.

Watering Wisely: Hotter months mean thirsty lawns - but more water isn't always better. Instead:

- ❖ Water **deeply but infrequently** (2-3 times a week) to encourage strong roots.
- ❖ Water **early in the morning** to minimize evaporation.
- ❖ **Check sprinkler heads and systems** regularly to ensure proper coverage and avoid waste from leaks or misalignment.

Smart Mowing & Lawn Health

- ❖ **Mow high** (3-4 inches) to provide shade for roots and prevent heat stress.
- ❖ Keep mower blades **sharp** to avoid tearing grass, which can lead to brown spots.
- ❖ Skip bagging - **grass clippings act as natural fertilizer!**

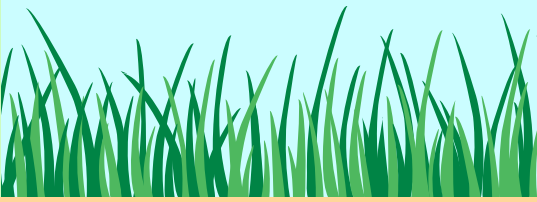
Summer-Friendly Plants

Our warm climate (Zone 10a) is perfect for **drought-tolerant** plants like bougainvillea, firebush, and lantana, which thrive in the heat with minimal upkeep. Incorporating shade trees and native grasses can reduce the need for excessive watering while keeping landscapes lush.

Mulch for Moisture & Weed Control

Adding a **fresh layer of mulch** to garden beds helps keep moisture in and weeds out, especially during the hotter months!

By following these seasonal tips, we can all keep our yards thriving through the summer while protecting our environment. Let's stay green and gorgeous together!



Storm Preparedness

Hurricane season is here - be sure your home and family are prepared! The **City of Port St. Lucie** provides valuable storm readiness resources, including emergency plans, evacuation details, and supply checklists.



Visit the **city's hurricane preparedness page** for essential safety information: [Hurricane & Storms Preparedness](#).

Join the city's annual **Hurricane Preparedness Expo** on **Saturday, June 7**, - for expert guidance and preparedness tools: [Hurricane Preparedness Expo](#).



Amenity Hours

Pool Hours: Dawn to Dusk

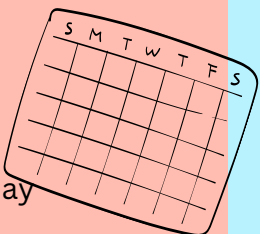
Fitness Center: 6am - 9pm

Clubhouse: 6am - 9pm



Important Dates

06/07: [Hurricane Preparedness Expo](#)
06/19: Juneteenth
06/23: Board Meeting
07/01: Qrtly HOA Dues
07/02: Bulk Waste
07/04: Independence Day
07/04: [Freedomfest](#)
08/06: Bulk Waste
08/11: First Day of School
09/02: Bulk Waste



Community Events

[Ft. Pierce Farmer's Market](#)

Saturdays 8am - 1pm

[Farmer's Market at Tradition Square](#)

Sundays 9am - 2pm

[Port St. Lucie Green Market](#)

Sundays 9am - 2pm

[City of Port St. Lucie's](#)

[Calendar of Events](#)



Lawn and Order

A well-maintained yard ensures a **beautiful** neighborhood for all to enjoy. Whether you hire a **professional service** or prefer **DIY lawn care**, the **standards** remain the same to maintain our neighborhood's aesthetic. Here's what's expected for all homeowners:

- ✓ **DIY lawn care?** Be sure to mow, edge, trim, and clean up yard waste regularly. Weekly mowing is recommended in-season and every two weeks off-season. Homeowners must ensure sidewalks, driveways, and edges are neatly maintained.
- ✓ **Commercial landscaping services** are permitted **Monday-Friday only** (9 AM - 6 PM during season, 9 AM - 5 PM off-season) to ensure quiet enjoyment on weekends.
- ✓ **Well-kept planter beds make a difference:** routine weeding, mulching, and trimming ensure a manicured and thriving landscape.
- ✓ **Replacing trees and shrubs?** New plantings require ARC approval and must comply with HOA rules.
- ✓ **Respect natural areas:** no encroachment into Preserves or lake areas for bordering properties.

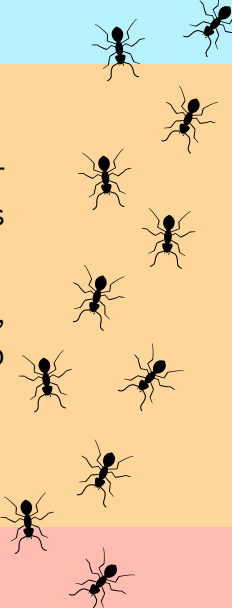
Whether tackling lawn care yourself or working with a landscaper, these simple practices ensure a welcoming community for all. Thanks for keeping our neighborhood looking its best!

Fire Ants and the Rainy Season

South Florida's rainy season brings a **surge in fire ant activity** as heavy rains flood their underground nests, forcing them to relocate, often into yards and homes. These aggressive ants deliver painful stings and pose a risk to pets and residents.

To **manage infestations**, consider **broadcast bait applications** or **individual mound treatments**, which are effective in reducing colonies. **Barrier treatments** around your home can also help prevent reinfestation.

Stay vigilant after storms, and treat mounds promptly to keep your outdoor spaces safe!



HOA Metrics

	MAR	APR	MAY
ARC Approvals	0	3	1
Compliance Letters Sent	1	56	4

Board Members

Officers:

Mary Davids, President

Christopher Pinkerman, Vice President

Mark Carraro, Treasurer/Secretary

Directors at Large:

Arlene Batts

Beverly Bernst

HOA Projects

To **improve safety** and **deter speeding**, a **new stop sign** has been installed at Regent Street and Northwood Loop for southbound traffic. Another stop sign will soon be added for the northbound lane.

We're working with our landscapers to **install shrubs around the mailboxes**. Hardy, low-maintenance plants will provide lush greenery while thriving in our warm climate. Stay tuned for updates on the planting schedule!

A **big shout-out and thank you to our VP Chris and Treasurer Mark** for getting the **south fountain** floating again! We're working with a vendor to complete the additional repairs needed.

HOA Links and Contacts

[St. Andrews Preserve Website](#)

[Towers Portal Homeowner Login](#)

[ARC, Gate Access, Amenities Forms](#)

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