

Park Trace Estates

Neighborhood Newsletter

July 2023 - Quarterly



A New Look for Park Trace Ponds

We are very fortunate to have a volunteer within our neighborhood to oversee the new company that will be providing pond maintenance. During the May HOA Board meeting it was decided to hire a new company, Solitude Lake Management. Elli Frehofer presented three contractors to the board with options and costs to service the five Park Trace Estate Ponds. Please see her article below.

Hello Park Trace,

My name is Elli Freihofer. I have agreed to oversee the 5 ponds within our beautiful HOA. We have a new pond management vendor, Solitude Lake Management. You may see their trucks and their personnel around, maybe on an ATV or in a boat.

Pond L5 was filling up with invasive cattails. We had the cattails cut down and hauled away to reduce the potential of an algae bloom during the hot, humid weather. Our No Mow Zone is another important and effective way to inhibit algae this summer by keeping grass clippings and fertilizers from entering our ponds. These nutrients feed algae. Please maintain your no mow zone and fertilize responsibly.

Did you know that our ponds are either Preserves or Stormwater Ponds? Both serve very important functions.

A big, heartfelt *Thank You* to all our neighbors who have Live Oak Trees in their front yards. This time of year, walkers appreciate the desperately needed shade and their natural beauty. Over 500 native species of wildlife thank you too for keeping their habitat and food source in your yard.

Did you know that Oak Trees improve air quality by storing carbon dioxide and exhaling oxygen through the process of photosynthesis. The leaves of an oak tree absorb airborne pollutants. And, you can use their leaves for mulch.

If you are thinking about adding to your landscape, please consider buying native plants and trees. They support our native birds, insects and other species. Two native plant nurseries are: **Sweet Bay Nursery** <https://sweetbaynursery.com>; and **Florida Native Plants** <https://www.floridanativeplants.com>. Check their websites for hours.

Below: Before cattails were removed and after





The Board is following up on the county traffic study for slowing vehicles down on Park Trace Blvd., especially at the intersection of PTB and Scherer Way. The Sarasota County Traffic Advisory Council is working with our Board representative to create safer traffic in this area. The June 1st meeting scheduled to review our traffic situation was postponed to September. At this time we do not have a definite date. Please call TAC at 941-861-0925 and ask for Maria to weigh in on your thoughts for managing traffic through Park Trace Estates.

Reminders:

Hurricane shutters are not to be left on your windows year round. They are only to be up during the time of a storm. Letters are being sent to homeowners. This is part of our deed restrictions and those will be enforced. For information or copies of the governing documents, visit www.parktrace.com

Schedule of Park Trace HOA Meetings for 2023:

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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