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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Killearn Homes Association Board of Directors regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7 pm in the conference room of the association office located at 2705 Killarney Way. Any change to the scheduled date and/or time will be posted on our website at www.killearn.org.

THE SCHEDULED DATES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' FUTURE MEETINGS ARE:

- Tuesday, October 4th
- Thursday, November 10th – Annual Meeting
- Tuesday, December 6th
- Tuesday, January 3rd

KILLEARN HOMES ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS AND SCHEDULED HOLIDAYS

Your Association's staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

The office will be closed for the following holidays:

- September 5th - Labor Day
- November 11th – Veterans Day
- November 24th and 25th – Thanksgiving
- December 23rd and 26th – Christmas
- December 30th – New Year's Eve

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After you obtain the KHA Architectural Control Committee's approval and you are building a new house, planning to make improvements or additions to your existing house, or if you need to make repairs to an existing house, a permit or permits will probably need to be secured from the Growth Management Department prior to construction. The permits, and the inspections associated with them, are to assure that the work is done according to the Building Code. By complying with the Building Code, you will have some assurance that your house is structurally sound and safe, and that the systems within your house (electrical, plumbing, gas, and mechanical) will work properly.

A contractor normally obtains all of the required permits for the work to be performed. As a property owner, you should require proof that the required



Ready for fall temperatures? We have had an amazingly hot year with one day setting a record of 105 degrees.

Unfortunately, some of the trees that we planted on Kilkenny Drive were affected and shed all of their leaves making them look dead. However, they are not dead and should come out again in the spring.

Lakes and stormwater again!

The seemingly never ending dealing with this issue is, well, never-ending. With the recent stormwater improvements that have been made on the golf course, down through Pebble Creek, Kenilwood and through to Bayshore Drive, we had anticipated that the project would come to completion at the end of tis drainage basin. However, during the week of August 8, 2011, I was told that the project would end 100 feet short of Timber Lake, leaving the original old deteriorating ditch between the last two homes on the basin. This was disturbing news to us.

We have arranged a meeting on September 1st with Commissioner Nancy Miller

to discuss our ongoing issues in the neighborhood and I hope to report back to you shortly with her responses and any assistance she can offer. Of course, the Bayshore Drive/ Pebble Creek/ Golf Course stormwater project is most unfortunate. After 2 years of construction, many meetings and numerous problems and issues along the way, we are now informed that the project will end 100 feet short of the finish line, what we thought was the end of the drainage ditch near Timber Lake. This would not be

a problem unless you take into consideration that the last two affected homes on the right and left sides of the drainage ditch will remain as the original concrete ditch installed 40 years ago and deteriorating noticeably. I was told by the city staff that the project could not be completed because the city did not have the responsibility to repair that section of the drainage way because they did not have an easement which I immediately offered to them. Sorry, they said, we can't accept it. I thought that the city accepted the other 99% of the drainage infrastructure when the neighborhood was annexed into the city and your taxes paid for such projects. I advised them that this association, just like many others, was not set up to handle such infrastructure issues. Killlearn Homes Association would never be able to afford such infrastructure repairs and the City should not expect us to. If that were the case, your dues would have to be raised substantially. Our neighborhood alone pays the city approximately \$500,000 a year in stormwater fees and if the city claims no responsibility, then this amount should be returned to us so that we had the funds available to handle them ourselves. Where are our tax dollars being spent, if not right here in our neighborhood?

Power outages once again created numerous complaints and problems August 15, 2011.

I would like to ask that residents who experience power outages from now on, advise me via e-mail at brad@killlearn.org . Please include the time and date of the outage and I will forward them on to the city. I have opened communication with a number of residents regarding these outages and encourage all residents to help us convince the City to provide us with the quality infrastructure we pay for and deserve.

City Ordinance requires pet owners to pick up their dog's waste. Please carry a plastic bag when walking your dog(s).



permits are obtained before work begins. As an owner, you may obtain a permit if you occupy the building, do the work yourself, or supervise the work done by licensed contractors, and will not offer the property for sale or lease for 1 year after the completion of the work.

The following is a brief summary of the various permits that may apply to what you wish to do, the information and fees that are required for each permit, and the inspection that will be necessary. A Growth Management Department staff person is available to review the project you have planned, to discuss with you what permits and inspections may be required, and to provide you with the application forms you will need.

Applications/Permits

Combination Residential Building and Environmental Permit:

Required for any new construction, additions, alterations, or repairs with an estimated cost of labor and material greater than \$1000 or is structural. Replacement of a window(s) and/or a door(s) is considered structural and will require a permit. An environmental permit is required when development activity exceeds 1000 square feet of disturbed area. For projects less than 1000 square feet of disturbed area, a permit exemption shall be posted at the job site. You may review a sample copy of this permit application, which also includes submittal requirements. Available as a PDF at:

http://www.talgov.com/growth/pdf/forms/combo_residential_bldg_env_permit_appl.pdf

Roofing Permit:

Required for any repairs or roofing with an estimated cost of labor and material greater than \$300. Available as a PDF at:

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PLEASE NOTE: Each construction trade requires its own permit. Additional forms, checklist and affidavits may be found at:

<http://www.talgov.com/growth/appsandforms.cfm>

Fees

Please refer to the Growth Management Fee Schedule. IVRS Inspection Scheduling information

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1. Environmental Inspection (891-1800):

- First environmental (602): Inspection is made in conjunction with the first building inspection to ensure proper installation of sediment and erosion control barriers.
- Throughout the project sediment & erosion control barriers are monitored. (602)
- Final Inspection (604): Can be made with the final building inspection.

2. Building Inspection (891-1800):

- Footing Inspection (100): Required when separate concrete footings are being poured. The inspection should be made after the trenches have been dug and reinforcing steel is in place, and prior to actually pouring the concrete.
- Slab Inspections (105): Required when a concrete slab or a monolithic slab/footing is to be poured. The inspection should be made after all formwork, termite treatment, vapor barriers, reinforcing steel and applicable rough plumbing inspections have been completed, but prior to pouring the concrete slab.
- Exterior Sheathing Inspections (106): To be made during or after the roof and wall sheathing is applied, and before covering with felt or siding.
- Framing Inspection (107): To be made after all the construction is dried in and after all applicable

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The sculpture, which was designed and created by Florida State University Associate Art Professor John Raulerson and his 2011 Graduate Art students, will be placed at the main fire station to remind us of the dedication, sacrifice and bravery of our Tallahassee Firefighters.

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"I HEARD THE NEWS TODAY, OH BOY" . . . WHERE WERE YOU?

by Sue Barlow

Everyone knows where they were when they witnessed or heard about traumatic events in their lives. We are all mortified and saddened when we hear of tragic events such as plane crashes, the death of a celebrity or national icon, earthquakes, devastating hurricanes, etc. However, tragic events that affect a whole country are so seared in our minds that we remember where we were and what we were doing when we saw or heard the event.

Imagine what it was like when Presidents Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield or William McKinley were assassinated. We weren't there, obviously, but an 18 year old girl from Buffalo, New York, whom my mother befriended many years later and took care of in her old age (my middle name is her maiden name), was the second person in line, behind McKinley's assassin, waiting to shake the president's hand at the Pan-American Exposition in 1901. She witnessed this first hand and it was forever etched in her mind.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941, the country was caught off guard and the attack came as a profound shock to the American people. The following day, the United States declared war on Japan and America's entry into World War II. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed December 7, 1941, as "a date which will live in infamy"

On November 22, 1963, I was a third grader when we heard the news at 2pm that President Kennedy had been assassinated. The school immediately released the students and everyone went home waiting to hear more of the news. A tragic figure in a bloodstained suit is what I remember most from that day and, three days later, my family sat around the television watching the funeral cortege as John-John saluted his Dad. It was John John's 3rd birthday. And,



tragically, 36 years later, we would lose JFK, Jr as well.

On April 4, 1968 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated by a sniper as he stood on the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, TN. News of his death was greeted with an outpouring of grief and rage. According to biographer Taylor Branch, King's last words were to musician Ben Branch, who was scheduled to perform that night at an event King was going to attend: "Ben, make sure you play 'Take My Hand, Precious Lord' in the meeting tonight. Play it real pretty." The speech on the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. was given by New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy who was campaigning for the 1968 Democratic presidential nomination. In Indianapolis, Robert F. Kennedy was the first to inform the audience of the death of Martin Luther King, causing some in the audience to scream and wail. The speech was

credited in part with preventing riots in the aftermath of King's assassination, and is widely considered one of the best speeches in American history. Two months later, Bobby Kennedy would be dead too. Following a brief victory speech delivered just past midnight on June 5th at The Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, Kennedy was shot and, mortally wounded, he survived for nearly 26 hours, dying early in the morning of June 6. My aunt and uncle were visiting and using my room and I was asleep on the sofa in the family room when my father came running into the room at 4am to watch television, saying Bobby Kennedy had been shot.

In the years that followed we'd lose icons such as Elvis Presley, John Lennon, Jackie Kennedy Onassis, Princess Diana and, of course, JFK, Jr. I'm sure we all remember when we "heard the news today, oh boy".

Then came September 11, 2001 . . .

Tallahassee Garden Club

by Bob Kauzlarich, KHA Board Member



Tallahassee Garden Club was organized in 1926 and currently has over 600 members organized in 26 Circles.

Each Circle meets monthly and offers programs ranging from Landscape Design to Organic Gardening, Adapting Your Garden Design as the Years Go By, Fruit Trees, Hummingbirds, Daffodils in the Garden, and about a hundred other topics. There is something offered of interest to everyone who has a love of gardening. In addition, TGC is involved in community service. The current year's programs are focusing on projects showing the importance and application of using environmentally friendly gardening practices. Education for effective use and protection of natural resources and the elimination of invasive species is best achieved through demonstration and example by individual gardeners. Garden Club members set the example and lead the gardeners of tomorrow in using Florida Friendly practices. TGC also supports local efforts such as Big Bend Homeless Coalition for the Homeless "Hope Community", Blue Star Memorial Markers, Youth Gardening, and Digging It, A Florida Horticulture Study Series.

Some of the benefits you will get from joining the Tallahassee Garden Club:

- A subscription to the Florida Gardener Magazine, published four times a year by the Federation of Florida Garden Clubs
- Monthly circle meetings (September-May) with programs relating to gardening, plant materials, floral design, garden tours, horticulture, and the environment
- Plant exchanges and horticultural programs (September-November, January-May)
- Annual holiday celebrations, luncheons, yard

sales, flower shows, and fund raising events and silent auctions of garden related items

- Member gift shop with gardening related items, including the Savory and Sage cookbook and floral design calendars
- Community garden learn-and-work days
- Floral design classes, flower show judges school, gardening study courses, "Digging It" horticultural study course, landscape design course, and other gardening related short courses.

The Tallahassee Garden Club Center, located at 507 North Calhoun Street, was built in 1840 for Henry Rutgers (City Councilman and Territorial Treasurer) by George Proctor, a free black who built many of the early Tallahassee homes. It is one of Tallahassee's historic landmarks. The doors and woodwork are mahogany, most of the lumber hand-hewn from native trees. The bricks came from a local kiln north of the Grove. The Tallahassee Garden Club purchased the house on March 4, 1954. (The Garden Center is available for rent for events.)



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ANN'S CORNER

a look back at the early days of Killbarn Estates

Horses in Killbarn Estates? Bridle paths wind through Killbarn Estates that were once used frequently by residents who rode their horses. Killbarn Estates'

Master Plan of 1966 included 13 acres for a riding academy and the miles of bridle trails. The stables were a popular spot for local residents to board their horses and have them trained. The steep, beautiful pastureland was a very popular spot for horseback riding. By 1980, however, it was apparent that Killbarn Riding Academy would not survive with the nearby development of Dublin Downs that offered larger acreage lots for horse owners. The riding academy land became, and was appropriately named, Steeplechase in 1987. The bridle trails remain today for the pleasure of walkers and joggers alike and are outlined at the numerous street entrances by rail fencing.

KILLEARN LADIES AND FRIENDS

By Dorrece Lisenby

The next regular meeting of Killbarn Ladies and Friends will be **Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at Killbarn Country Club**. Lunch will be served at **12:00 noon**, and the cost is **\$13.00**. A reservation can be made by calling 893-2186. Cancellation is required if you are unable to attend after making the reservation.

The program will be presented by Dr. Gwaltney who is an economics professor at FSU. His topic is "Common Sense Economics".

You don't want to miss hearing this internationally renowned speaker, especially with the economy being at the forefront of everyone's minds these days.

In October, Steinmart will be hosting a Fashion Show. The World Ballet dancers will once again perform for us in November, and the Leon High School Melodears will be returning in December.

We always welcome guests and new members at our meetings and hope that you will mark your calendar and plan to join us for these exciting programs. Don't forget that ladies no longer have to live in Killbarn in order to become a member, so if you're already a member and would like to invite a friend to join, please do so. If you would like more information about Killbarn Ladies and Friends, please call Sue Mancuso, Club president, at 906-0543.

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| Date | Unit | Project | Actions/Conditions |
|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7/6/2011 | No Meeting | | |
| 7/13/2011 | 7 | Replace Roof | Approved |
| | 1 | Replace Roof/Remove large pine | Approved |
| | 31 | Replace Roof | Approved |
| | 3 | Install 6' privacy fencing | Approved |
| | 17 | Replace Roof | Approved |
| | 26 | Install Privacy Fencing | Approved |
| | 14 | Install fencing | Approved |
| 7/20/2011 | 41 | Extend and screen in existing porch | Approved |
| | 31 | Replace Fencing | Approved |
| 7/27/2011 | 17 | Replace Fencing | Approved |
| | 37 | Screen Room Addition | Approved |
| 7/27/2011 | 18 | Replace Roof | Approved |
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SEPTEMBER IN THE TALLAHASSEE GARDEN

By Katherine LaRosa, Master Gardener*



For southern gardeners, September brings the same feelings of joy and renewal that our northern counterparts feel in the spring. Its time to get out in the garden again and begin getting our gardens in order and planting.

SHRUBS AND TREES

If you have unwanted volunteer saplings, cut them down when they are young. If you wait too long you may need a chain saw or a professional tree service to do the job. Container-grown trees and shrubs can be planted now or later in the season. Some natives that have lovely fall foliage include American beech, hickory, sassafras, Florida red maple, oakleaf hydrangea, and Elliott blueberry. Of course we often have to wait until December for the peak of fall color and even then the extent and depth of color depends on the amount of rain and cold weather we have before then. For colorful berries, plant American beautyberry, yaupon holly, or American holly. If you plan to transplant trees and shrubs this winter, while they are dormant, you should root prune them now.

FLOWERS Plant paperwhite narcissus, snowflakes (*Leucojum vernum*), Easter lilies, Madonna lilies, amaryllis bulbs, and Louisiana irises. Divide and replant overgrown clumps of perennials that have finished blooming. Lift and divide daylilies. To separate irises, dig, cut the foliage back to three inches, and allow the rhizomes to air dry for a few days before replanting. Plant petunias and dianthus.

Try something new when choosing perennials for planting this fall. Some fall-blooming perennials which have done well in the Leon County Extension Demonstration Garden include: lion's ear (*Leonotis leonurus*), which has bright orange flowers; cigar flower, (*Cuphea micropetala*), which has orange flowers shaped like tiny cigars, tipped with yellow; Phillipine violet (*Barleria cristata*) which blooms with a profusion of dark lavender flowers; and firespike, (*Odontonema strictum*), a four to five foot plant topped with tubular red flowers. Ornamental grasses are also lovely additions to the fall garden. They combine beautifully with fall-flowering perennials in the landscape. Muhly grass, *Muhlenbergia capillaris*, is a native, with pinkish-purple flower heads.

VEGETABLES Pull up and throw away summer vegetable plants that have finished producing. Don't till them into the soil. You could end up spreading diseases. Vegetables need fertile, well cultivated soil. Till as deeply as possible before planting. Add organic soil amendments such as compost or well-chopped leaves. Anything you add should be well-composted and thoroughly mixed into the soil.

Plant fall vegetables now, including broccoli, cabbage, carrots, collards, endive, escarole, leeks, turnips, radishes, mustard, beets, kale and green onions. If you plant early in the month, you can still plant tomatoes, squash, beans, and cucumbers. Plant herbs such as chives, oregano, parsley, sage, rosemary and tarragon. Wait until next month to plant strawberries.

LAWN CARE

August is prime time for lawn problems. Be on the look out for spittlebugs in centipede and cinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns. A few of these bugs is not a problem. But if you see lots of them an insecticide labeled for lawn insect control may be needed. Also fungal diseases thrive in hot wet weather. When treating your lawn for any type of pest or disease follow label directions carefully. In some cases only the damaged areas and a ten to fifteen foot buffer around it will require treatment. There often is no need to spray the whole lawn.

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