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# Executive Director Message

This month is dedicated to our resident veterans. Veterans have put their lives on hold to protect our freedom; we honor these brave men and women by sharing their stories with you. We have enjoyed meeting those who have served in our community, and hope you enjoy this special issue.

Here are some things I would like to bring to your attention:

- ❁ If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so before May 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid an additional \$400.00 in collection fees and a potential lien on your property.
- ❁ The Swim Club opened on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Residents may join for \$450 and non-residents for \$475 for the entire season. It's a great way to beat the heat this summer!
- ❁ The City of Tallahassee has begun the milling and resurfacing project on Shamrock South which extends from Tipperary Drive to Belfast Drive. They will work on one lane at a time. This project will take one month to complete, weather permitting.

Next month we will feature some of our furry friends that live in our community. If you have an awesome pet, please call us or email us at [kha@killlearn.org](mailto:kha@killlearn.org).

We are looking for one more food truck for the Fourth of July event. If you know of a business that may be interested, please send them our way!

So excited to announce that our website will have a brand new look and we will be launching a community application for Killlearn Estates. We will issue a QR code on our website which

will take you directly to the app. Look for the announcement on our Facebook page coming soon!

This may be the last Executive Director report I give to you. I have decided to return to my position as the Office Manager so that I can pursue my artistic interests. I have truly enjoyed the past six months and am excited about a new team leader joining us at KHA! ❁



# President's Note

We are excited to launch the new and improved website! Watch for the community app announcement and download it to receive notifications on the newest communications from Killlearn Estates. The KHA Swim Club is now open for you to enjoy the summer with your families. Memberships are available by calling the office at 850-893-3468. ❁

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## Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

The Killearn Homes Association Board of Directors' monthly meetings are scheduled for **the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Association office located at 2705 Killarney Way, unless noted below\*\***. All Killearn Estates property owners and residents are requested and welcome to attend our monthly meeting and participate in our neighborhood's activities. The agenda for the upcoming meeting will be posted on our website and Facebook page. Any change to the scheduled date and/or time will be posted at [www.killearn.org](http://www.killearn.org).

### Scheduled dates of the Board of Directors' future meetings:

Tuesday, June 6, 2017	Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Tuesday, July 11, 2017	Tuesday, November 7, 2017
Tuesday, August 1, 2017	(Annual Meeting)
Tuesday, September 5, 2017	Tuesday, December 5, 2017

## KHA Office Hours and Scheduled Holidays

Your Association's staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The office will be closed for the following holidays:

<b>Monday, May 29, 2017</b>	Memorial Day
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# A Story to Remember

By Tyler Fitch

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two-dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Regardless of the place of its origin, Memorial Day, currently observed every year on the last Monday in May, started in 1868 after the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union soldiers with flowers. By the turn of the century, competing Confederate and Union holiday traditions, once celebrated on separate days, had merged, and Memorial Day was extended to honor all Americans who had died while in military service.

While people often confuse Veterans Day with Memorial Day, it should be noted that Veterans Day honors all those who serve in the military, while Memorial Day honors those who died while serving.

Memorial Day has its own unique flag tradition that has been codified by the US Congress. The flag flies at half-staff until noon and is then slowly raised until it

reaches the top of the mast at sundown. According to Clark Rogers, Executive Director of the National Flag Foundation, "the first part of the days honors those who sacrificed [their lives] and the second part of the day honors those [living veterans] who are still with us."

Poppies have been the official symbol of remembrance since 1920, when the American Legion adopted it. This stems from the poem, "In Flanders Fields" written in 1915, in which the opening lines refer to the fields of poppies that grew among the World War I soldiers' graves in Flanders.

While traditional Memorial Day rites have dwindled in many towns, they have remained strong at Arlington National Cemetery. Since the 1950s, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, soldiers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division have placed American Flags at each of the more than 260,000 graves there. During the holiday weekend, they patrol around the clock to make sure each flag remains aloft. It is also customary for the President or Vice President to give a speech and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

A long-standing tradition for Memorial Day is the running of the Indianapolis 500, an auto race that has been in conjunction with Memorial Day since 1911. NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 has been held later the same day since 1961.

We are encouraged at 3 p.m. local time to engage in a "voluntarily and informally observed moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever we are doing for a moment of silence." And while each of us may not do so, it is important for us to remember the significance of Memorial Day and to honor those who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country, our veterans, those who are currently serving, and those who are about to enlist

For this month's Kloverleaf, we had the privilege to interview several distinguished veterans living in our community, and are honored to share their stories with you.





**Joe Pieno Jr.**  
**Service: Navy**  
**Active Duty: 1962-1990**

Joe Pieno Jr., a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, served in the US Navy from 1962, being commissioned as an Ensign, to 1990, leaving the service with the rank of Captain. Throughout his 26 years of service, Pieno commanded Attack Squadrons 35 and 42, the USS Savannah and USS Forrestal, as well as accumulating over 6000 jet hours, 1310 aircraft carrier arrested landings and was a part of over 300 combat missions.

During this time he was awarded three silver stars, three legions of merit, eight distinguished flying crosses and well over two-dozen other noteworthy achievements.

When pressed on how he was able to overcome the odds to reach such lofty heights, Pieno said, "Commodore. Death was around routinely. You were trained to do your job, not just for yourself, but for those around you."

After leaving the service, Pieno was appointed to lead the State of Florida Department of Administration in 1991 by former Governor Lawton Chiles. Pieno's persistent commitment to improvement led to the creation of the Florida Quality Initiative, which evolved into the Florida Sterling Council, which Pieno is current Chairman.

A retired Naval Captain with

extensive experience in leadership and legislative affairs, Pieno has seen or experienced just about everything there is. One story that stuck out was his "Mirror Gift" story. While off overseas, and in full uniform, he came upon a man with a small mirror. After eventually be-friending the man, he pulled out a small mirror and presented it to Pieno. As he was handing it to him, the man said, "Have this mirror. It is from an American plane I shot down during World War II. I'm sorry."

Every since that day, Pieno has carried that mirror with him, showing the humanity all soldiers have after going through something so traumatic. Asked how he would like people to celebrate Memorial Day, Pieno's final comments were, "It should be a day of appreciation of those defending our country in times of peace and war. I was awarded medals and my buddies were awarded body bags. Say thank you God, thank you ship."



**Robert Teel (Bob)**  
**Service: Air Force**  
**Active Duty: 1967-1971**  
**Reserves: 1971-1996**

Bob Teel began his military career as a young ROTC student at FSU in 1962. Upon graduating from college in 1966 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant with a marketing major and with a pilot designation, he decided

to pursue a new military designation in its infancy of "electronic processing officer." Assigned to Shaw AFB, in South Carolina during the Vietnam Conflict, he was immediately given enormous responsibility within three months by being assigned to a major grade position,, and was put in charge of all base information systems and personnel. For four years, Bob was in charge of overseeing five mainframe computers, 62 programmers and systems design employees, plus all mechanized reports for the base operation.

Returning to Tallahassee in 1971 for his MBA degree, Bob quickly found work at the Florida Legislature developing and directing legislative information systems and computer operations; while pursuing a second Masters in political science/public administration at night.

In 1977, Bob reached a crossroads in his life when he was offered a systems design position with Ross Perot's corporation and big city life. Choosing to raise his young son and family in small town Tallahassee, Bob decided to launch a new career in real estate, which he continues to this day. Not giving up his love of computers and the Air Force entirely, Bob continued to serve as a military computer officer in the USAF reserves for 25 years and retired as reserve Colonel.

In addition, Bob is a long time enthusiast of Killearn Estates (since 1979). He has lived as a resident, owns rental property, and operates his real estate business inside of the community. During this period, he has served on the KHA Board for many years and held the position of President for multiple years in the 1980-1990's.

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**Mimi Robinson**  
**Service: US Army**  
**Active Duty: 1976-1996**

Mimi grew up in Philadelphia as the child of military parents who served in World War II, met in North Africa, and married in Italy. When Mimi graduated from Villanova University on Philadelphia's Main Line, her mother told her, "You will never get out of Philadelphia, unless you do something different." Taking a parental cue, Mimi joined the Army as a WAC doing her basic training at Fort McClellan in Alabama, and then transferring to Fort Ord in California where she worked for a General who recommended her for Officer Candidate School. Her next stop was Fort Gordon outside of Augusta, GA as an Instructor with the US Army Signal Corps, teaching communication systems as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Offered a chance to transfer to Camp Darby, near Pisa, Italy, Mimi eagerly accepted and for four years was in charge of seven satellite communication facilities. Mimi fell in love with Italy and the Italian language, before transferring back to Fort Gordon in 1984 for advanced courses in communications and electronics. While at Fort Gordon, Mimi met her husband, Stephen Robinson, and they married in their dress blues in 1985. After acing her Italian language course, Mimi returned

to Italy and the US Army's SETAF (Southern European Task Force) in Vicenza in northern Italy. Subsequently, her last tour of duty was outside of Naples at Armed Forces South (AFSOUTH) in charge of Joint NATO/US Military exercises. US Forces were deployed with NATO to the conflict in Bosnia.

After 20 years in the service, Mimi retired as a Major in 1996. Stephen and Mimi moved to Tallahassee, buying their house in the Kimberton neighborhood of Killlearn. She worked for the Florida Department of Health, travelling throughout Florida administering the Vaccines for Children program. In 2006, she suddenly lost her vision. Since then, Mimi has become an active volunteer with the local Blinded Veterans Association and an advocate for guide dogs, especially her own German Shepherd, Bailey.

**Stephen Robinson**  
**Service: US Army**  
**Active Duty: 1979-1992, 2001-2005**  
**Reserves: 2005-2009**

A native of Escondido, California, Stephen Robinson surprised his father, who was drafted during the Korean War, by enlisting in the US Army in 1979 at the age of 24 and staying in! Stephen's first assignment was Ft. Gordon, Georgia where he received Advanced Individual Training in repair and maintenance of cryptographic/secure communications equipment. In 1981, he was selected for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Signal Officer. After various positions at Ft. Gordon including Platoon Leader, Stephen entered Signal Officer Advanced School where he met his future wife and fellow officer, Mimi Robinson. But, three weeks after marrying in 1984, Stephen

was sent to South Korea as a Communications Officer for an Artillery Battalion. After one year apart, he returned to the US and rejoined Mimi at Fort Gordon as a Company Commander, before they both shipped out to Vicenza, Italy.

In 1992, Stephen retired from the Army with the rank of Captain, and went to work as a Civilian for the US Navy in Naples, Italy. He worked just a mile and a half away from where Mimi was stationed with NATO forces, and was involved in transportation logistics, including the military sea lift of American and British peacekeeping forces during the Bosnian and Croatian War.

In 1996, Stephen and Mimi moved to Tallahassee, and in 1997, Steven began his second career with the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR), Child Support Division, where he continued to work throughout his deployments, and reserve duties, and where he works today. In 2001, just months prior to the 9/11 attacks, he was recruited as an Army Reservist with the Military Police Corp. On Christmas Day his battalion was deployed to active duty. They were to be the first unit deployed to Afghanistan, but at the last minute the mission was scrubbed, and after six months they were sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to police Afghani detainees. Between 2004 and 2006, Stephen was deployed to active duty twice, for two separate year-long tours in Iraq. When Mimi lost her vision six months into his second tour, Major General Kevin McBride told him personally, and released him from duty. After a few months at home, Mimi insisted Stephen finish his duty, and he returned to Iraq for 6 more months. In 2009, after 22 years of distinguished Army service, Stephen retired.



**Frederick L. Innes (Fred)**  
**Service: US Navy**  
**Active Duty: 1954-1958**  
**Reserves: 1955-1963**

Fred enlisted in the US Navy at 17 and received basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center outside Chicago, the Navy Technical School in Tennessee, and Helicopter Squadron Training Center

at Ream Field, California.

After training, he was deployed on the USS Boxer, CVS-21 aircraft carrier. The mission was a Far East Cruise to Japan, China and Hong Kong. His assignment was to service all helicopter electronic equipment. While on deployment, the Suez Canal Crisis erupted. The USS Boxer was successfully deployed with the 77th Task Force to stop the blockage of the canal by Egyptian President Nassar and to protect US interests.

Upon discharge, Fred received the GI Bill and graduated from Southern Illinois University. McDonnell Douglas employed him as a Contract Negotiator, which led to his direct connection implementing the Mercury and Gemini Space Programs. He met many astronauts, including James Lovell, Jr., the Commander of Apollo 13, which famously suffered a critical

failure en route to the moon, but was brought safely back to Earth. Later, Fred's career led him to Olin Corporation and to the Tallahassee area as Director of Operations at St. Marks Power Plant.

Fred was active with Killlearn Golf Club, and at a Centel PGA Tournament, he again saw Astronaut Lovell. He asked Mr. Lovell to speak at the newly opened DeSoto Trail Elementary School. Mr. Lovell agreed, and challenged the children to science, math and space exploration. "Mars," he said, "BLAZE the trail to Mars!" And that is how Fred helped DeSoto Trail become the TRAILBLAZERS.



**Marshall E. Barron Sr.**  
**Service: US Army**  
**Active Duty: 1982-2004**

A career in politics his natural calling, Marshall Barron Sr. decided against that road to instead enlist in the Army in 1982 amid a hotbed of racism and inequality in his hometown of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Adopted as a child, Barron's natural leadership and determination allowed him to make the most of his tumultuous childhood, joining the military to make a firm decision about his life. A decision he would go to reflect as one of the most beneficial turning points he's made.

While his time as a logistics non-commissioned officer would see

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**Marshall E. Barron Sr.**

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him travel all around the world, he first began his career wanting to be an attorney; he would be stationed with a Light Infantry unit at Fort Ord, CA. From there he went on to Germany to serve in Postal and Military Police units. Later he would serve in a Signal Unit at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, before undertaking a more intense adventure when traveling to the DMZ in South Korea with a mechanized infantry unit. The DMZ was the most enthralling of his journeys being directly on the front line, with the need to be on high alert exhausting.

After 22 years of service, Barron Sr. has spent the past 12 years working with the Leon County Medical Emergency Service, a place he refers to as his home away from home. As rewarding as that is, a life in politics has been beckoning him for years a regret which still haunts him. Barron believes he can make the tough decisions that face us today, crediting the military, his wonderful wife and 3 children for making him "the man I am today,"



an experience he wishes our Presidents would share. He encourages younger generations to be active in politics and know what is happening in the world. "One of the most important things I do is encourage

young people get involved in world affairs, do the right thing and treat everyone fairly."

SGT Barron's motto is: "It ain't how you start, its how you finish"- Marshall Barron Sr.

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**What do you need to do?** Email your photograph(s) to KHA at [kha@killearn.org](mailto:kha@killearn.org) (the higher resolution the better). We will let you know if we plan to use your work in a Kloverleaf issue!



# Father's Day Car Show

The 2016 Car Show featured over 200 cars and brought families from all over Leon County to enjoy live music and delicious barbeque.

Eleven years ago on Father's Day, Celebration Baptist Church invited a few of classic car owners to park their cars in front of the worship center during their Sunday morning worship service. For several years the Car Show continued on Sunday mornings, then gradually shifted to an afternoon event. Eventually the heat of the North Florida June afternoons led to the event being moved to Saturday night. From those humble beginnings in 2006, the Celebration cars show morning has grown to become North Florida's largest car show and held the Saturday evening before Father's Day. Last year's show featured over 200 cars including classics, military, and more.

This year's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration Car Show will be bigger and better than ever. The show will be on Saturday, June 17th, 5:00pm-8:00pm under the beautiful oak trees at Celebration Baptist (3300 Shamrock St. E). Two stages with live music will be provided, one featuring oldies

from Tommy, Jo & The Kids and the other with country tunes from The Michael Miller Band. Delicious BBQ dinners will be available for purchase. This year's show will feature motorcycles for the first time and is planned to span the entire Celebration Baptist Church grounds.

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## One Blood Bus at Killearn United Methodist Church

Stop by and donate blood on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot across the street from Killearn United Methodist Church from 9 AM to 1:30 PM. Blood donations profoundly effect the lives of patients in our community. In many cases one donation could impact or even save the lives of three people. Generally, healthy people age 17 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood; identification is required prior to donation. To make an appointment go online to [www.oneblooddonor.org](http://www.oneblooddonor.org) and use sponsor code #G0211, or email Melanie at [callawaymelanie@gmail.com](mailto:callawaymelanie@gmail.com). Drop-ins are welcome. 🍀



### Do you have a pet you want to feature in our June issue?

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11am to 9pm Mon-Sat (Pool closes weekdays from 6-7 pm for swim lessons)  
1pm to 9pm Sunday

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4pm to 7pm Mon-Fri • 11am to 7pm Saturday • 1pm to 7pm Sunday

## Killearn Estates Swim Club Lessons

### Alan Cox Aquatics, American Red Cross Lessons

All classes are 8 day sessions running Monday – Thursday for 2 weeks. The only exception is the second week of session I which will be Tuesday through Friday because of Memorial Day weekend. Make up days for severe weather will be on Fridays and will be determined by the staff at the start of lessons.

**Cost: \$85.00 per student (checks made payable to Alan Cox Aquatics)**

#### Dates and Times

Session	Dates	Times	Age Group
Session I	May 22 – June 2	7:00pm-7:40pm	Ages 3 and Up
Session II	June 5 – June 15	9:00am-9:40am	Ages 3 and Up
		10:00am-10:40am	Ages 3 and Up
Session III	June 19 – June 29	6:00pm-6:35pm	Ages 3 and Up
		6:35pm-7:10pm	Ages 3 and Up
		8:00am-8:40am	Water Babies
		9:00am-9:40am	Ages 3 and Up
		10:00am-10:40am	Ages 3 and Up
Session IV	July 10 – July 20	6:00pm-6:35pm	Ages 3 and Up
		6:35pm-7:10pm	Ages 3 and Up
		8:00am-8:40am	Water Babies
		9:00am-9:40am	Ages 3 and Up
		10:00am-10:40am	Ages 3 and Up
Session V	July 24 – Aug 3	6:00pm-6:35pm	Ages 3 and Up
		6:35pm-7:10pm	Ages 3 and Up
		8:00am-8:40am	Water Babies
		9:00am-9:40am	Ages 3 and Up
		10:00am-10:40am	Ages 3 and Up
Session VI	Aug 7 – Aug 17	6:00pm-6:35pm	Ages 3 and Up
		6:35pm-7:10pm	Ages 3 and Up
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# Home & Garden

## Next Month's Garden



Choose only plants that can tolerate high temperatures and humidity. Now is the time to remove those spring annuals like pansies, petunias, and snapdragons that did so well in the cool weather but that can't make it through summer. Pinch back leggy growth on flowering perennials in order to encourage thicker growth and additional blooms.

Plant zinnias, daylilies, firebush, pentas, calibrachoa, portulaca, bush allamanda, sun coleus, *Tecoma stans*, and Goldsturm rudbeckia in full sun. For shady areas choose caladiums, jacobinia, Persian shield, coleus and gingers. Hydrangeas and 'Summer Wave' torenias do best when planted in areas that receive morning sun and afternoon shade. Crape myrtles may also be planted now, but varieties range from dwarf to well over 20 feet, so choose carefully and plant in full sun. Cape honeysuckle can be planted. Its bright orange flowers attract hummingbirds. Plant in full sun to partial shade. Also, consider crossvine and trumpet creeper which are native to our area.

It's a good time to plant palms. You may want to include two native species, saw palmetto and bush or dwarf palmetto. European fan palm, and windmill palm are also recommended for North Florida.

Annuals, herbs, vegetables, and roses can be lightly fertilized monthly with a 15-0-15 product, but don't fertilize your grass. If it's looking yellow, treat with iron instead. Your lawn will green up, but you won't get the excessive growth that you'd get with fertilizer. Young trees and shrubs may be lightly fertilized now with a 15-0-15 product to encourage new growth.

Fertilize amaryllis, lilies and other bulbs that have finished blooming, but don't cut back their foliage yet. They are still performing photosynthesis and storing food in the bulb for next year's blooms. Trim foliage only after it dies back. Mulch is important in summer. It prevents water from evaporating, keeps the soil temperature cooler and discourages weeds. Apply mulch to a depth of two to three inches but not touching the base of the plants and trees. The best mulch is what's readily available to you. If you have hardwood leaves, use them. If you buy mulch, pine straw, pine bark, and melaleuca mulch are better choices than cypress mulch.

Over-watering can be as problematic as under-watering, encouraging plant diseases and other pests. Consider grouping plants according to their water needs in order to make watering easier. New plants will need to be watered more than established plants and should be checked daily for wilting

or dry soil.

Disease and pests may occur in spite of good gardening practices. Chinch bug damage can develop in sunny areas in St. Augustine lawns. If we have frequent rainfall, gray leaf spot fungus can develop. Spittlebug populations may reach a damaging level in centipede lawns, causing discolored grass blades and a dull cast to the whole lawn. Don't treat for these problems unless damage occurs. Then treat promptly to better your chances of limiting further damage.

There is no shortage of work to do in the garden this month but no gardener ever gets it all done. Don't forget to enjoy the process! 🍀

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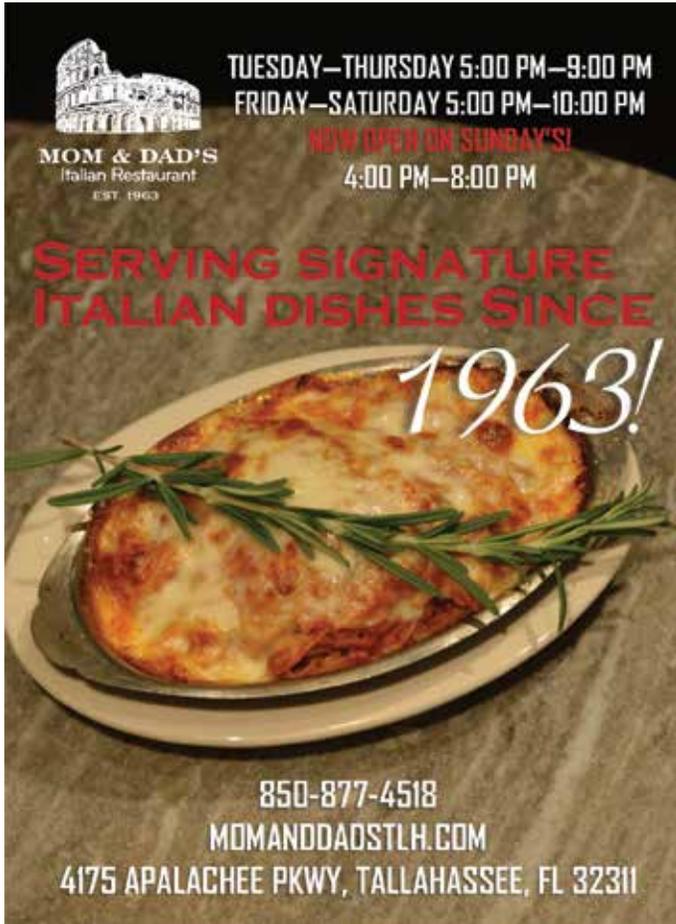
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Before



After



## Maintenance Committee Update

The Maintenance Committee had a very busy Earth Day. Three free loads of mulch from the City were spread over exposed compacted soils beneath the trees at the bridge entry to the park. Apart from being an aesthetic improvement, the mulch will help improve the soils, reduce stormwater runoff and greatly benefit the root systems of the valuable shade trees. The planter beds were weeded and low maintenance azaleas, rosemary and butterfly bushes planted. The area around the entrance sign was also stabilized with mulch and several butterfly bushes planted.

A couple of small crepe myrtles were also placed at the park for good measure. Bayshore Park also received a fresh load of mulch and Delvin Park a butterfly bush.

## Park Rangers Wanted

We are in search of a few good people to help take care of our ever improving parks. While parks have been retrofitted with landscaping and improvements that require minimal maintenance and upkeep, they do require some love and attention. Some of the activities we need help with include: looking out for invasive/exotic plants, identifying erosion areas, spreading mulch, and wa-

# Business Maintenance Report

By Gloria M. Arias

tering new plants during long dry spells. Killlearn Estates is a 501(c)(3) organization and more than happy to sign-off on community service hours such as Bright Futures Scholarship hours or Scout merit hours. You can also learn firsthand about green infrastructure and sustainable landscaping practices. If you would like to volunteer please let us know by calling the KHA office at 850.893.3468 or sending an e-mail to kha@killlearn.org.

**Killarney Way Park update:** *The Sit n Spins have been removed because of tears in the seats. The manufacturer will either correct the design flaw and expedite new, improved seats to the park or replace with comparable pieces at no cost to us. Pro Playgrounds and the manufacturer want a permanent and safe solution. Thank you for your patience.*

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