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Killearn Kloverleaf

Killearn Estates Community Magazine



Board of Directors— Monthly Meeting

The Killlearn Homes Association Board of Directors' monthly meetings are scheduled for **the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Conference room of the Association office located at 2705 Killarney Way, unless noted below****. All Killlearn property owners and residents are requested and welcomed 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 our facebook page.



Any change to the scheduled date and/or time will be posted on our web site at www.killlearn.org.

The planned scheduled dates of the Board of Directors' future meetings

Tuesday, December 1st
Tuesday, January 5, 2016

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:

Dec 24th and 25th – Christmas

Dec 31st – New Year's Eve

Jan 1, 2016 – New Year's Day



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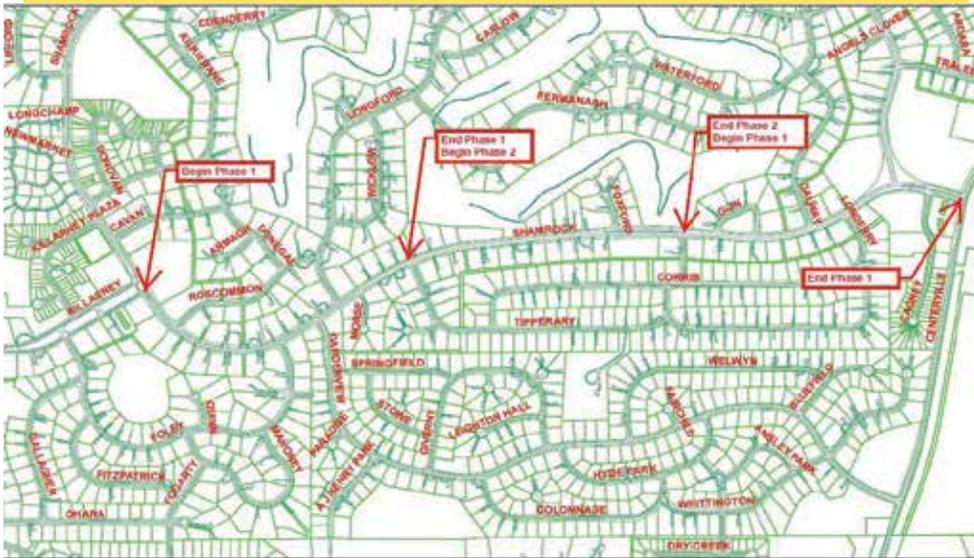
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SHAMROCK SOUTH PAVING UPDATE

Construction of the Shamrock South Drainage Improvement Project at Foxford Circle should begin in the summer of 2016 and be completed in late fall 2016. Once the project is completed, Shamrock South, between Tipperary and Belfast, will be repaved shortly thereafter. Thank you for your patience.



Your Association at Work!

In a perfect world, homeowner associations would have a collection rate of 100%, meaning that every single member would always pay their dues and the association would never have to enact formal collection measures. But alas, it's far more common for a percentage of the membership to be delinquent for a variety of reasons. Regardless, it's imperative that the association take action. The community's financial welfare quite literally depends on it. For an association as large as KHA, a delinquency rate of 5% at a \$100 annual dues level would result in an annual revenue reduction of \$18,800! That's a significant reduction in cash flow, not to mention the increase in collection expense.

One of the last steps in KHA's collection process, after invoices and reminder notices have been provided throughout the year, is to have the attorney initiate formal collection demand letters for unpaid dues and fines. If you've recently received one of these letters, I ask that you take immediate action to clear your account. Note that once these letters have been distributed, all delinquent payment activity must go through the attorney's office listed in the letter, not the KHA office. Also, please address all inquiries about your account to hoa@johngrantlaw.com.

What are some of the things you can do to ensure your account never goes into delinquency status? First, make sure the KHA office has your correct contact information and mailing address on file. This is especially important if you don't occupy the property or if you're a new member. Don't rely on your tenants or a neighbor to make sure you get your KHA mail. Second, don't ignore invoices and reminder notices. If you have a financial hardship, let us work with you. If you simply believe your payment crossed in the mail with the invoice, call and check. And third, don't mail cash or leave cash in the drop box of the office. There is no way to trace that payment if a problem arises.

KHA has an applaudable delinquency rate of only 4%. This hasn't happened by

accident, but by consistent and strict adherence to a deliberate collection process. Your community is better for it.

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By John Paul Bailey, President and Bob Ippolito, President Emeritus

Almost fifty (50) years ago, Killearn Properties, Inc., the original developers of Killearn Estates, established the importance of certain requirements for its residents relating to maintaining and improving the quality of life and property values in Killearn Estates. You might say that winning the 2011 and 2015 Large Neighborhood of the Year awards is a testament to that quality of life!

Those requirements were codified in our Covenants and Restrictions documents which are an integral part of your Killearn Estates property ownership deed. When the Developers completed Killearn Estates, all of the developer's responsibilities and duties were transferred to the Killearn Homes Association's voluntary Board of Directors. The primary responsibility of the Board of Directors is to ensure that each property owner adhere to their deed restrictions, thereby protecting and improving everyone's property values.

For the coming year, we will continue our efforts to ensure adherence to all our covenants and restrictions, improve our common properties, parks, lakes and the Killearn Estates Swim Club. Most importantly, we intend to spend our increased

revenue wisely to maintain Killearn Estates, a desirable, prestigious, and beautiful neighborhood for our 12,000+ residents.

The current 2015 Killearn Homes Association's nine member volunteer Board is made up of Mike Flemming, David Ferguson, Phil Inglese, Philip Doyle, Gloria Arias, Lynda Kinard, Bill Schack and Cedrick Foster and John Paul Bailey. Our staff consists of LeAnn Sbordone, our Executive Director, Joy Dowdy, our Field Manager, Vicki Hoffman, our Financial Assistant and Sue Barlow, our Office Manager and Editor of the Killearn Kloverleaf. Debbie Dewell is our Kloverleaf Graphic Designer.

During 2016, with the participation of residents' recommendations, we plan to progress with our improvement plans by:

- Maintaining and improving all of our common properties and parks.
 - Increase our residents' availability and participation in the Killearn Estates Swim Club.
 - Continuing our support of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's agreement and assistance with the lakes to ascertain the effects of the City's storm water runoff into our lakes.
 - Obtain the City of Tallahassee's agreement to improve the water quality of our impaired state water bodies in Killearn Estates.
 - Continuing our Killearn Estates' neighborhood 4th of July celebration, providing fireworks and food, drinks, music and children's' games for our residents.
 - Reviewing hundreds of Architectural Control Committee requests, complaints, and either approved, approved with modifications or denied requests – in order to maintain the high quality of life and Killearn Estates property values.
 - Improve our ability to communicate more quickly and effectively with all of our residents
- The Board thanks the many residents who volunteer to serve on many of our committees: Audit, Architectural Control, Nominating, Elections, Public Relations, Maintenance, Events, Fines, Golf Course Liaison, and Lakes, whose members are appointed by the KHA Board.

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~ Clark Griswold



Hello Griswolds of Killlearn Estates ~ I can't believe it's already that time of year again to drag out those Christmas lights and decorations and enter our annual decorating contest for a chance to win some holiday cash. Five lucky favorites will be selected from those entered. To enter the contest, please

provide your name and address to the KHA office in one of the following ways:

- Email your entry to kha@killlearn.org
- Fax your entry to 850-668-0530

- Mail to the office at 2705 Killarney Way

However you enter, please make sure to submit your entry by 4pm on Monday, December 14, 2015... judging will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 18-20th.

We would also appreciate it if you could submit digital photos of your display to place in the Kloverleaf if you are one of the lucky Griswolds selected ... it's too difficult for us to be there at the perfect time for that perfect photo of your perfect display!!

Good Luck Griswolds ... Remember, it pays to decorate!!

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A Way to Remember ...

Two years ago several stories of hope, caring and community came out of Trent McElroy's battle with cancer. You may know that Trent was a fourth grader at Roberts Elementary school who had fought his cancer since his kindergarten year. The real stories are not exclusively about Trent or his passing on November 13th, 2013, although he was a remarkable citizen of our neighborhood. Trent set the foundation for a number of stories about our neighbors, his school, his church, his sports teams, and one of his most lasting legacies – the Trent Trot 5K and 1 Miler.

In mid-November a permanent memorial and a tree were planted in Trent's honor at Robert's Elementary school. Earlier this year, the "Heart of a Warrior" statue was erected in his honor at Trent McElroy Field at the Miccosukee Little League Park. You may re-

member that your neighbors put up their Christmas decorations early so Trent could see them with his family before he left his Earthly body. What you may not know is that over 1100 members of our community participated this past January in some way at the Trent Trot 5K and 1 Miler run/walk – making it one of the largest races in Tallahassee.

Perhaps the biggest story about Trent was Trent himself. Despite his challenges with his cancer and many trips for treatment in Texas and Jacksonville, Trent remained an inspiration to his classmates. Most of them graduated on to middle school this fall, but only after littering the cafeteria with messages about the inspiration he provided to them. He will forever be a part of the fabric of the 2015 Roberts graduating class because in spite of his grit and competitiveness, he was an uncommonly car-

ing, upbeat, and insightful friend who handled his challenges with absolute grace. His classmates traveled his journey with him and he travels with most of them to this day.

Trent wanted to be a doctor so that he could help save people from the cancer that took his life. He felt that no one could better relate to children with cancer than he could. His desire was to pay forward to the next generation by helping both the children and families affected by childhood cancer. To that end, the Trent's Touch Foundation was created in his honor. Families facing childhood cancer often feel isolated in their journey, a point that is complicated by the unexpected expenses associated with treatments and travel. The Foundation is a means for the McElroy family, extended family and friends to follow through on Trent's desire to

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assist those who follow him.

The Trent Trot 5K and 1 Miler became a focal point in assuring Trent's legacy. The race, a philanthropic effort of the Roberts Elementary faculty and staff, was formerly known as the Roberts Red Fox Trot but was renamed the as the Trent Trot. These races allow his neighbors, classmates, teachers, family and friends to celebrate his life and provide hope and support for others. The community took note when the race went from around 400 participants to 1100 (900 of whom ran one of the two races). Around 125 people who were out of town or physically unable to participate signed up as virtual runners to sup-

port the cause. Those who attended braved a cold January morning to complete, just as Trent and his family had in the three prior years. However, the outpouring of support wasn't just from the participants it was also from over thirty sponsors who played a huge part in generating \$20,000 in proceeds that were given to the Trent's Touch Foundation.

The Trent's Touch Foundation Board of Directors created a process for seeking and evaluating cases where local families are facing childhood cancer. To



date, five families have received support from the Foundation and the hope is to find more Warriors like Trent that the Foundation can assist. This non-profit Foundation is run by your neighbors and all recipients of the Warrior Awards are from

the local area. With a voluntary board of directors and support of local families, this is truly a community effort with neighbors helping neighbors.

This year, the Trent Trot will be run (or walked) on January 23rd, at 8:30 a.m. at Roberts Elementary School at 5777 Pimlico Drive. The 5K will be run through Dublin Downs and the 1 Miler will be run mostly on school grounds. The Gulf Winds Track Club has granted Grand Prix and Youth Grand Prix status to the race so this is bound to be an even bigger event for people of literally ALL abilities. The race organizers and volunteers, collectively "Team Trent," hope you will be able to support and/or attend this big upcoming event. It is truly a family environment that is here in our extended neighborhood. For you runners, it is a chip-timed event and there will be age group awards for the top three in each 5-year age group. There will be trophies including overall, masters, grandmasters and age group winners.

Information about Trent, the Trent Touch Foundation, the Trent Trot race, registration, and sponsorship is available at <http://trentstouch.com>. There is also information about the Grand Prix schedule and local running information at <http://gulfwinds.org>. If you have questions please contact the race directors at trenttrot5K@gmail.com or 294.9946. Hopefully, you will be motivated to get out and support your neighbors or contribute to this great event.

Killearn Homes Association is Proud to support the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation again this year. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys NOW through Thursday, Dec. 10th



Thanksgiving has passed, Christmas is just around the corner and we'll soon be welcoming a New Year. I understand we can expect a more severe winter due to the El Nino effect, so get prepared.

At our reorganization meeting, Commissioner Bill Proctor was elected as the new chair of the County Commission. Commissioner Proctor will have many challenges over the next year and I have no doubt he will deal with them appropriately. Commissioner John Dailey was elected as our Vice Chair.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE—The Legislature Committee Weeks began in September and we're monitoring the legislature's actions as they continue their weekly meetings to insure we're on top of any proposed legislation that deals with unfunded mandates or adverse changes affecting our community. The Legislative Session actually begins January 12.

COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE DIALOGUE MEETINGS—On November 17, Leon County held its first Community Legislative Dialogue Meeting for the 2016 session. These meetings are held to discuss significant community-wide legislative issues and to identify ways for stakeholders to work together to advocate for common legislative goals. A diverse group of community stakeholders attended the meeting and identified four shared issues to target for the 2016 session: protection of the state workforce, a state partnership on the Leon Works initiative, Leon County's Community Paramedic Program, and the impact of Medicaid expansion in Florida. The group developed an action plan to guide collaboration efforts during the 2016 legislative session and set future meeting dates for February 2, 2016 and March 22, 2016.

2015/2016 BUDGET—Our budget of \$238,553,913 and the FY 2016 proposed capital improvement program (CIP) budget totaling \$18,641,824 was approved in September. I'm very proud of the fact that when compared to other like-sized counties, Leon County maintained the lowest net operating budget per capita (\$210 million); maintained the lowest net budget per resident (\$750); and maintained the second lowest number of employees at 6 employees/1000 residents along with Lake County.

LEON WORKS EXPO—On October 23, 2015, the Leon Works Expo was held to pro-

mote skilled careers and training opportunities, specifically to high school students in the community. Skilled careers are those that require more training and education than a high school diploma but less than a four-year degree, and cover all parts of the economy, including the areas of health, trade, business and IT, and creative sectors. The Expo was held as a response to the more than 10,000 skilled jobs that will be available in Leon County area in the next few years. The Expo connected the members of the community, employers, academic institutions, and students as they sought to define their own success. In addition, the Expo helped jobseekers in the community find their ideal job, and provided information on ways to prepare themselves for the evolving job market. Over 330 high school students attended the event during the morning session and approximately 200 people attended the afternoon session. Over 80 area business and academic exhibitors participated in the Expo.

MILLER LANDING RD AND MERIDIAN RD—In my last Brief, I reported the City had completed the design of the proposed traffic signal to be installed at this intersection and had ordered the required signal poles. They were unable to secure needed right-of-way from a property owner, but are redesigning the project so that the signal will still be a viable option. We had hoped it would be installed by December, but with the redesign it will now be sometime after the first of the year.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as your District IV Commissioner and I commit to you that I will continue to do the best job I can in representing you and our community. As always, I welcome your input and appreciate all of you who act as my eyes in the District. Many of the improvements we've already made, or are currently working on, came from citizen suggestions or observations. As you plan for your neighborhood/homeowner's association meetings, please let me know the dates and times so that I may join you. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns, deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov or 606-5364.

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Waterford Drive residents Matt & Becca Hale, and their neighbors on Waterford and Fermanagh, held their 2nd Annual Halloween Block Party and Chili Cook-Off at the "D" !! I had the pleasure of being one of

three chili cook-off judges, sampling 12 varieties of chili. All were delicious; however, only one could take top honor. Top honors went to Waterford resident Betsy Fuchs with her white chicken chili; runners up

Halloween Block Party at the "D"



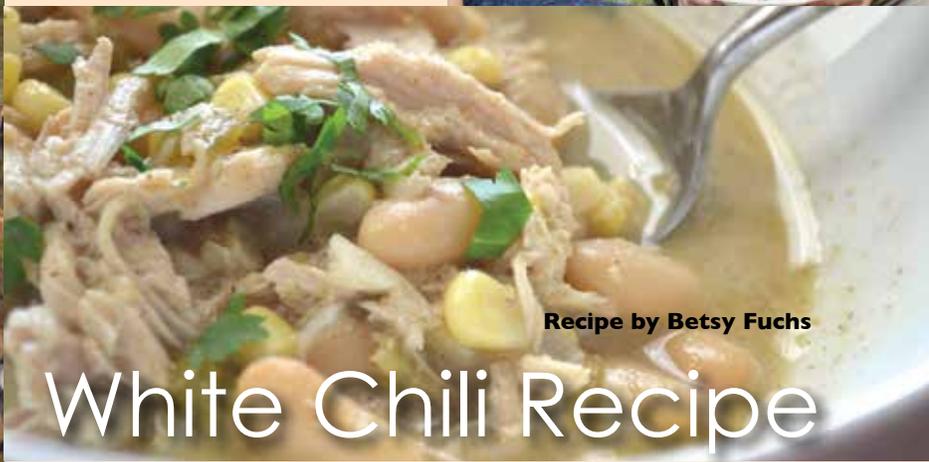


the "D"

were Fermanagh resident Sherry Aldinger and Waterford resident Stacey Nadeau.

Once the winner was determined, everyone enjoyed the chili and all the side dishes and desserts brought by the neighbors. The kids enjoyed a hayride around the loop, went trick or treating and then enjoyed a bonfire when they arrived back at the "D".

I want to thank Becca for inviting me to be a judge and guest at their neighborhood block party. You will see from the photos that this is truly what neighbors being neighbors is all about.



Recipe by Betsy Fuchs

White Chili Recipe

This is a really easy recipe and very tasty; you can adjust the ingredients by adding more or taking away. It always comes out ok!

Saute

- 1 medium to large onion - chopped
- 1 clove of garlic diced or minced (I use minced in a jar - 1 teaspoon)
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin (to taste)

Add

- 2-15 oz cans of northern white beans, undrained
- 1-15 oz can of garbanzo beans, undrained

- 1-12 oz can of white corn, undrained (I sometimes use frozen; it is important to use white)

2 tablespoons green chilies from can

2 teaspoons chicken bouillon (I use 3 cubes - 1 cube equals 1 teaspoon)

3 chicken breasts or one rotisserie chicken, deboned and cut into small pieces.

Cook at low heat for about 1/2 hours or put in a crockpot on low for 2 or 3 hours. Top with grated shredded white cheese and sour cream (optional).



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Tips

Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote build-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn-off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
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The Pieces/Parts Approach to Identifying Dyslexia Does Not Work

Woodland Hall Academy staff received a disturbing call from a parent of an 11 year old recently.

"For six years we have been trying to find out why my bright daughter is not learning," a frustrated mother related. "We've spent thousands on testing with every type of specialist, not to mention the thousands on tutoring. She's in sixth grade and she's so frustrated because she can't keep up with her friends in class. Everybody says she's so bright, but when it comes to reading or writing it down, she struggles. My husband and I think she's dyslexic; he has it in his family, but nobody in town seems to be able to tell us if this is the reason she is not learning."

This parent has experienced what many do, the "Pieces/Parts Approach" to determining why a bright child is not learning. Each specialist tests for legitimate reasons a child might be struggling in school. However, if their diagnosis and therapy does not fix the problem, many times they either suggest the parents do "more of the same" or move on to another therapist.

If it's Dyslexia, A Holistic Approach to Identification is needed

Dyslexia is a constellation of characteristics involving visual and auditory processing, perceptual, and attention/concentration problems. Dyslexia is a language disability, not a reading disability, so not only does it affect the ability to learn to read, write, and spell by conventional methods; it affects the ability to communicate in more subtle ways.

Individuals with dyslexia may learn to orally read, but may begin having comprehension problems, especially around fourth or fifth grade. They may have difficulty turning information from short-term memory to long-term memory, so they learn it one day and forget it the next.

Many children who are identified as ADHD actually have dyslexia with ADHD as one part of their dyslexia. Unfortunately, their language disability (dyslexia) is never identified and all their "learning issues" are blamed on ADHD.

In order to have a proper diagnosis and proper plan of intervention and remediation, a thorough differential diagnosis should be administered, which considers the entire syndrome of dyslexia and attention deficit disorders. No SINGLE test exists that can identify dyslexia. No IQ test exists that can identify dyslexia.

Diagnosticians should give a variety of tests which

examine the individual's learning, language, perceptual, and intellectual strengths and weaknesses. Diagnosticians may be educational specialists, speech and language pathologists, or psychologists who are trained in the field of dyslexia. The key words are "trained in the field of dyslexia." Parents need to ask for a professional's qualifications in the field of dyslexia. Dyslexia Research Institute has developed "Questions PARENTS Should Ask When Choosing a Diagnostician". Go to <http://www.dyslexia-add.org/diagnose.html> for that list or call

(850) 893-2216 for information on testing.

To find out more information concerning what types of programs are effective for teaching students with dyslexia, contact Woodland Hall Academy. Since 1975, Woodland Hall Academy has taught students with dyslexia, ADHD and related learning differences the way they learn. Using proven multisensory, structured language techniques children who were struggling to learn have become successful.

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DATE	UNIT	PROJECT	ACTION/CONDITIONS	
10/7/2015	12	Repaint Home/Trim/Replace Roof -Black Shingles	Approved	
	16	Replace Roof w/ Hickory Arch Shingles	Approved	
	33	Replace Roof w/ Charcoal Arch Shingles	Approved	
	14	Tree removal & fence replacement	Approved	
	22	Repaint Home/Trim-Replace all Windows	Approved	
	3	Replace Roof w/ Black Arch Shingles	Approved	
	15	Repaint Home/Trim/Garage & Front Doors	Approved	
10/14/2015	10	Elevated Playhouse	Approved with Conditions & Non-Objections from Neighbors	
	37	Replace existing shed with new 10x16 shed	Approved	
	8	Tree Removal (4) and stump grinding	Approved	
	27	Tree Removal (4) and stump grinding	Approved	
	22	Tree Removal from backyard	Approved	
	22	Install privacy fencing on his property & planters	Approved	
		Install decorative fencing on City easement	Approved if City Approved	
	10/21/2015	20	Repaint all 3 front doors same color	Approved
		25	Replace existing driveway with concrete	Approved
		5	Replace chain link with privacy fencing	Approved
		Rebuild front and rear porch and re-roof	Approved	
10/28/2015	34	Replace Roof w/Estate Gray Arch Shingles	Approved	
	39	Replace Roof w/ Natural Timber Arch Shingles	Approved	
	35	Replace Roof w/ Black Arch Shingles	Approved	
	16	Enclose backyard with 6' privacy fencing	Approved	
	4	Replace wooden deck - same location	Approved	
	7	Repaint upper portion of home above brick	Approved	

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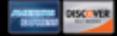
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With Christmas fast approaching, please be aware of the bulk and yard waste pick up days with the city and place it at the curb no earlier than the weekend before your day. No one wants company visiting with a neighbor's trash piled at the street. Please follow the City's prompts on their website for your specific address pick up day. Thanks ... 'Tis the season to be jolly!!



10th Annual Performance of "The Snow Queen"

Over the years "The Snow Queen" with its unique blend of contemporary and traditional Irish music, has become quite the annual holiday event here in Tallahassee. This year's 10th annual production featuring additional new dance pieces choreographed by K.P.A. director/choreographer, David Jones, with stage management by his wife, Shannon O'Bryan (Chiles' drama teacher/director), promises to be even more spectacular than previous years. So why not make "The Snow Queen" your holiday event this year!

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Soon snowfall showers the glen as maple, oak and evergreen quiver with a ghostly countenance.

Trudging knee deep, nearly frost-bitten, the boy's weary frame crumples to the frozen floor.....

Lying hopelessly, a brilliant lamp appears encircling the ground, magically melting the snow-covered earth-----

Awakening with fear and wonderment, he gasps at the trodden path steering him from danger.

Following his heart the faithful boy espies the candlelit cottage!

As he clambers the icy steps an angel appears, gloriously from the roof-top smiling down on the homeward child.

Suddenly a shooting star flashes across the moonlit sky then vanishes from sight on this ever enchanting night of the year!

Mark J Hollister
Killearn Resident



HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE

Please join us Thursday, December 10th, from 6 to 8 pm at the Association office, 2705 Killarney Way, to enjoy some holiday cheer with the Board and Staff of Killearn

Homes Association. We've enjoyed meeting new residents the last eight years at our open houses and look forward to meeting more neighbors in our community. Stop by on your way home from work nothing fancy ... just an informal gathering to get residents and staff together. Of course, good food and good cheer will be served.

P.S. If you care to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the open house, Toys for Tots will be picking up our boxes the following day.

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To support The Living Harvest please stop in and visit the store at 4500 W. Shannon Lakes Drive in the Four Oaks Plaza.

In the Tallahassee Garden



Our cool, occasionally frosty days of December invite active gardeners outdoors to enjoy some invigorating work in the garden. Cleanup chores are at the top of the list, preparing the landscape for a fresh start next spring.

It is also an ideal time to work on eradicating invasive non-native vines. Now that frost has killed their leaves, invasive exotic vines that are strangling trees and shrubs, such as Chinese wisteria, kudzu, air potato, Japanese climbing fern, and Japanese honeysuckle, can be easily seen and removed.

Shrubs and Trees: This is an ideal time to plant trees and shrubs. Select container-grown trees three to six feet tall. Larger trees are more difficult to transplant. Among the trees that will do better if they're planted now are evergreen trees. Two low-maintenance evergreens native to North Florida with berries valuable to wildlife are yaupon holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) and southern wax myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*). Yaupon is a versatile plant which can be grown as an ornamental shrub or trimmed into a hedge. It will grow in a wide range of soils and in full or part sun. Wax myrtle is a large, fast-growing native shrub that can be pruned to grow as a tree.

Annuals and Perennials: Plant cool-season bedding plants like dianthus, pansies, violas, snapdragons, alyssum, digitalis (foxglove) and petunias. Feed winter blooming annuals every four to six weeks with a light application of a fertilizer containing 50% of its nitrogen in a slow-release form. Finish dividing and transplanting daylilies, mondo grass, ajuga, and liriope. Plant bare-root or container roses now. Finish sowing seeds of wildflowers and spring blooming annuals like larkspur, bachelors buttons, sweet peas, sweet alyssum, and poppies.

Bulbs, Corms and Tubers: Plant spring blooming bulbs as soon as possible, including narcissus, snowflakes (*leucojum*), anemones, and ranunculus. Pre-cooled tulips and hyacinths should be planted by December 15th.

Vegetables, Herbs and Fruits: Plant cool season vegetables including cabbage, broccoli, Brussel sprouts radishes, carrots, cauliflower, kohlrabi, mustard, onions, and turnips. Plant parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, and lavender. Bare-root and container-grown fruit trees or blueberries can be planted all month. Kumquats are small evergreen trees. They are very ornamental and make excellent specimens in the landscape or in containers. Kumquats are pollinated by bees. If they are being grown

indoors, be sure to set the trees outside when they are in bloom to attract bees.

Lawn Care: Take a break from lawn care. Just be sure that leaves are mowed or raked off of the lawn so they don't smother and kill the grass.

Houseplants: Most houseplants need high humidity. Increase humidity by grouping plants together or by placing the containers in saucers filled with pebbles just covered with water. Houseplants that become lighter in color or have very long spaces between branches or stems need more light. Move them closer to, but not touching, the windows.

For more local gardening information, visit the UF-IFAS Extension website for Leon County at <http://leon.ifas.ufl.edu> Reprinted with the permission of the University of Florida IFAS Extension in Leon County.

Killearn Homes Association, Inc.
Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison Jan-Nov

Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>Jan 1 - Nov 20, 15</u>	<u>Jan 1 - Nov 20, 14</u>
Income		
6010 · INCOME-CURRENT DUES	542,940.99	535,891.54
6013 · INCOME-LATE FEES	7,857.66	6,520.06
6015 · INCOME-PRIOR DUES	4,441.35	4,095.16
6017 · ESTOPPEL	10,710.87	7,746.70
6020 · DELINQUENT ACCT-Maintenance	179.37	82.95
6021 · DELINQUENT ACCT-INTER.	513.50	147.15
6022 · COLL. FEES-LEGAL	11,288.77	8,619.88
6024 · ADMIN. NOTICING COST	617.11	86.05
6030 · INCOME-OTHER	685.28	818.84
6033 · INCOME-ADVERTISING	42,055.28	46,754.30
6055 · CENTURYLINK COMMISSION	59,708.85	51,394.09
6057 · KILLEARN ESTATES SWIM CLUB	33,210.00	32,499.17
6830 · INCOME-INTEREST	169.53	133.94
Total Income	<u>714,378.56</u>	<u>694,789.83</u>
Gross Profit	<u>714,378.56</u>	<u>694,789.83</u>
Expense		
6052 · LICENSES & FEES	250.00	500.00
6560 · PAYROLL TAXES	14,299.96	10,731.52
6950 · MAINTENANCE	4,500.00	11,894.53
7050 · LAKES	29,075.00	33,697.00
7100 · GROUNDS	70,468.05	61,814.00
7110 · ADDITIONAL GROUNDS SERV.	30,466.62	23,433.15
7120 · REPAIRS	4,209.95	3,902.78
7125 · POOL IMPROVEMENTS	2,260.00	0.00
7130 · SIGNAGE	232.61	3,375.00
7245 · PROPERTY TAX-POOL	0.00	563.31
7250 · PROPERTY TAX - COMMON AREAS	0.00	105.47
7270 · UTILITIES-COMMON AREAS	4,262.49	7,329.90
7271 · ASSN. CENTER - UTILITIES	5,558.93	5,381.82
7272 · CLEANING SERVICE	2,630.00	2,680.00
7300 · OTHER-SITE IMPRV.	0.00	16,692.70
7325 · KE SWIM CLUB - SUPPLIES	2,684.10	112.08
7335 · KE SWIM CLUB - UTILITIES	2,417.03	0.00
7610 · PLAYGROUND/PARK IMPROVEMENTS	26,592.58	0.00
8050 · NEWSLETTER	39,194.42	43,964.64
8110 · ANNUAL ASSOC. MEETING	247.84	767.32
8170 · OTHER	4,237.87	5,087.46
8290 · FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	2,594.84	0.00
8410 · MEMBERS STATEMENT	5,673.28	1,716.16
8411 · ANNUAL ELECTIONS	0.00	2,948.50
8420 · LEGAL & PROF. FEES	69,614.46	21,207.96
8580 · PAYROLL-SALARIES	140,120.50	120,441.71
8640 · ACCOUNTING/AUDITING	7,205.00	8,185.00
8645 · WEBSITE	1,143.98	0.00
8680 · AUTO EXPENSES-GENERAL	2,507.50	2,637.27
8730 · MISC. ADMIN. EXPENSE	8,163.61	5,649.80
8750 · EVENTS	18,291.98	17,748.59
8780 · INSURANCE-LIABILITY/ D&O/PROPER	18,997.53	19,420.34
8781 · INSURANCE - UMBRELLA POLICY	7,741.00	0.00
8782 · INSURANCE - WORKER'S COMP	3,360.00	2,796.00
8785 · INSURANCE-HEALTH	3,858.00	7,230.00
8821 · LIEN FILING FEE	190.01	0.00
8850 · POSTAGE	12,148.07	14,595.48
8870 · PRINTING - COPY MACHINE	4,942.88	2,859.98
8940 · SUPPLIES-OFFICE	2,944.43	4,894.18
9500 · TELEPHONE	5,136.18	4,461.30
9880 · FEDERAL INCOME TAX	12,877.84	0.00
9881 · FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	45.45	0.00
Total Expense	<u>571,143.99</u>	<u>468,824.95</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>143,234.57</u>	<u>225,964.88</u>

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