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Executive Director Message

This year has flown by! As of June 21st, I have celebrated one year at KHA. As you read this, I will also celebrate that I have survived my second Fourth of July event. This year's event was **so** much fun and I am very grateful to everyone that joined us to celebrate Independence Day! I want to thank the following for your assistance during the event:

Firstly, my wonder team...Denny Alexander worked tirelessly on the barge, Frances helped with every little detail, and Tyler was such a huge help; without you all the event would not have happened. Thank you to my wonderful Board for the assistance and the ability to do this for our beautiful community. Our vendors were amazing this year, and such a helpful bunch, namely: Ashley Pyrotechnics, Astro Travel, Pit Stop Portables, Capital Ice, GT Entertainment, BJ's Party House, Tallahassee Museum, A-Z Rental, Tallahassee Police Department, Mama P's Ice Cream, Backpacker's Box, Firedup Pizza, El Jalisco, and finally Clouser's Bouncers; thank you for going the "extra mile!" You can tell by the photos that this was quite an event for our families.

As a reminder, I would like to mention the following:

- There have been several burglaries & pilfering from mailboxes in our community in recent months. We ask that you please report any criminal activity to the Tallahassee Police Department so that other residents are aware and can take proper precautions. We provide a full crime report in our meeting packets and usually discuss recent events with our community resource officer from TPD, so please join us!

- The monthly ACC report, Crime Report and Profit & Loss reports are now found on our website, then select "Our Homes Association" page and go to the reporting selection.
- Please download our new Community Application (app) on your Android or iPhone device (search for KHA)
- Our Annual Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7th. Watch for your election packet to arrive in your mailbox late in September, and please consider joining our Board of Directors or a Committee in 2018.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was another spectacular celebration of Independence for our great country at Shannon Lakes Park. Thank you for joining us for a fantastic day of food, fun and festivities. Thank you to the KHA staff for a wonderful job on the Fourth of July Event! 🍀

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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.

Scheduled dates of the Board of Directors' future meetings:

Tuesday, August 1, 2017
Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
(Annual Meeting)
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Tuesday, January 2, 2018

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Briefs



New Mini-Lending Library for Neighbors in Tree Harbor Community

If you're looking for something to read for your kids or for yourself, check out the little "lending library" set up in the neighborhood's lakefront access lot on the north side of Bay Shore Drive. (Look for the two-story yellow house.) The tiny white wooden box set on a pole is home to a small collection of books for children and adults.

It's the creation of Madeline (Maddie) Hellmann, daughter of Krista and Tom Hellmann. Maddie, 13, has been reading since she was three years old, so adventures through books have always been natural for her. A few years ago, Maddie and a friend started an organization called Pleading For Reading, dedicated to increasing the love of reading and to spotlighting literacy in the community. Her most recent Pleading for Reading project are the lending libraries.

"I started Pleading for Reading because I have an immense passion for reading and get so much joy from books, and it breaks my heart and just seems unjust that not everyone can experience that," Maddie said. "So, this little lending library is just another way to allow more access to books in our community."

Tom helped Maddie build the structure. Maddie and her brother Gabriel, 6, both donated some of their used books and got others from family members and friends. Most are children and youth books but there are also books for older readers. You're free to take one to read. Just bring it back or replace it with a book or two of your own. Donations are welcomed. 🍀

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household adjusted income that does not exceed the annual limit set by the Florida Department of Revenue, typically around \$28,841.

There are numerous exemptions available for citizens and veterans who have disabilities. A person with a total and permanent disability may qualify to be exempt from property taxes. Non-service connected exemptions may have an income requirement. Exemptions for partial disabilities are also available with proof of disability. Additionally, surviving spouses of a veteran or first responder who died in the line of duty may be exempt from property taxes if the deceased was a Florida resident as of January 1, proper documentation is required. A representative from Leon County Property Appraiser will be present at our July 11th Board Meeting to explain and answer questions, please join us!

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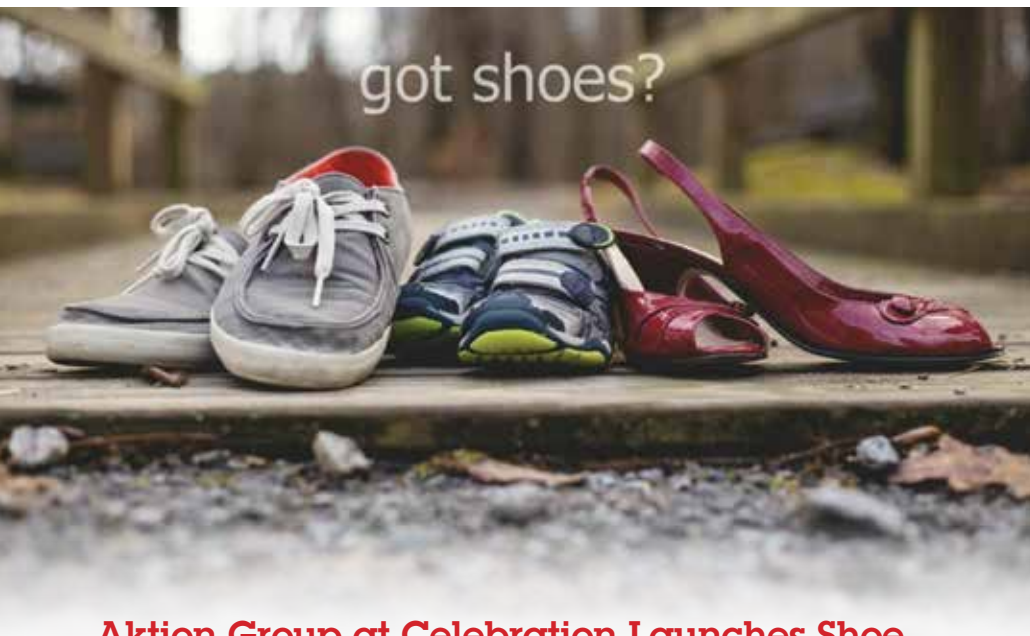
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Aktion Group at Celebration Launches Shoe Drive Fundraiser to Raise Money for A Woman's Pregnancy Center to Buy Infant Car Seats

(Tallahassee, FL, 2017) – Kiwanis and Morningstar Ministorage are conducting a shoe drive fundraiser on June 18th through August 31st to raise funds for **A Woman's Pregnancy Center to Buy Infant Car Seats**. The Aktion Group at Celebration will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs

will issue a check for the collected shoes. Those dollars will benefit new mothers in need of infant car seats. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at a Kiwanis Meeting or a Morningstar Ministorage Center.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-

enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Gavin Boone, Northside Kiwanis, Aktion Advisor. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us. By doing so, we raise money for AWPCC, and we have the chance to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone."

By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to the Aktion Group at Celebration, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives around the world. The drop zones: Morningstar of W Tennessee (5086 Tennessee Capital Blvd) and Morningstar of Thomasville Rd (5600 Roanoke Trail). 🍀

About Aktion Group

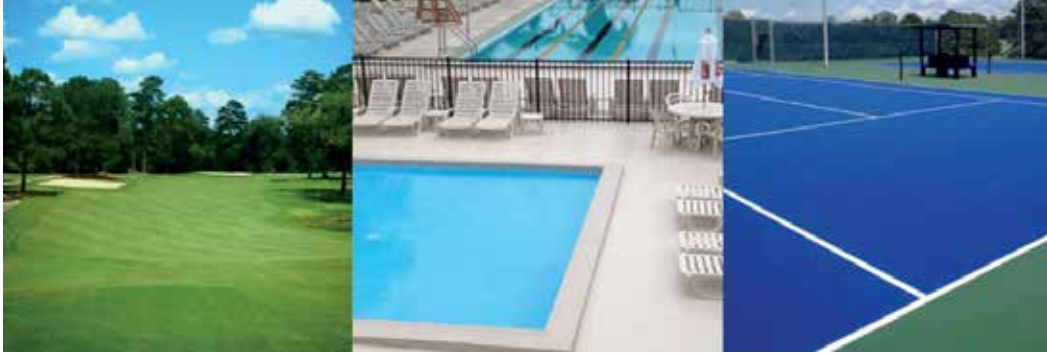
Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities, with more than 12,000 members worldwide.

Aktion Clubs draw members from various organizations that support individuals with disabilities, as well as other community programs. A Kiwanis club, composed of like-minded, service-oriented people from the community, serves as the club's sponsor.

Motto: Where development has no disability. **Vision:** To develop competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service. **Mission:** To provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership skills and to serve their communities.

Contact: Gavin W. Boone | Northside Kiwanis, Aktion Advisor
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KCC Open House

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served from 11am until 4pm on the pool deck. The 19th Hole will be open for all your dining needs throughout the day. We look forward to seeing you!

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by Tyler Fitch

Fourth of July - the day we as Americans celebrate our country's Independence. Through all the crazy Independence Day cookouts, loud and colorful fireworks, and all the other fun and festivities, here are a few facts you might not know:

- 87.5% (\$2.8 million) of our flags are imported from China.
- 97% (\$190.7 million) of our fireworks are from China.
- An estimated 150 million hotdogs are consumed each 4th of July.
- The tune of the national anthem was originally used by an English drinking song called "To Anacreon in Heaven."
- Countries such as France, Greece, Poland and Russia have used the Declaration as an inspiration for their own struggles for freedom.
- The White House held its first Independence Day party in 1801.
- Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826.
- Congress declared the Fourth an official holiday in 1870.
- Only two men signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 - John Hancock and Charles Thompson.
- The first printed copies of the Declaration of Independence are the "Dunlap broadsides;" 200 were printed, only 27 are accounted for.

Hopefully these facts piqued your interest and appreciation of our celebration of the 4th of July and our founding fathers' words and actions. As Thomas Jefferson so eloquently stated in the Declaration:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

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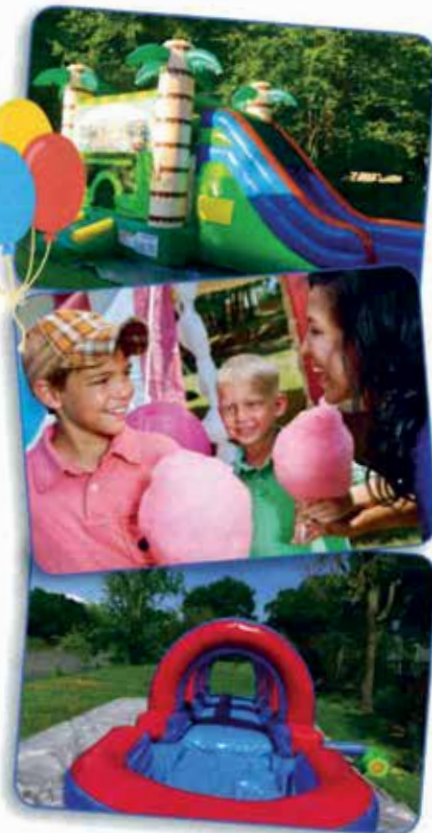
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Choose only plants that can tolerate high temperatures and humidity. Now is the time to remove those spring annuals like pansies, petunias, and snapdragons that did so well in the cool weather but that can't make it through summer. Pinch back leggy 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. It is 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 underwatering, 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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Our Lakes, Our Issues

Business

Lakes Committee Report
by **Chuck Faircloth**,
Lakes Committee Chairman

I'm Chuck Faircloth, the new chair of the Lakes Committee for the Killearn Homes Association Board of Directors. I share your concern for our community lakes and am looking forward to working with all stakeholders to finally take some steps against the continuing problems with our lakes, ponds and watercourses.

Our committee recently completed gathering the extensive documentation of the lakes' issues, and are focusing on raising the priority of our lakes cleanup with the KHA board, the City of Tallahassee and the various regulatory agencies involved. In the past few weeks, I have met and spoken several times with our Lakes Committee members and our biologists; and recently our committee met with City Commissioner Curtis Richardson and his aide to discuss the City's role in polluting and now cleaning up our lakes. We will continue to push our local government to clean up its mess.

However, we are not waiting on the government. The KHA board, through the Lakes Committee, has decided to focus on the three smaller lakes that act as sediment drop sites for the lakes system: Little Lake Kanturk, Lake Timberlake and Tallow Point Lake. We've obtained initial cost estimates (@\$200,000) to dredge these three lakes to appropriate depth. We will continue to explore this avenue, but the various homeowners effected by these heavily sedimented lakes should be involved in the planning process.

The Lakes Committee has also discussed funding mechanisms for the dredging and cleanup including self-funding, Blueprint 2000 funding, and state funding sources. We are moving as quickly as

possible to seek funding and begin the cleanup. Little Lake Kanturk is the largest of the three, and so the most expensive. The Lakes Committee will keep the community informed about our progress through our KHA website (killearn.org) and the Kloverleaf.

The Lakes Committee is also pursuing other solutions for our lakes. A grass carp barrier, built by our KHA lake biologist, is being installed at the Centerville Road stormwater drainage facility. We expect our FWC permit in the near future. This barrier is the first step in establishing a triploid (sterile) grass carp population as a natural hydrilla waterplant control. The recent rains have raised our water levels, and made now a good time to release the carp into the lakes.

Now that summer is here, the water weeds are growing and spreading. Our biologist has already sprayed for water hyacinth and hydrilla. We'll also be keeping any eye on duckweed areas. Our committee delayed spraying until after our lakes area wood duck hatchlings had left their nesting areas.

Our Killearn Lakes have been a growing problem for our community for many years, and cannot be fixed overnight. But with a continuing effort, and continuing support from homeowners like you, I do think we can dramatically improve and then successfully manage the problems with our lakes. If you have any questions, please contact the KHA Office. As always, Killearn members are welcome to appear and address the Board on their issues. Thank you for your support for our lakes. 🍀



Fun in the Sun!

Beat the Heat at the Killearn Estates Swim Club

The Swim Club is open and will remain open until October 1st. There are limited memberships available this year, so please join early. Complete the form and mail or drop your payment at our office located at 2705 Killarney Way. The entire season is available at \$475.00 for non-residents and \$450.00 for residents. Discounts are given monthly. There are also single memberships for \$250.00.



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I/we understand that our membership is seasonal for swimming. The membership fees are due and payable regardless of weather conditions or pool usage. I/we agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations of the Killearn Swim Club and further agree to not hold the Killearn Swim Club employees, representatives, membership or board members responsible for accidental injury.

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2017 Killearn Estates Swim Club Schedule

JUNE 3 TO AUG 13 ~ SUMMER HOURS
11am to 9pm Mon-Sat
(Pool closes weekdays from 6-7 pm for swim lessons)
1pm to 9pm Sunday

AUG 14 TO OCT 1 ~ PART TIME HOURS
4pm to 7pm Mon-Fri • 11am to 7pm Saturday • 1pm to 7pm Sunday

Killearn Estates Swim Club Lessons

All classes are 8 day sessions running Monday – Thursday for 2 weeks.
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 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
		6:00pm-6:35pm	Ages 3 and Up
		6:35pm-7:10pm	Ages 3 and Up
Session III	June 19 – June 29	8:00am-8:40am	Water Babies
		9:00am-9:40am	Ages 3 and Up
		10:00am-10:40am	Ages 3 and Up
		6:00pm-6:35pm	Ages 3 and Up
		6:35pm-7:10pm	Ages 3 and Up
Session IV	July 10 – July 20	8:00am-8:40am	Water Babies
		9:00am-9:40am	Ages 3 and Up
		10:00am-10:40am	Ages 3 and Up
		6:00pm-6:35pm	Ages 3 and Up
		6:35pm-7:10pm	Ages 3 and Up
Session V	July 24 – Aug 3	8:00am-8:40am	Water Babies
		9:00am-9:40am	Ages 3 and Up
		10:00am-10:40am	Ages 3 and Up
		6:00pm-6:35pm	Ages 3 and Up
		6:35pm-7:10pm	Water Babies
Session VI	Aug 7 – Aug 17	6:00pm-6:35pm	Ages 3 and Up
		6:35pm-7:10pm	Ages 3 and Up

Registration now at Killarney Way Pool. Please call 558-0615 to receive lessons information.

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