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Executive Director Message

A dog is the only being on earth that loves you more than you love yourself. I am grateful to say that I have experienced this in my life. My son's first Christmas present was a black Labrador named Raven. He was a beautiful soul and provided our family with love, protection, and countless hours of fun. This month we wanted to feature some pets in our neighborhood. Our pets are family to many of us; I hope you enjoy reading their stories.

I would also like to mention the following things, as we kick off the second half of 2017:

- ❖ Please verify that your 2017 dues have been paid. If you are unsure, please call our office to avoid a potential lien on your property.
- ❖ The Swim Club is now open full time. Residents may join for \$400 and non-residents for \$425 for the entire season. It's a great way to beat the heat this summer!

- ❖ Please subscribe to our newly revised website. I am excited to announce that the community application has launched for Android users and the Apple release will be launched soon. Search "Killearn" in Google Play to download.
- ❖ We have a new Lakes Committee Chairman, Charles "Chuck" Faircloth, who will be tasked with a great amount of issues, but is joined by a remarkable team on one of Killearn Estates' most valuable resources.
- ❖ Leon County Property Appraiser has contacted us about exemptions on your property taxes. The homestead exemption is not the only option. Exemptions for qualified homeowners with disabilities and surviving spouses of veterans or first responders are also available. Please contact their office for further information at (850) 606-6200.

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We are looking forward to our Annual Fourth of July Event on Tuesday the 4th. This year we will have more activities for our children and food trucks will provide the food. Please join us to celebrate this great nation, it's a wonderful evening to share with your neighbors in the community.



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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, July 11, 2017	Tuesday, November 7, 2017
Tuesday, August 1, 2017	(Annual Meeting)
Tuesday, September 5, 2017	Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Tuesday, October 3, 2017	Tuesday, January 2, 2018

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:

Tues & Wed, July 4 & 5, 2017	Fourth of July
Monday, September 4, 2017	Labor Day
Friday, November 10, 2017	Veterans Day



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Summer may not officially be recognized until June, but it feels like it has already arrived. Get ready for a long hot summer with high air conditioning bills. If you are on City of Tallahassee Utilities, you may want to call for an energy audit to help keep the bills down.

Our children are out of school. Some have graduated high school or college, and they're at home deciding what to do with their lives. We live in strange times, and for the first time I can remember; we have to be vigilant against personal attacks. One major crime is happening at gas stations—remember when you get out of your car to fill the tank, lock the door and take the key with you. Remind your children who drive, other family members and friends. Stay safe! Our law enforcement agencies are diligently working to stay informed and respond to criminal activity. We need to partner with them and let them know of any suspicious activity. It does take a village—and Tallahassee residents are extraordinary at taking care of each other.

District IV Projects

NE Park (North Portion) Thomasville Road and Proctor Road

As I previously mentioned, \$250,000 was approved for passive trail improvements on this property. Leon County Staff completed the preliminary layout and mowing of future trails and has met on-site with representatives from Chiles High School Cross County, Tallahassee Mountain Bike

Association, and Gulf Winds Track Club to walk the trails and receive input on various design elements for the trails and trail head parking. The design is underway for the permanent trail-head, driveway connection and parking. The permit application has been submitted to Leon County's Department of Development Support an Environmental Management (DSEM), and it is under review by DSEM Staff. It's anticipated that the initial phase (north portion) of the NE Park will open to the public by November 2017.

Killearn Lakes Sidewalk Installation

The preliminary design of the sidewalk to be installed on Chadwick from Bull Headley to Deer Lake and from Deer Lake to Journey's End is complete and needs field verification for potential construction issues. I will update you on construction dates as they are made available.

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 contact me if you have any questions or concerns, deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov or 606-5364. 🍀

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If you know a veteran who may need help of any kind, please make sure they are in touch with the **Florida Veterans Foundation (FVF)**. It is a nonprofit organization operating for charitable and educational purposes under section 501 (c) (3). The Foundation serves Leon County and also the State of Florida's veteran population who encounter challenges that impede their progress such as housing and utilities in emergency situations. The Foundation also assists veterans with everyday personal issues such as joblessness, family crisis, disabilities, disasters, and unexpected problems which can lead to homelessness. In Leon County alone last year, the Foundation served 173 veterans with over \$115,000 in assistance. For more information on the Florida Veterans Foundation, or to donate, please visit: <https://floridaveteransfoundation.org/> or call (850) 488-4181. 🍀

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been easily prevented by spaying or neutering the parents.

For this reason, Be The Solution was established in 2007 by Gerry and Tim Phipps. Their mission is, “to educate Tallahassee area residents about the need for spay and neuter surgeries and to give financial assistance to residents who otherwise cannot afford the surgery cost to prevent pet overpopulation and ultimately euthanasia.” From their humble beginnings in the Tallahassee Mall in 2009, Be The Solution has been indirectly responsible for the spay and neutering of almost 20,000 animals.

The Fix Thrift Shop provides Be The Solution with a consistent source of income in order to reach as many people as possible. The thrift store acts as a hub for vouchers for spay and neutering, but it also gives those receiving vouchers the opportunity to speak with the humanitarians working at the shop and get more involved.

How Be The Solution issues these vouchers is very innovative. The donations to Be The Solution (some have ranged up to \$10,000 dollars), combined with the sales of the items in The Fix Thrift Shop, equals the cost of surgeries. In addition, the participation of partner veterinarians is invaluable and also helps these vouchers to be low-cost and easily obtainable.

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Attaining these vouchers is as easy as going to the Fix Thrift Shop,

now located at 1120 Capital Circle SE, either Tuesday or Thursday from 11 am – 1 pm, or Saturdays from 12 pm – 3 pm.

How Can You Help?

You can help by shopping and donating items to The Fix Thrift Shop, as well as by making monetary donations. One way to donate is by joining the "Spay/Neuter-A-Month Club with a

monthly, tax-deductible gift. For additional information, including how to volunteer, contact Be The Solution and visit their website at bethesolution.us. 🍀

St. Francis Wildlife Association

By Tyler Fitch

The St. Francis Wildlife Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1978, and dedicated to the conservation of native wildlife in North Florida, through the rescue and rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, and by public education.

St. Francis is responsible for the care and rehabilitation of over 3,000 animals per year, ranging from hummingbirds to wild foxes. Once healthy and rehabilitated the goal is to release animals back into their natural habitats. The members of St. Francis are tasked with raising these animals properly, treating any wounds or ailments, and arranging the necessary veterinary care that could very well save these animals' lives.

There are those who say we should let nature take its course and not intervene. However, the majority of animals brought to St. Francis are not suffering from "natural" occurrences. Their injuries are often the result of something we as humans have done, sometimes intentional, sometimes accidental, and most of the time preventable. St. Francis' mission is to ease the suffering of those animals and give them a second chance.

How Can You Help?

Unfortunately, there are too many sick, injured, and orphaned animals in North Florida for St. Francis to care for and rehabilitate single-handedly. This is why the organization offers educational programs to help the citizens of North Florida be more aware of the dangers they are causing, and gives those who



feel so inclined, a platform to make a difference. Volunteering your time, attending events, donating items on their Wish List and making a monetary donation are all other

ways to help. More information can be found on their website at StFrancisWildlife.org. 🍀





Corey
Black Labrador Mix
2 years old

What do I do that you like the most? We love when you lay on your back, with your tummy exposed, and your front right leg outstretched, just waiting for us to adore you.

Do you think I'm an idiot for not constantly guarding our house against everyone and anything outside? Of course not, you rely on me to warn you of rampaging squirrels and to greet anyone within ½ mile of the house. I am the protector and your "host with the most."

Do you know that you're adorable? Well, I am constantly being told I am adorable, so I must be!

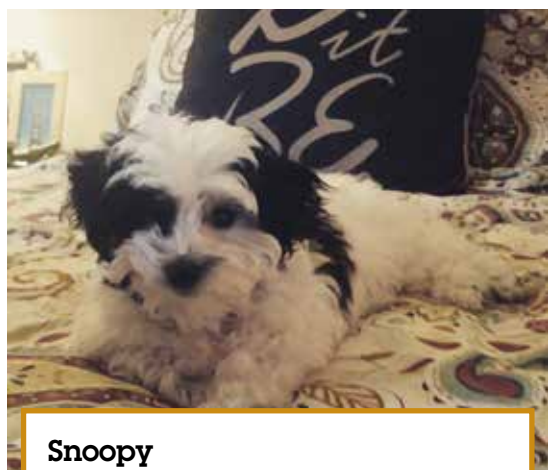


Frankie
Cream Colored Miniature Dachshund
13 years old

Do you ever dream/think about your mom or dad? Brothers or sisters? I left my family when I was very young, but I never really missed my family because I was adopted by a person who loved dogs and had 13 of us. I played with my dog buddies and had a great time, but I longed for my own person. When I chased the baby goats down, my owner was willing to let her friend, who is now my person, adopt me. It has been an awesome life since then, even though it was not too bad before.

Are you secretly an undercover spy when I'm at school/work? I know everything that goes on around here. I am finely in tune with my person's routines. A certain car door slamming tells me when she is home. I only bark when I think she is threatened, then I run behind her. I don't know what I would do without her.

If you could be any other animal, what would you be? I don't want to be any other animal. I run like a rabbit, but my person could not have me as a pet if I was. I am almost a cat already. Sometimes when I beg I meow like a cat. I sit with my person and let her pet me. She says I am soft as a cat. But she can't have a cat because she is allergic to them. This makes me very happy.



Snoopy
Yorkipoo
3 months old

How are you so excited to eat the same food day after day for years? You mean I can eat something different? I don't know any different, I eat what you give me and I am grateful for it!

What kind of life did you have before us? A short puppy life with my brothers and sisters.

Who's your favorite from the house? Baxter the bunny, my big brother.



Peggy
Basset Hound
6 years old

What do I do that you like the most? Feed me expensive cheese

If you had a job, what would it be? Party Planner!

Why do you always refuse to look at the camera when I'm trying to take your picture? I don't refuse, I love selfies!!

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Ivy
Spinone Italiano
One year old

What do I do that you like the most? My favorite thing for my person to do is to bring out my leash. Then I know it means a walk or a trip to obedience class.

How would you describe your perfect day? A perfect day would be slightly cool. There would be many fat squirrels feeding below the bird feeder. Songbirds would be flitting from tree to tree in the backyard. (I can happily watch them for hours). My neighborhood dog buddies would sound a barking conversation and I would do my best to answer every one of them. Then I would get to walk around my neighborhood and all the people and dogs I encountered would be as happy to see me as I always am to see them. After a nap, I would visit Allegro Senior Living where many people would be delighted with my company. Then my grandchild-person would visit me. I adore nothing more than children! Oh, and you can toss a couple of meals into this perfect day.

How are you so excited to eat the same food day after day for years? Dog food is fine but anything that comes off the grill makes me salivate, even more than normal. My beard is seldom dry.



Name: Lemmie
Breed: Beagle
2 months old

Do you realize how much I love you? That you are my whole world? Aw, I love you more.

What kind of life did you have before us? I lived on a farm for the first 2 months of my life. I sure do not miss those roosters waking me up.

Does anything hurt? Sometimes when I fall down steps... but I'm getting better at the whole step thing.



Pepper
Miniature Dachshund
2 years old

When you have those funny dreams where you kick and bark in your sleep, what are you dreaming of? Chasing squirrels of course. I never get to catch one though.

Do you realize how much I love you? That you are my whole world? Wow really!!! I had no idea.

Who's your favorite in the house? I am not going there!!!!



Dozer
Pit Mix
5 months old

Do you know that you're adorable? I prefer handsome thank you!

Who's your favorite in the house? It's a toss-up between the lizards and rain frogs, they entertain me more than you for sure and just a touch more than your kids. No offense.

If you could be any other animal, what would you be? I've never thought of being anything else nor would I want to be. I'm comfortable and confident in who I am. Besides, king of the jungle, that's lame, I'm man's best friend!



Blue/Baloo (I answer to both)
Yellow Labrador
5 years old

What do I do that you like the most? Smile with your eyes

How would you describe your perfect day? Getting up early and getting to go chase squirrels!

Do you know that you're adorable? Yes, DUH!

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Piper
Chihuahua/Jack Russell
Mix
3 months old

What do you call yourself? I call myself "cute"

If you had a job, what would it be? I would be a talk show host of course!

If you could be any other animal, what would you be? I would be a Clydesdale Horse!

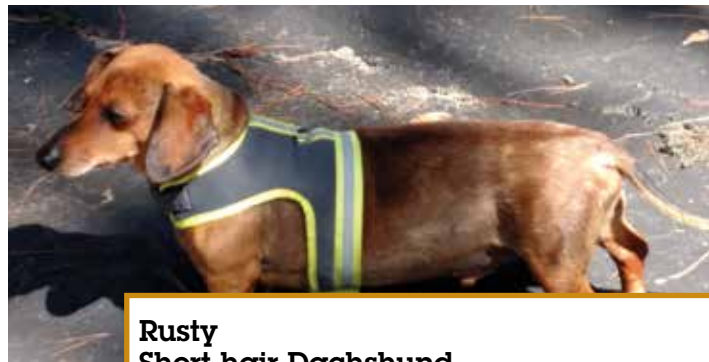


Rooster
Bloodhound/German
Shepherd Mix
8 years old

How would you describe your perfect day? Waking up, chasing an armadillo before the sun comes up, going to class at TCC and stopping for a taco or a movie on the way home.

What kind of life did you have before us? I was a shelter puppy asleep in the corner of the kennel while my roommates jumped and barked at all of the families. Even though I was only a couple of weeks old, my perfect girl picked me to be her forever dog. We are both adopted.

Do you think if you were human we would be best friends? I am not a dog. Ask anyone in the family. I would be an angel if I weren't a dog.



Rusty
Short-hair Dachshund
12.5 years old

How would you describe your perfect day? My family is home, and everyone gives me biscuits!

If you had a job, what would it be? My job is kitchen mop-up.

Does anything hurt? I have arthritis in my shoulder, but I power through it for the biscuit.



Rosie
Pug
15 years old

What do I do that you like the most? My mom knows how much I love her because she loves me right back.

Do you think if you were human we would be best friends? We are best friends now so why would that change if I became human, although I would really rather stay a dog, thanks very much.

If you could be any other animal, what would you be? Why would I be anything other than a dog. You do realize that dog spelt backwards is God, right?

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)
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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
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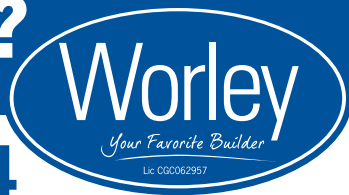


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Home & Garden

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. 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 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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Community Wood Chip Pile

Killarney Estates has established a new community wood chip pile at Shamrock South Park at the end of the parking lot. The wood chips are available for free to neighborhood residents. The wood chips come from the City of Tallahassee's free mulch program and also donated by other tree companies. The type of wood chips vary from delivery to delivery and even within the pile itself depending on the types of trees trimmed. So if you are looking to convert some yard area to mulch or just supplement existing areas, feel free to bring a shovel and a truck or big buckets and collect what you need. Wood chip mulch areas should be 2-4" deep and not located in concentrated stormwater flow areas.

Maintenance Committee Notes

At Killarney Way Park, a Shumard Oak and Tulip Poplar were planted near the playground. Thanks to Native Nurseries for the donated Tulip tree. (Thanks to Charley Schwartz and his band of volunteers for planting them, and constructing protective fencing around each).

Loose rocks were cemented into the drainage flume from the parking lot (hopefully this will help prevent the rocks from continuing to magically move to the bottom of the ditch to create dams and other whimsical structures).

At Shamrock South Park, wood chip mulch was spread across remaining exposed dirt areas beneath trees and the entrance. Much plant watering was done at all parks during the very dry spring to help establish our new trees, shrubs and butterfly bushes. Mysterious painted rocks have been seen hidden around the parks by maintenance members. Shout out to "Tallahassee Rocks" and other anonymous people sprinkling these neat unexpected gems around town. 🍀



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