



Sugarwood News

MAY 2010

Summer is just around the corner, the school year is almost over, graduation activities are being planned, vacations are being contemplated, the pool will open shortly, flowers are being planted, and the heavy rains have finally subsided! It's great to be able to get outside and enjoy the warm weather.



As always, with all of the positives comes the need to take some special precautions. Our kids will be playing outside more and, getting carried away as kids do, might not always be diligent in watching for traffic. Please remember to respect our neighborhood speed limit of **25 mph** and to be mindful of the possibility of children playing in the area. Please do your part in helping to make this a safe summer for everyone!

Don't Forget **Mother's Day** Sunday, May 9

Refrigerator Needed

A used, working refrigerator is needed for the Pool area. If anyone has or knows of one that could be donated, please contact a Board Member. Thanks.

Sugarwood Book Club

May's Book Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 11 at the home of Sue Conway, 305 Bigtree Drive (966-1736), and will feature Julie Klassen's *The Apothecary's Daughter*.

Eileen Smith, 312 Fruitwood Lane (675-1453), will host June's Book Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. on June 8. *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brook will be discussed.

"A fictional history of the Sarajevo Haggadah -- an important Jewish book that originated in fifteenth-century Spain. *People of the Book* is a set of stories about the book's survival, woven together through the story of a conservationist who is trying to unlock the mysteries of the book in the mid-1990s."

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Timely Reminders

- **May 8**—A Clearing and Planting Workday at the Recreation Area and Front Entrance will take place from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Volunteers requested.
- **May 15**—Spring Garage Sale @ 8 am to 12 noon
- **May 28**—Pool opens at 12:00 noon with **free** pizza and soft drinks

Reader's Corner

Several suggestions were received in April as ideas for the Newsletter. Among them were a recipe section; a school section to include information such as school happenings, student accomplishments, and homeschoolers; the Birthday Club; Vacation Bible School information; and, a landscaping/gardening section.

These are great ideas that can easily be incorporated **IF** we receive the necessary input from our residents. If you'd like to contribute any content regarding the above (or other ideas), please submit to bkhmp50@gmail.com no later than the 15th of the month prior to the month it needs to be published in the Newsletter (i.e., submit by May 15 for the June Newsletter).



Dog-Gone It!

Please be a responsible pet owner/neighbor and clean up after your animal.

Summer means **STINGRAYS!**

Your Sugarwood swim team is off to a great start for the 2010 swim season! There are lots of familiar faces reflecting back from the water, along with some new families we've welcomed to the Stingray Nation.

Activities for May



Saturday, May 8

Registration—9 a.m. to Noon at the pool

Mondays and Thursdays,
May 10 thru May 20

Dryland Practices—5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the pool

“Drylands” are conditioning and team-building exercises done in the grassy area around the pool. Lots of fun activities, games and exercises oriented toward helping all ages get to know one another and come together as a team. It’s great to watch the bigger Stingrays cheer for the littlest ‘rays, taking them “under their wing”. Every member is important.

Monday, May 17

Parent Instructional/Coaching Philosophy Meeting—6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Moms, Dads, Grandmas, and Grandpas, this is your time to ask questions and get to know Coach Stephanie. New swim parents always want to know about DQ’s, the different strokes, volunteer positions, how a meet runs, etc. If you can’t make it, don’t be too shy to contact the Coach using the link on the team web site:

www.SugarwoodStingrays.com, but please don’t take her attention from the swimmers during practice.

Saturday, May 22

Swimmer Evaluations

This is a very low-key activity designed to give the coach an idea of the team’s strengths as well as areas with potential for improvement. It also helps to assign practice groups, as well as structure work-outs for maximum benefit. New swimmers need not be nervous- everybody starts somewhere, and this is one test you can’t flunk! Just do what you can and have fun with it.

Thursday, May 27

Practices Start

Anyone can come check out a practice or two before committing, and we accept new members well into the season.

Wanna swim? Come on in- the water’s fine!

Curb Appeal

The curb appeal of one's home, while always a measure of the health of a neighborhood, is an especially important factor this time of year when real estate activity starts its peak season. One reader (thank you very much!) submitted the following website as a reference for obtaining free, downloadable publications to answer all of our lawn and garden questions: <http://www.utextension.utk.edu/publications/homegarden>. Also, don't forget your back yards. They have curb appeal too!



It's also worth noting that dandelions seem to be very prolific this year. While many residents treat their lawns to control these pesky weeds, others don't and they create an unsightly mess for everyone. Even if one doesn't want to take the time to dig the little fellers out of the yard, please take a few minutes a day to cut off the yellow blooms. This won't kill the weed, but it will keep it from developing the seed heads that infiltrate everyone's lawns.

Another bad boy, poison ivy. There's plenty of it around! If you see it, get out the Roundup.

Sugarwood Coffee



Join your neighbors on **Thursday, May 27 at the Campbell Station Road Cracker Barrel from 9 to 11 a.m.** This is a great venue to discuss what's going on in the neighborhood and Farragut. All residents are invited to attend. Just ask for the Sugarwood Table.

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Highlights from the April 12, 2010 Meeting of SHA Board of Directors

2010 SHA Membership Fees: Collection of 2010 SHA fees is progressing favorably.

Financial Status as of April 12, 2010: Revenue from fees is coming in and on track.

Architectural/Planning Committee: Ongoing reminder to SHA residents to notify the Architectural/Planning Committee prior to changes to the exterior of their homes or yards.

Seasonal/Beautification: A clearing and planting work day at the recreation area and front entrance will be held on Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to help beautify these areas.

Recreational/Social: The Sugarwood Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 15. 8AM-12PM. Pool opens 5/28 at noon with free pizza & sodas.

Sugarwood Stingray Swim Team: Signup for 2010 Stingrays has begun. Checkout the Stingray website at www.sugarwoodstingrays.org for details.

Recreation Area Repairs and Maintenance: Ongoing projects

Traffic Calming/Safety: Committee is following the recommendations of the Town of Farragut for traffic calming and safety. Homeowners with shrubbery or flower beds near intersections are asked to review compliance with Title 15-112 of the Code for the Town of Farragut for vehicle visibility. Shrubbery should be no higher than 30 inches from the road level.

Street Lights: Ongoing.

Front Entrance Repairs: Repair and painting of entrance signs is planned. Sprinkler system repairs to be performed as soon as possible.

Swimming Pool Repairs: Repairs are being coordinated with deck resurfacing and pool re-plastering.

Pool Deck Coating: Preliminary work has begun. Overall schedule is on track.

Pool Re-plastering: Scheduled for late April and May.

Curb Markings: The remaining curbs will be marked as soon as possible.

Surveillance/Security for Pool Area: To be installed prior to pool opening.

2010-2011 SHA Directory: Nearing completion pending sign up of last few advertisers. The Directory is revenue/expense neutral. .

Swim Lessons: Will use the same program for swim lessons as last year; lessons will be available to SHA members and Non-resident Recreation Pass holders.

Pool Staffing: Currently seeking qualified individuals for to work this summer as lifeguards and a pool manager. Interested parties can obtain an application from the SHA website.

Recreation Facilities Usage: Flyers describing the Sugarwood Non-resident Recreation Pass for 2010 were distributed last weekend in nearby subdivisions. If you know of good candidates for Non-resident Recreation Passes, please ask them to contact any Board Member.

To review the Minutes of any Board Meeting in their entirety, log on to www.sugarwood.org

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