

Hammocks Happenings

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The Hammocks: The Nicest Community on the Sun Coast

Below please find a number of 'Items of Interest' regarding River Wilderness and the Hammocks.

Upcoming Meetings

- Hammock's **March** HOA board meeting: Thursday, March 19th in the RWGCC Private Function Room.
- Master HOA **March** board meeting: Tuesday, March 17th, at 2:00 PM in the RWGCC Private Function Room.
- Master HOA **Annual Member's** meeting: Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 PM.

Pool Our Resources

- A brief reminder on how important it is to keep the pool gate locked. The Hammock's pool gate does not lock 'automatically'; you must use the key to lock the gate. When you leave the pool area please make sure the gate is locked. A secured gate is important for safety and it's the law.
- There have been some questions regarding the temperature of the pool. The target water temperature is 85 degrees. During some winter months it can be prohibitively expensive to try to maintain this target temperature. The heat pump can run constantly and still not reach 85 degrees. As a result, during extended periods when the night temperatures fall below 55 degrees and day temperatures consistently fail to reach 75 degrees the pool heat pump will be turned off. As soon as the warmer air temperatures return, the pool will once again be heated.

Rain, Rain Go Away

All homes in the Hammocks have irrigation systems which are controlled electronically. These irrigation systems also have a 9 volt 'rechargeable' battery that functions as a 'back-up'. These batteries should be replaced every year and the cost would be assumed by the homeowner. (Keep in mind; it must be a 'rechargeable' battery).

Have you heard...?

If you receive a local paper you can skip this paragraph because it will be 'old news' to you. But for the rest of you, have you heard that...

- Whole Foods is coming to University Park and it will be strategically placed across from the existing Fresh Market. The 40,000-square-foot organic grocery store will be built at Honore Avenue and University Parkway. But don't go putting together a shopping list just yet; it could be two years before the store opens.
- But, open as we speak is Detwilers. Late February saw the opening of Detwiler's Farm Market at Lockwood Ridge Road and University Parkway.

Fresh produce, an extensive deli and bakery along with a great sea food section make this a 'destination' shopping venue. And if you have ever visited the previous location off of Cattlemen just south of Fruitville you will be pleased to note that this location has tons of parking. And 'yes', as with the other location, you can get an ice cream cone at the front of the store.

- After 25 years of discussion and planning the Fort Hamer Bridge will soon become a reality. Sometime in the next month or two work should commence on linking Fort Hamer and Upper Manatee River roads by way of a \$32.7 million bridge. The entire project will extend from the intersection of SR 64 and Upper Manatee River Road to the intersection of Fort Hamer and Britt roads. Project should take 630 days to complete.

Will the cows notice?

'Spring forward; Fall back...'

Sunday morning, March 8th don't forget to move forward all clocks not controlled by Bill Gates.

Benjamin Franklin is credited with the concept of Daylight Saving Time (remember that for Trivia). The basic idea is to make the best use of daylight hours by shifting the clock forward in the Spring and backward in the Fall. Daylight Saving Time has been in use throughout much of the United States, Canada and Europe since World War I. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an act into law whereby Daylight Saving Time would begin on the last Sunday of April and end on the last Sunday of October each year. However, any State can opt out of Daylight Saving Time by passing a State law.

As a result of an Energy Bill signed by George Bush in 2005 and taking affect in 2007, Daylight Saving Time now begins at 2:00 AM on the second Sunday of March and ends at 2:00 AM on the first Sunday of November.

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