

*“And all at once, Summer collapsed
into Fall - Oscar Wilde*

HOT TOPICS

At our community Board Meeting, held on July 16th, 2018, the City of Jacksonville’s Chief Traffic Engineer, Chris LeDew, came to speak about street parking and traffic calming. Below are the highlights from the discussion.

❖ STREET PARKING:

- Roads within the community are city roads and anyone may park on them, if they please.
- Vehicles cannot impede traffic, if parked on the road; they cannot block the flow of traffic. There must be at least 10ft clearance for other cars to pass. If the clearance is less than 10ft, contact JSO Non-Emergency at (904)630-0500.
- The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) and other emergency vehicles **do not** have the right to push through vehicles blocking their path. They are forced to find an alternate route or must park their vehicles, and travel on foot, to emergencies. This adds to their response time.
- If/When the city enforces a “no parking” location (section of street), they look at the crash history, in the area. If crashes continue to happen, because of parking, the city will evaluate and enforce “no parking” in certain spots. When communities do this, it just pushes the problem further down the street. Chris advised against.
- Some communities want to prohibit parking on one side of the street...75% of all affected residences (owners) must sign a petition (will consider renters in the decisions, but not in the 75%). “No Parking” signs would then be installed on peoples’ property, at the Association’s expense. This raises the issue of, “who decides which side of the street?”... many owners may not want the cars on their side of the street.

❖ TRAFFIC CALMING

- Speed reduction: JSO Officer, Ken Spencer, stated that just because communities lower the speed limit, doesn’t mean that the drivers will obey the speed.
 - Different streets may have different speed limits. A traffic study must be done.
- Speed humps: Unless the street has a direct cut-through, to another main street, the cost of adding speed humps would be 100% the responsibility of the Association (\$2500 per hump). They would be placed every 400-600 ft.
- A favorable vote (via signed petition) consisting of at least 75% of those **homeowners** affected, is needed for both speed limit reduction and speed humps (city ordinance).

SUTTON FEST 2018

It’s getting close!!! Our annual community festival will be held on Sunday,
October 14th
From 11am-4pm
11288 Ardencroft Dr S.

Join your neighbors for food, music, games, bounce houses, face painting, a petting zoo, and more.

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Mission House of Jacksonville Beach.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **Feeding geese and ducks** is prohibited. Not because we are against animals, but because they become a nuisance to neighbors and cause property damage.
- **Trash/Recycle bins** MUST be kept out of street view. Screening/fencing is allowed. Check your local hardware stores.
- **NO PARKING ON THE GRASS/LAWNS**
- All exterior changes to your home/property must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).
- If your property has a storm water drainage easement, for access to the ponds, the easement **CANNOT** be blocked.

GEESE...are you having issues???

Geese have been a topic of discussion, for some time now, in our community...and we want to know your opinion.

Should the Association:

- A. Use Association funds to have the geese removed?
- B. Advise residents, with geese issues, to hire a licensed trapper at their expense?

Please send your responses to moconnellpm@gmail.com and use "Sutton Lakes Geese" in the email subject line.

Home/Business Entry Alarm Users

Jacksonville, FL adopted the false alarm ordinance Chapter 168 concerning the regulation of alarm systems and response to false alarms within the City.

- An Alarm user **MUST** obtain an alarm registration from the Sheriff's Office for each property that utilizes an alarm system.
- An Alarm user shall be subject to fines, depending on the number of false alarms within the permit year. False alarms cost the city and its citizens thousands of dollars per year and take officers away from actual emergencies.
- Jacksonville Sheriff's Office **will not respond** to burglar alarm calls to locations which: **do not** have an **active permit** registration after 30-day notification; have **not paid** the false alarm fine within 30 days of the invoice date; the alarm contractor has **not registered** after 30-day notification.

To register your system, go to www.cityalarmpermit.com/FAMS/Citizen/City/Jacksonville