



*“What good is the warmth of summer,  
without the cold of winter to give it sweetness”*  
— John Steinbeck

## HOT TOPICS

### ❖ Security:

- The Association has employed Giddens Security, to patrol the community. Our recently assigned officer is Mr. Carl Johnson.
- The guard patrols throughout the community, not just the main roads. This is monitored through a digital checkpoint system.
- The guard does not issue citations but will alert you if your garage is left open or if you left your vehicle lights on.
- The Association still employs an off-duty JSO officer. The additional security guard is added security.

### ❖ Entrance Cameras:

- 4 cameras have been added at the entrance of the community. These cameras include 2 license plate cameras and 2 dome cameras.

In previous years, security has been a major topic of discussion amongst the residents of Sutton Lakes. The Board of Directors has heard your complaints and has acted.

With the above additions, we hope that crime decreases in our community; but always remember to report suspicious activity to the police and on the NextDoor app (please call the police FIRST). Try to get as much physical information about the person(s) and/or vehicle(s) that you can. Always lock your vehicle doors, the doors to your home, and your garage...set an alarm on your mobile device(s), if you have to. JSO has stated that if the community remains an easy target...the criminal acts will continue.

## Annual Meeting and Election

Our Annual Meeting and Election will be held on February 25th, 2019. If you wish to run for the Board of Directors, please contact Management. To be eligible for the Board, you must be up to date on your HOA Fees and your property must be in compliance with the governing documents of the Association.

### YARD WASTE REMINDERS

Yard waste **is not** to be put at the curb until the day before its scheduled to be picked up by the city (Mondays). Also, yard waste **is not** to be put on the street, it becomes a hazard for motorists.

Set out your yard waste no later than 6 a.m. on collection day. Yard waste is collected weekly. **DO NOT** place any yard waste in the City issued carts (COJ.net).

Types of yard waste include:

- Tree limbs, sticks, logs, and stumps less than 40 pounds (not to exceed 5 feet in length and less than 40 pounds in weight).
- Containerized leaves and grass clippings.
- Bush or shrub clippings, palm fronds.
- Natural Christmas wreaths and trees (remove hangers, stands and all decorations).

## YARD WASTE (Cont.):

### City of Jacksonville Standards:

- Five (5) cubic yards—roughly 30, 32-gallon garbage bags or the bed of a standard pickup truck filled to the top.
- No single container or item can weigh more than 40 pounds.
- Limbs and logs must be no more than six (6) inches in diameter.
- Bags must be sealed closed.
- Automated service carts may not be used for yard waste.
- Tree trunks, stumps, limbs, or other tree trimmings generated by a tree surgeon (or similar commercial entity) working on your property must be properly removed and disposed of by the company performing the work. The City of Jacksonville is not responsible for picking up tree waste generated by a tree surgeon or similar commercial entity (Ord. Sec. 380.206).

## **GEESE...are you having issues???**

**We have been discussing geese for some time now...and after the 2 surveys, the consensus is to not use Association funds to try to remove the birds.**

**A fellow resident, of the community, brought up an alternative that has worked for her office...GRAPE SPRAY!!**

**A local landscaper uses a brand by the name of Liquid Fence (non-toxic). It hooks up to a hose and gets sprayed directly on the lawn(s).**

## COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **Trash/Recycle bins MUST be kept out of street view. Screening/fencing is allowed.** Check your local hardware stores.
    - **Feeding geese and ducks** is prohibited.  
Not because we are against animals, but because they become a nuisance to neighbors and cause property damage.
    - **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.
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