

SOUTHFORK

ACTIVE 55+ COMMUNITY

**October 2007
HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

Dates to Remember:

October 3rd - Women's Club at 9:30am

**October 4th - Presentation about cancer at 4pm at
Clubhouse**

October 6th - Pancake Breakfast at 8-9:30am

October 18th - Pot Luck super at 5:30

**October 27 - Entertainment by Doug Cain, 7-10pm, \$5 per
person, clubhouse**

Also, carport sale from 8am-1pm

New Prices for Pancake Breakfast: \$3.00 per person

New Prices for Hotdogs/Hamburgers:

Hotdogs \$1.25 Meal \$3.00

Hamburgers \$1.50 Meal \$3.25

Cheeseburgers \$1.75 Meal \$3.50

***Meal includes meat, chips and a drink**

Drinks \$1.00; Chips \$.75 and desserts \$.75

Women's Club

The September meeting was held at the Golden Corral at 11:30am with 30 in attendance. Vice President Netta Tierney conducted a short meeting so that we could all enjoy the lunch menu. Golden Corral sure does put out a large selection of food and desserts to choose from.

Charity Committee: Carol Sanborn reported that donations of backpacks and school supplies were a plenty. The school was very appreciative and a thank you note will be read at the Oct. 3rd meeting. No one has stepped forward to take over the Gardening Comm. responsibilities from Shirley Rouer who is retiring from the Comm. Don't forget to save your items for the upcoming Bazaar for the White Elephant table or new items to be raffeled off on Nov. 17.

Sympathy extended to:

Dee Stipanovich – 112115 Mesquite Dr. - father passed away

Get Well Wishes to:

Judy Geyer - 11121 Palamino Dr.

Jim Gillis - 11206 Mustang Dr.

Vera Lovelace - 11017 Mesquite Dr.

Norm O'Rourke - 38706 Bronco Dr.

Leonard Wilson - 11044 Ewing Dr.

From Norm's Desk

Another season behind us AMEN! We have had a good year all in all. The pool deck turned out beautifully. We have had our overgrown hedges cut back and the streets rejuvenated.

Now we see the results and I think things are looking very good. I am puzzled by the number of people wanting to sell their homes during the worst market we have seen in many, many years; however, the decision is theirs. There are a few rules that I must remind you of. Rule #9 states that before promising a new owner can live in Southfork, they must be accepted by management and must have completed a resident application which includes a background check. Anyone moving into a home without prior acceptance by management will be given notice to remove the home from the community. Rule #29 states that no “For Sale” signs may be displayed on the PROPERTY. Home owners are to inform potential buyers that the property is NOT for sale. Limit of one sign per home can be displayed in window not to exceed 24” x 24”.

Driving through the park today, I noticed that several houses need pressure washing. I realize that we don’t often walk around the house to check, but during the rainy season, the north side of your home may build up green mold. Not only is it unsightly, but probably unhealthy. Please check your home and have it washed if needed. Also if you are not going to be here, please make arrangements to have weeds pulled from your flower beds. Please! Help keep Southfork a beautiful place to live and do not let things deteriorate. I am sure your neighbors will appreciate it as much as management does.

Thanks for your help. Norm.

Are you prepared?

In light of a recent flooding catastrophe in a resident's home, it may be prudent to ask whether each of you know where your home's water shut-off valve is and if it is functional. Most of these valves are behind your homes but some are elsewhere. Often they are back-to-back with the neighbor's valve near the utility corridor between homes. Most of them have been in the ground for more than 10 years and many have never been operated. Should plumbing repairs (whether routine or emergency in nature) be needed, the first action required is to stop the leak and relieve the water pressure by closing this valve. The necessary repair or replacement cannot usually be made until all pressure is off the appliance, such as water heater, dishwasher, refrigerator or outlets (faucets, shower, hose spigots).

Should the cut-off valve not function (when found), the flooding will continue until the water **main** valve is closed by management and the mains drain beyond your location. Meanwhile, your home may be flooding. A simple test can assure that your valve is functional and will save your possessions in an emergency.

1. Locate the valve This may require excavating your yard or looking under your home.
2. Detach hoses from outside hose spigots.
3. Close the shut-off valve you have located. The valve should be closed as tightly as possible.
4. Open all outside hose spigots to drain lines which are under your home and inside your home.
5. Allow five minutes for hose spigots to stop dripping.
6. If the dripping does not cease and if there is still pressure when all but one of these spigots is closed and the remaining one shows pressure when plugged with a finger, then probably the shut-off valve did not close and a plumber could not make repairs.
7. Close all hose spigots, open the shut-off valve fully to resume water service.

This test will tell you whether or not you can rapidly stop a flooding incident or wait until it's a business day to get an appointment.

Something else to consider!

With the sunseting of Florida's No Fault Auto Personal Injury coverage on October 1, 2007, several changes automatically happen to us and are not readily discussed by our auto insurance agents.

No longer are **pedestrians** covered for personal injury if hit by an insured motorist. They must now sue under Florida's new tort system to recover medical expenses. It used to be, under No Fault, that they were able to easily recover \$10,000 (if they were Florida residents) in a human versus auto, motorcycle, golf-cart tangle. Now it's a matter for your attorney.

Netta's News

More and more residents have returned to Southfork bringing memories of their reunions, school and family, weddings and many other activities including cruises. Interesting story about a cruise"While working on a cruise, a magician performed the same tricks each week since he always had a new audience. Problem was, the captain had a parrot who saw each show and had figured out how the magician did his tricks. "Look, it's in the hat," the bird would yell. Or, "Hey, all the cards are the ace of spades."

The audience would roar with laughter, angering the magician, but he couldn't do anything since it was the captain's prized parrot. One day, however, the ship hit some foul weather and sank. The magician survived—but he found himself adrift on a piece of wreckage with the bird. They floated for days without uttering a word until finally the parrot turned to the magician. "Okay, I give up," he said. "What did you do with the ship?"

Pat and Tom Dicks came back to enjoy the winter months of warm sun and relaxing by the pool but arrived to a pool in their house. A crack in the toilet tank in the master bedroom did major damage to floors, carpet, walls and bathroom cabinets in both bathrooms.

Aggie Mitchell arrived home recently to find her front lawn strewn with beer cans, other garbage, caution tape across the driveway and a SOLD sign on her house. Apparently, there are senior juvenile delinquents roaming around Southfork. When we find out who the culprit is, our local Sheriff Phil will bring him to justice. Hopefully, Sheriff Phil has not retired yet. Aggie can press charges and this person or persons can be tried before the Southfork Assoc. with Judge Judy presiding.

It's 4:15am . . do you know where your local garbage collectors are? You guessed it, right here going up and down each street waking many of us up. What's with this? It stinks, no pun intended.

Editors Correction: Last month I stated that the cookie jar at Bingo had stopped for the summer. What I meant to say was, it only stopped on Sunday night bingo. Sorry, I never said "I was smarter than a fifth grader!"

Frank and Connie Petrock wish to thank all their neighbors and friends for all the get well wishes and the delicious meals that were brought to them after they arrived home. They had to fly home because of Frank's condition. Also a big thank you to Marge and Tom Morrison for picking them up at the airport. We feel so blessed to have such wonderful people at Southfork. They are the best! Our neighbors continue to check on us and help us when needed. Thank you Connie and Frank.

Mary Bolin and I are the Nominating Committee duo for the upcoming election. We need to fill the following offices: President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Board Members. If you would like to fill one of these positions, please contact either one of us. Any new residents out there, if you have experience in accounting or secretarial skills, please, we need you.

They say the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. "Sam the Buffalo" from down below the RV's thinks so, too. He got out of his pen on Saturday night to roam up Ewing Dr. eating grass along the way. Bill Kendall who lives on the corner of Ewing stopped outside to have a smoke and there he was on the lawn next door. Bill ran to tell Sandra who thought Bill was seeing things, so she went out to check herself. There he was. Sandy called Dr. Doolittle (Chuck Rouer) who knows the owner, and I decided to go on a buffalo search in the golf cart and flashlight. Un be known to us, Sam does not react well to lights. Chuck and Shirley, the owner, and us searched to no avail. We were about to end the search when here he comes trotting down Ewing Dr. with the owner, all 1,500 lbs of him. He was acting up a bit because of the golf cart lights and the flashlight. We turned around and headed towards the RV section to let Chuck and Shirley know the owner had him. He

was up in the field at the top of the hill. He could have charged us as we were up there searching the field. So for now, Sam is back in his pen and I just found out that the owner is going to get rid of him. I think that's a good move. This did not happen late at night. There could have been residents taking a walk. Who knows, maybe next month at Pot Luck, we will have buffalo stew . . . m – m – good. Halloween is the end of this month. Keep your eye out for "senior trick or treaters."

A Halloween story: It was Halloween night when a driver called our road-service dispatch office complaining that he was locked out of his car. I forwarded the information to a locksmith, along with one more detail: the car was parked at a nudist colony. Of course, the locksmith arrived in record time but when he called in later, he wasn't amused. "Figures," he said. "I finally get to go to a nudist colony, and they're having a costume party!"

Have a great month and Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to anyone celebrating this month Netta

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	1 Coffee 8 am Line dancing 10a Nickle/Dime Poker 12:30 pm Cards 6 pm Euchre 6:30 pm	2 Shuffleboard 9a Exercise 10 am Sequence 1 pm Womens Shuffle 3 pm Cards 6 pm	3 Womens Club 9:30 a Mens Golf Bridge 12:30 pm Horseshoes 1 pm Burgers/Dogs 4:30 6p Bingo 6:50 pm TRASH PICK UP	4 Womens Golf Water Aaerobics 9 am Dominoes 1 pm Horseshoes 3 p Ladies Shuffle 3 pm Cards 6 pm	5 Shuffleboard 9a Exercise 10 am Nickle/Dime Poker 12:30 pm Bid Euchre 7 pm	6 Pancake Break- fast 8 - 9:30 am Cards 6 pm "65" 7 pm TRASH PICK UP
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