

Sorrento Springs Quarterly



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Greetings Sorrento Springs Resident,

We are pleased to circulate our very first community newsletter! We hope this quarterly will provide you with valuable information about our neighborhood. Your input is important in making our community a great one!

Please share any thoughts and comments with us, by contacting us at:

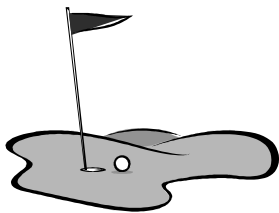
newsletter@eagleduneshoa.org

Best Regards,
Your Newsletter Committee

What's up with my lawn?

By Shelly Drake

For homeowners in Sorrento Springs, water has been an extremely important issue over the last year...Most of us, when opening our water bill, turn to our lawns. But did you know that EMPIRE **ZOYSIA** has been given the nickname **E.Z. grass**, (pronounced 'easy' grass)? I'm sure, as a Sorrento Springs homeowner, further convincing is inevitable....



Why Zoysia?

- Competes well with weeds and requires less mowing than any other commercially grown lawn.
- Zoysias are known to be amongst the most drought tolerant lawns around with EMPIRE proving to be even more water efficient than other Zoysias.
- EMPIRE has performed well in both sandy and clay soil types and requires less maintenance and mowing than other grasses.
- Thrives in extreme heat and humidity, has excellent cold hardiness and it's drought tolerant due to a deep root system.

How should I water my EMPIRE Zoysia lawn?



- Newly installed turf has very important watering needs. Proper watering immediately after installation will encourage a deep and vigorous root system and ensure the turf becomes established. It will also have an impact on how well the lawn continues to flourish for years to come.
- Once the root system has fully established, water thoroughly only when needed-usually once every 7-10 days in summer (on sandy soils more often), with much less, or no, water in cooler months.
- Infrequent, deep watering promotes a healthy lawn because the roots will only grow as deeply as its most frequently available water supply.
- Over watering encourages excessive growth, disease and root rot.
- Water as early in the morning as possible to take advantage of the daily start of the grass's normal growing cycle. Watering at night is not recommended.
- Use a soil probe such as a screwdriver or large spike to determine how dry your soil is. If the probe can be pushed into the soil easily, it is probably still moist, but if it takes a lot of pressure to push in, it is time to water.

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How do I mow my EMPIRE Zoysia lawn?



- Mow every 7-21 days in the hot months & every 3-8 weeks in the cold months.
- Mowing height will vary: 2-5cm in sunny/lightly shaded situations, 5-7cm in heavier shaded situations.

Do I need to fertilize?

- Lawns need to be fed to remain strong and healthy- use a complete fertilizer in early April and early September. At other times of the year use a slow release fertilizer. If you need a quick green up, use a fertilizer high in nitrogen to promote a lush green lawn- e.g. Supergreen or organic based slow release fertilizers.
- In heat of summer avoid over fertilizing or using manure based products.

Where can I learn more about caring for my EMPIRE Zoysia lawn?

Zoysiagrass in Florida: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/LH011>
<http://www.sodsolutions.com/index.html>



Come Meet Your Neighbors!

~Saturday, July 1st at 11:00am ~

B.Y.O.E.

(Bring Your Own Everything)

Chairs, BBQs, Food, Drinks, Blankets, Frisbees...

Meet on the lawn by the pool!

(Rain out date: Sunday, July 2nd)

Sorrento Springs Homeowners! Please note the important **contact information** below...

City of Eustis Water Department

Telephone:

Regular Hours - (352) 357-5618

After Hours - (352) 357-4121

Customer Service:

Telephone -(352) 589-4333 x 1125

Fax—(352) 589-4274

Address:

901 E. Bates Ave.

Eustis, FL

Lake County Commissioners

District 1 - Jennifer Hill:

Telephone - (352) 343-9850

Email – jhill@co.lake.fl.us

District 2 – Robert A. Pool:

Telephone - (352) 343-9850

Email – rpool@co.lake.fl.us

District 3 – Debbie Stivender:

Telephone - (352) 343-9850

Email – dstivender@co.lake.fl.us

District 4 (Sorrento, Mt. Dora, Eustis)

Catherine C. Hanson:

Telephone - (352) 343-9850

Email – chanson@co.lake.fl.us

District 5 – Walter G. Cadwell:

Telephone - (352) 343-9850

Email – wcadwell@co.lake.fl.us

Sorrento Springs Eagle Dunes HOA

Address:

610 Sycamore Street, Suite 140

Celebration, FL 34747

Property Manager – Juan Flores:

Telephone -(407) 566-4131

Fax - (407) 566-2064

Email - jflores@severntrentms.com

Provided by: Tony Carter

Questions and Answers

If you've got 'em...we can try and find answers...

Written by: Lynette Scarafino

Question: How do we open the gate for our guests, when they are closed? **Answer:** Every resident needs to establish a personal code to enter the guest gates located at the main entrance and SR 437. When entering through the "Resident Only" gate (located near the Country Club) access is only by use of the distributed gate openers.

To obtain a personal code application or additional gate openers, please contact Juan Flores.

Question: What do we do about those who are driving on the lawn to get around the "gate."--near the golf clubhouse? **Answer:** Driving around any of the gates is prohibited, as it damages the common property at the expense of the HOA. The HOA is currently reviewing a solution to prevent this from re-occurring in the future.

Question: What about all of the "For Sale" signs in the neighborhood? **Answer:** The CCRs say "no signs"; that means "For Sale" signs too. Unless that rule is changed -- homeowners selling their home will need to submit a simple ARC form to temporarily put up a "For Sale" sign. Article IX, Section 9 of the CCR states "No Signs", advertisements, billboards, solicitation or advertising materials of any kind shall be displayed upon any lot without the prior approval of the ARB (Architectural Review Board).

Homeowners with signs in their lots, please complete the ARC form (found on our website) and return to the ARB for approval. If approved each, lot is limited to "ONE" sign only.

Question: What are the procedures I need to follow, if I want to install a fence?

Answer: You must complete an ARC form and receive approval. Fences approved by the HOA are:

- CCR - Article IX, Section 16 - Laurel model, "Buff" color only.
- All golf front and lake/pond lots must use, "Bronze" ARB approved aluminum

(Refer to picture/specifications in the HOA Declaration of Covenants)

Question: What if I lose my amenity cards? **Answer:** Replacement or additional cards may be obtained at a cost of \$10 a piece. Contact Juan Flores to issue you another card. Every house is assigned 2 cards, initially.

Question: With the hurricane season coming, are there any precautions you recommend we, as homeowners, take? **Answer:** Hurricane Season begins June-01. Projectile objects cause major damage during high winds. Trampolines should be flipped upside down or stored indoors to help prevent them from becoming airborne during high winds. Any playground items or non-secured objects in yards should be safely secured or stored indoors during the threat of a hurricane.

Question: Are bikes allowed on the golf course? **Answer:** Bicycles are "prohibited" from the golf course. They should be ridden on the sidewalks or roadways within the neighborhood. Bicyclists should be respectful of each resident's property and not ride through the yards without previous permission from the individual homeowners.



Sorrento Springs Classifieds

WEBMASTER – Sorrento Springs is looking for a talented resident webmaster(s) to design the eagleduneshoa.org website. This is a voluntary position and the person(s) who complete the work will get have a free advertising spot on this newsletter for one year. Anyone interested should email the newsletter group at

newsletter@eagleduneshoa.org.

ADVERTISERS – **Attention** all lawn and pool maintenance, house cleaning, pest control and other small businesses! Sorrento Springs newsletter is looking for advertisers for our next quarterly issue.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be the first to have your ad seen by over 400 homeowners in the new Sorrento Springs newsletter. For pricing and availability, please contact the newsletter group at newsletter@eagleduneshoa.org.

Do you live in the neighborhood and have items for sale? List them in our next newsletter. Contact newsletter@eagleduneshoa.org to have your information posted

Question: Are children under the age of 16 allowed to be at the pool unsupervised? **Answer:** NO - all residents under the age of 16 must have an adult resident over the age of 18 with them in the recreation facilities and when using the pool facilities.*

Question: I have noticed glass on the bottom of the pool a number of times. Is there a policy about glass near the pool? **Answer:** No glass containers are allowed in the pool or on the pool deck area. Drinks in plastic bottles and aluminum cans are permitted on the pool deck. *

Question: I want to have a small family picnic at the amenities center. What is the clean-up policy? **Answer:** For private functions, clean up is required by the resident utilizing the area. If the designated area is not returned to its original condition and additional charge of \$100.00 will be applied.*

(*From pool policy guide)

For a Copy of Eagle Dunes HOA Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions please contact Juan Flores or visit: www.eagleduneshoa.org

If you would like to ask a question for the next quarterly, please e-mail your newsletter committee at: newsletter@eagleduneshoa.org

To the Resident of:



Did You Know?

Do you have some positive, interesting information about our community, that might be useful to our homeowners. If so, please send your information to: newsletter@eagleduneshoa.org.

- Sorrento Springs has a website! Until the site mentioned below is fully developed, visit www.i-neighbors.org. Sign on to receive e-mails about our community, participate in polls, look at our events calendar, etc.
 - Residents can acquire the ARC form and other HOA documents on our HOA website (still under construction, but the documents are currently accessible): <http://www.eagleduneshoa.org/> .
 - Sorrento Springs has a “play club” for kids, the Sorrento Springs Kids’ Play-Club. Sorrento Springs Play-Club is a group of stay at home parents or part-time working parents who have small children at home during the day.* We organized our group to schedule planned activities for our kids (and the adults too!) on a weekly basis. If you reside in Sorrento Springs and are interested in participating, see: www.angelfire.com/stars6/sskpc/ or contact Missy at: mjbroker@comcast.net for more information. *Parents/caregivers are expected to be present at all events with their children.
 - There is a coffee maker in the amenities center for all to use. Bring up your favorite coffee and coffee condiments to brew and enjoy! Read a book while you’re there; perhaps choose one that is provided on the fireplace. (If you have any books you would like to share, your book donation would be greatly appreciated).
 - Sorrento Springs has started a Ladies Night Out (LNO) once a month. Are you a gal in the community that might be interested in a Ladies’ Night Out, whether it be bunko, wine tasting, shopping, etc. ? Contact Shannon to learn more or share your thoughts: dscleaven-ger@COMCAST.NET Upcoming scheduled events are:
 - JUNE: Dickens Reed Bookstore in Mt. Dora: Friday 06/16, 7-10pm at
 - JULY: Relish Pottery in Mt. Dora (formerly Ya-Ya): Thursday 07/13, 6-8PMish.
- Check out the calendar on <http://www.i-neighbors.org/> for more detail about these events
- If you have an active membership to the golf course, check out the “membership corner” in the pro-shop. There is a bulletin board there that posts 9 hole scrambles, clinics, etc. If you would like to learn about renewing your membership, as all homeowners receive one year free membership upon purchasing a home in Sorrento Springs, call Allen Self at 352-357-0123