



Southwind  
Lakes

# CURRENTS

FALL 2019



SWL Important Dates

Board Meeting: Sep 25 @ 7 PM

Halloween Event: Oct 26 @ 2 PM

Budget Meeting: Oct 30 @ 7 PM



## Dorian: Too Close for Comfort!

Kudos to Southwind Lakes homeowners who prepared well for a possible Cat 5.

Thanks for removing dangerous objects from your yards.

If we had been hit, even small garden items could become projectiles that damage homes – or harm lives. We ALL appreciate your hard work, and are glad we didn't have any damage from it.

Go to [www.PBCready.org](http://www.PBCready.org) for the "Palm Beach County Hurricane Planning Guide."

It has great information and lists important local resources.

## Southwind Lakes Announces their First Annual



# "Trunk or Treat" Halloween Event



October 26

2-5pm

**Southwind Lakes Residents are invited,  
especially small ones in cute or scary costumes!**

Location: SWL Recreation Area [Pool] Parking Lot- on Kimberly and 441

**If you are interested in participating by decorating your car and giving out or donating, treats: email [beth@superiormgmt.net](mailto:beth@superiormgmt.net).**

(note 'Halloween' on the Subject line.)

## Important Changes In Trash Collection - Starting Oct 1st

Place your new wheeled cart no more than 6' from the road, and at least 3' from mailbox, hydrants, cars, etc. and with its HANDLE TOWARDS YOUR HOUSE.

ANY additional trash left outside the receptacle will NOT be picked up.

If you need a 2nd cart, it will cost \$65, with no extra fees for pick up.

**BULK pick up will be ONE day a week- on THURSDAY- no more than 3 items.**

Yard waste exceeding 6 cubic yards (3 refrigerators) will not be picked up at all.

Check Southwind Lakes HOA Facebook  or [www.swa.org](http://www.swa.org) for more info.

## Recreation Area (Pool!) Renovation

Contractors are working on finalizing plans and permits are in the works.

We all know that "things happen", but this Board and SAM seem to be focused with their 'eyes on the prize', so I wouldn't bet against having a beautiful new pool maybe as early as next summer!!

It will have a 'zero entry' for moms with young children, as many of you requested last year.

Go to [www.swlhoa.com](http://www.swlhoa.com), click on ABOUT / News & Resources to see the Architectural Plan of the new pool.

**HINT: After heavy rains, empty any standing water around your yard where mosquitos can breed; they can transmit dangerous diseases.**

**Monthly Board Meetings:** open to all Homeowners and are held the last Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Southwind Golf Course. Check the Southwind Lakes HOA Facebook page, or signs posted on Kimberly and New England just before the meeting for details.

**Architectural Review Committee** Meets 6:30 pm- BEFORE Board Meetings. Homeowners can stop by to discuss their application. See page 2.

**Quarterly Assessments: \$170**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is due  
Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

It is considered late the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the month its due.

**LATE FEE: \$25**

## YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anita McCauley: President  
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Patty Bowen: Secretary  
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## Superior Association Management: "SAM"

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For more info about  
Southwind Lakes, go to  
[www.swlhoa.com](http://www.swlhoa.com) or

[Southwind Lakes HOA](#) 

## Southwind Lakes & Public Safety

If you haven't already met our Deputy Sheriff, Tim Graham, or have a concern to discuss with him, stop by any Board Meeting.

As all our contract deputies always say:  
"For a 1000+ home non-gated community,  
this community is very safe."  
Let's keep it that way, by following these hints:



ADVICE FROM  
D/S TIM GRAHAM

- Please lock car doors; person(s) are checking for unlocked vehicles
- Report suspicious activity: call the Non-Emergency # 561-688-3400
- School has started: drive with caution, especially around school buses; SWL's many curves impede vision of children playing, bicyclists, etc.
- Speeding is being strictly enforced on Kimberly and New England
- STOP AT COMMUNITY STOP SIGNS: you can get a ticket.
- Citations are being issued for parking across sidewalks
- Please close garage doors, lock side doors, and place a piece of wood or PVC in your sliding door track to prevent entry.
- Install alarms: monitored or audible. Surveillance cameras also help.
- Put a light timer on when you are away.
- SECURE VALUABLES: list and take photos of them.

And please-- keep your porch light on at night.

**If you SEE something: SAY something- and not just on Social Media!**

**Call 9-1-1 in an emergency**

### VIOLATION LETTERS

If you have received a Violation Letter, please address the issue as soon as possible, BUT: IF you have a problem doing so, contact Beth Eriksson, our SAM manager: [beth@superiormgmt.net](mailto:beth@superiormgmt.net) or (561) 293-3612.

A simple conversation might allay concerns on both sides

Please don't ignore them: email or call!

We have over 460 violations outstanding, but many belong to just 100 offenders. Their neglect is not only unsightly to neighbors, it brings down their property values.

Don't let it result get to the point of fines and legal consequences: Instead, keep up your property, AND our community's property values, and your neighborhood's quality of life. PLEASE.

### Some Code Enforcement Hints

Boats, trailers, campers should be kept behind your home's setback and screened from street view- per Palm Beach County Code.

Ensure your driveways, roofs, sidewalks and walkways are kept clean of debris and stains (ex: mildew, oil, refuse, etc.)

Do not maintain unsightly items on driveways, front lawns, in plain view from the sidewalk or street. This includes non-operational or unregistered vehicles, tools, mechanized equipment, construction materials, etc.

### New law starting October 1st: NO TEXTING while DRIVING!

Texting while driving will soon be a "primary"/ticket-able traffic offense. It will start with warnings on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>; tickets and fines start Jan 1, 2020.

## Architectural Review Committee

The ARC reviews and must approve all major changes to your yard or outside your home BEFORE commencing work, including: painting the exterior (even the same color); screening a porch or creating a sunroom; installing or remodeling a pool/ deck; replacing a driveway/fence/roof, or a major landscaping change.

You can bring your completed form with attachments in person to the ARC, a half hour BEFORE every Board Meeting. They MAY give you verbal approval immediately or discuss alternatives and direction.

The ARC Form can be found at [www.swlhoa.com](http://www.swlhoa.com), click on **Resources/ Architectural.**

Over 150 homeowners submitted forms for ARC review since January: THANKS!

### Holiday Charity Solicitations

Besides fun and family, the holidays are ripe for fraud: via email, phone calls, online Go Fund Me's, and solicitations at the door. Many seem like they are for good causes: Breast Cancer, Bahamas Relief, Vietnam Vets, etc. Before donating your hard earned money, check the official State of Florida consumer site:

<https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Consumer-Resources/Charities/Charities>

### SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

Do not put **Hazardous Waste** in regular trash! Bring it to the SWA facility on 441, N of Atlantic Ave.

It is FREE to drop off oil, gas, solvents, pool chemicals, batteries, oil-based paint, ELECTRONICS, pesticides, CFL bulbs, Propane, etc.

Monday -Friday: 7AM -5PM  
Saturday (self-service): 7AM - 3PM  
Sunday: Closed