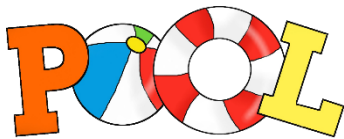




Commons at Valley Lakes Newsletter

A Few Reminders:

Pool Season is almost here



Your Community pool is scheduled to open on **May 24th**. As in the past, normal pool hours will be from **9 AM to 9 PM**. The pool will be open for one additional hour on Thursday evenings. Pool access fobs will be automatically activated for all homeowners who have paid their annual dues. Please contact Penny penny.madden@mainstreetmanagementllc.com at Main Street Management. If you have lost your fob and need a replacement. There is a charge of \$25 to get a new fob.

Save the Date:



You are all invited to join us at our **Commons Community**

Summer Kick off! Mark **June 8th** on your calendars for another opportunity to meet your neighbors while enjoying the food and festivities together. **Looking for Social Committee members to help plan community events.** Contact Rich McQuinn. **574.870.2777**

GOLF CARTS

We have noticed several Golf carts in the community. We want to make it clear that golf carts are considered a motorized vehicle. Commons at Valley Lakes is part of the City of Lafayette which means we must follow all city ordinances.

TO OPERATE A Golf CART in Commons at Valley Lakes:

1. Vehicle must be PLATED
2. PROPER SLOW MOVING VEHICLE Flags or Signs
3. Valid Drivers License
4. Operate vehicle while at capacity
5. Stop at Stop Signs
6. MUST NOT DRIVE ON SIDE WALKS
7. Must not part or Drive ON GRASS

We would like to remind you that any architectural change to your property requires a completed ACC form and board approval. This includes changes like building a shed, a fence, installing a basketball goal and any structural modifications to your existing home.



Here is the link to the form/process instructions and our community covenants (towards the bottom of this home page):

www.commonsatvalleylakes.com

It is also your (or your contractor's) responsibility to secure the necessary building permits.

Community Garage Sale:



Our 8th Annual Commons Garage Sale is scheduled for May 3rd and 4th from 8 AM to 3 PM. We should get a lot of traffic and chances to clear out those items that we don't need anymore. If you have any questions you can call or text Cathy at **765.426.2427**.

Friendly Reminder.....

Help us help you to not get Violations in 2019:

Nobody really *likes* being told what to do—and yet most of us have people telling us what to do all the time. Our employers tell us what to do. The government tells us what to do. Because we chose to live in HOA community, the Association itself can tell us what to do. The basic function of our HOA is to maintain property values, and even to *increase* the value of homes in the community. The rules enforced by the HOAs further that goal and are common-sense. We wanted to remind everyone of the most common community violations with the hope that most residents that are not in compliance just are not aware they are in violation. Please review The Commons HOA Covenants available on the community website www.commonsatvalleylakes.com/hoa-documents

Most Common Violations:

- Owners parking trailers, boats or RVs in the community or in common areas.
- Owners who simply not taking care of their landscaping.
- Owners making home renovations that simply don't conform with the stylistic norms or the neighborhood.
- Owners placing prohibited signs on their property.
- Owners not storing trash containers inside garage on in an area that is hidden from view.
- Owners not performing required maintenance on their properties: repairing and staining fences, repairing, painting and replacing mailboxes (Please find information about proper colors and vendors on the community website.)
- Owners parking on the street an increasing number of vehicles are being parked on the streets and often make it difficult to drive through the community. Our covenants stipulate that all vehicles should either be garaged or parked in driveways. If you must park on street, please be courteous and leave plenty of room for traffic to pass

Now, some of these may sound nitpicky to you, but consider that all these violations can have the effect of making the community seem a little sloppy, a little messy, a little less pleasant of a place to live. In other words, they can have an adverse effect on property values. The rules exist to protect *all* homeowners *against* lowered property values. They are enforced for a *reason*. Please help us save the HOA some postage this year!

Upcoming Projects

We have several improvement projects scheduled for this year. Here are some things that are scheduled to be completed prior to the May 24th pool opening:

1. Pool refinishing
2. Both retaining walls around the pool will be removed, repaired or replaced. This project may require the removal of the single basketball court. We are working with vendors and getting expert opinions currently for the best long-term solution for the retaining walls.
3. New surveillance equipment and security measures
4. Replace damaged pool furniture.
5. Update and revamp the 18th Street Entrance