

# LEXINGTON PARK COMPASS

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Latest News, Views and Announcements

<https://www.pecanparkhoa.net>



## **NOTICE FOR HOMEOWNERS**

- *Our HOA board voted at the meeting on March 28th to close the Amenity Center Playground due to safety concerns. By law, Safety / Warning signs must be posted prior to closing the playground. Our HOA board is working to resolve this problem as soon as possible and have been talking to vendors to fix it. Children safety is paramount.*
- *The EVENT Committee has scheduled a Blood Drive for Saturday, May 18th 2024, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Amenity Center and is asking for volunteers to sign precommitment forms in advance to the Blood Drive. Please contact Deneen Brown at [Deneen.Brown@pecanparkhoa.net](mailto:Deneen.Brown@pecanparkhoa.net).*
- *Our HOA board is asking for homeowner volunteers to serve on the Compliance committee, whose purpose is to maintain neighborhood property standards to maintain our home values but also be an advocate for homeowners. These members cannot serve on the HOA board and ensure Homeowners are not unfairly scrutinized with unfair reviews or fines.*

**EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING:** 23 APRIL 2024, at 06:30 pm.

**EVENT APRIL FOOD TRUCKS:** FRIDAY 5th APRIL with Beyond Horizon and 19 APRIL with Ma & Pops.

**ARB COMMITTEE MEETING:** 18 APRIL 2024 at 06:30 pm.

**HOA BOARD MEETING:** 24 APRIL 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Highland Regional Library, 1826 Dunn Ave, Jax Fl 32218.

**HOA MEETINGS:** Pecan Park residents are invited and encouraged to attend HOA Board and Event/ARB/Compliance Committee meetings. You can Monitor the Official Amenity Center HOA Bulletin Board and the Front Entrance Bulletin Board for announcements and dates accordingly. Remember you can also view the Pecan Park HOA webpage (the link is on page one).

**APRIL CALENDAR DATES:**

April Fools Day	(be nice)	01 April
National Library Day		06 April
Total Eclipse over USA		08 April
National Donate a Book Day		14 April
National Exercise Day		18 April
Earth Day		22 April
Passover Begins		22 April
National Bucket List Day		24 April
International Jazz Day		20 April
Passover Ends		30 April

Check out the **Jacksonville Theater Entertainment** for April: The “SIX” a musical celebration of Girl Power of the Six Wives of Henry the 8th; or Amy Grant or Disney’s Frozen The Musical or “RAIN” A Tribute to the Beatles, the Rave and more performers in April. View their hyperlink at <HTTPS:WWW.JACKSONVILLE-THEATER.COM>

**CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR:** Has provided NE Florida with an event that is “A Family Affair”. It is scheduled from April 4th through 14th and will include numerous events . [Hyperlink HTTPS://www.claycountyfair.org](HTTPS://WWW.CLAYCOUNTYFAIR.ORG)

**The Greater Jacksonville Fair** will be held in November 2024 at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds.

VISIT **Jacksonville The Flip Side of Florida** for fun things to do at hyperlink <HTTPS://WWW.VISITJACKSONVILLE.COM/THINGS-TO-DO/>

# IN THE NEWS

There is a **Total Eclipse in the USA on 08 April 2024**. See the NASA hyperlink at <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>

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**2024 Florida Senate passed a law establishing a 25 foot distance** for First Responders, mandating that the public and the media maintain this distance. This is **Florida Senate Bill 184 (Impeding, Threatening, or Harassing First Responders)**. This has not been signed by Governor DeSantis yet. See LINK <https://www.flsenate.gov/session/Bill/2024/184/>

**UPDATE:** Governor Desantis signed into law, **Fla Senate Bill 621 Property Rights** which protects renters and homeowners from Squatters who squat, damage or try to sell a property. See the March 2024 HOA newsletter. This new law takes effect July 1st this year.

**Lexington Park Stormwater Retention Ponds:** *(This is Florida, always be aware of gators & snakes)*. We have (5) small Stormwater Retention Ponds in Lexington Park, whose purpose is for Flood control, sediment and nutrient removal and protects downstream water resources like Seaton Creek. *The HOA board had a rep from Solitude Lake Management answer questions about Pond monthly maintenance at the HOA board meeting on Thursday, March 28th.*

We do not have small natural ponds or large lakes with a natural water supply flushing our pond's standing water. The ponds are "not intended for swimming or boating". **ATTENTION: The HOA board asks every homeowner next to a pond, to "Bag their mulch or Mow so the grass clippings discharge AWAY from the pond". Grass clippings discharged into the pond is a major contributor to Algae.** The HOA purchased Carp fish to eat Invasive floating weeds, Alligator and Penny weeds. Fishing is not encouraged but ask anyone who fishes to release "our Carp", but some don't, (not good). **The pond algae also originates from Potassium and Fungicide lawn treatments that run off from adjoining yards and the road via rainfall.** The contractor services the ponds monthly and by state law can only apply so much applicant either by hand or small boat to mitigate floating algae. This treatment does not remove weeds anchored at the bottom of the pond.

**We need to maintain our ponds with 4 separate practices, (1) to keep Carp in the ponds who naturally eat weeds, (2) to reduce lawn treatment runoff, (3) to keep grass clippings out of the pond & (4) to continue algae reduction via chemical treatment.**

# Are You Ready?

## WILDFIRE / HOME / PERSONAL FIRE SAFETY



**Visit Florida Wild Fire Info:** [Hyperlink HTTPS://www.visitflorida.org/resources/crisis-preparation/wild-fire-information](https://www.visitflorida.org/resources/crisis-preparation/wild-fire-information)

**Wildland Fire:** [Hyperlink HTTPS://www.fdacs.gov/divisions-offices/florida-forest-service/wildland-fire](https://www.fdacs.gov/divisions-offices/florida-forest-service/wildland-fire)

**Current Florida Wildfire Information:** [Hyperlink HTTPS://www.fdacs.gov/forest-wildfire/wildand-fire-information](https://www.fdacs.gov/forest-wildfire/wildand-fire-information)

**US Forest Service:** [Hyperlink HTTPS://www.fs.usda.gov/main/florida/fire](https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/florida/fire)

**Wildfire Landscaping to create a Defensible space around your Home:**

[Hyperlink HTTPS://www.fdacs.gov/forest-wildfire/for-communities/firewise-usa/create-defensible-space-around-homes](https://www.fdacs.gov/forest-wildfire/for-communities/firewise-usa/create-defensible-space-around-homes)

**Ready Set Go (your Personal wildfire action plan)** [Hyperlink HTTPS://www.wildlandfireRSD.org](https://www.wildlandfireRSD.org)

**Prevent Home Fires:** Access [Hyperlink HTTPS://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/home-fires/](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/home-fires/)

**Fire Safety for Older Adults:** Access [Hyperlink HTTPS://apps.usfa.fema.gov/publications/display?id=361](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/publications/display?id=361)

View the ***January 2024 Newsletter*** at [Pecan Park HOA URL/ HOA News](#) to note the list of the homeowners serving on the [Pecan Park HOA board](#), the [Event committee](#), and the [Architectural Review Board](#).

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