

Saddlewood Owners Association Inc.

Happy August, Friends and Neighbors!

Back to School: With summer wrapping up, our schools are officially back in session! That means our neighborhood streets are busy with children walking to the bus stop, riding bikes, and crossing streets in the mornings and afternoons. To keep all our neighborhood kids safe, let's work together to drive slowly, stay alert, stop for buses, yield to anyone crossing the streets, and expect the unexpected.

Wishing all Saddlewood kids a school year filled with bright ideas, fun adventures, and great success!

Exciting Park News!!

Exciting updates are coming to our neighborhood! Three new playground instruments will be installed at Saddlewood Park in September, featuring modern, safe, and inclusive play structures for children.

Project Highlights

- ✓ **Modern Upgrades:** Safe, durable, and weather-resistant play structures
- ✓ **Inclusive Design:** Sensory play panels
- ✓ **Timeline:** Construction begins in the first two weeks of September
- ✓ **Grant:** Funding for the musical instruments was provided by a grant from the City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods Division

Future Park Enhancements Proposal

The musical instruments are a great start, but the community park still needs an upgrade to fully realize its potential as a vibrant, exciting and inclusive space for all our families.

To build on this momentum, residents of Saddlewood formed a group and created a proposal which was presented to the Saddlewood Board to install modern, high quality playground structures designed to encourage active, safe play for children of all ages and abilities. The proposal also includes fitness equipment for adults and additional seating areas and benches under the shade to create a more welcoming neighborhood hub.

How does the Park Enhancement Proposal become a reality?

Our HOA fees have remained low, even with inflation, as your dues only cover annual expenses (insurance, management fees, lawn/pond maintenance, etc.). As such, large-scale projects like enhancing the park will require a special assessment, which must be voted on by all homeowners. Over the next month, additional materials will be provided covering the playground enhancements, fees, and other important information to assist in making an educated decision. There will also be meetings held to discuss the project which will be posted on the www.SaddlewoodJax.com website, residents will be able to ask questions at these meetings. We encourage all homeowners to attend and learn more about how the incremental cost of the special assessment will enhance the beauty, safety, and property values of our wonderful community.

General Reminders

HOA Dues: Q1, Q2 and Q3 HOA fees are due. If you prefer to pay electronically the link to Truist Bank can be found on the www.SaddlewoodJax.com website in the FAQ section. Your account number is found in the coupon book provided.

Community Yard Sale: Start preparing now! The Community Yard Sale is always the first full weekend in November, (7th and 8th). Signage and Advertising will be handled by Saddlewood.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Form: The ARC Form is available at www.SaddlewoodJax.com. You do not need a username and password to access the form; the form is available on the front page of the website. It is important to remember that any modifications to your property must be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for approval prior to work being done. Just because your neighbor had work completed that you would like to duplicate does not mean you are exempt from submitting an ARC form.

Important Numbers

- To report cars parked in the street, contact JSO at 904-630-0500
- To report potholes in the street, contact 904-630-CITY (2489)
- To report sidewalk cracks or other sidewalk issues, contact 904-630-CITY (2489)
- For noise complaints contact JSO at 904-630-0500
- Banning Management 904-730-7071
- For all emergencies, please dial 911

If you would like a copy of the Covenants and Restrictions for Saddlewood please email Banning@BanMgtInc.com to request a digital copy or access directly on the Saddlewood website, www.SaddlewoodJax.com.

Thank you to all residents for working with us, your Board of Directors and Management, to keep Saddlewood a safe and pleasant place to live!