

# LEXINGTON PARK COMPASS

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## Lexington Park Subdivision



Every drop of blood  
is a gift of life.

### BLOOD DRIVE & "LEXINGTON LAP"

A blood donation drive that can save lives. Join us as we journey towards providing the much needed donations to those in need.

LEXINGTON PARK AMENITIES CENTER

MAY 18, 2024  
9AM - 12 NOON

To rejuvenate our bodies, we will take a "Lexington Lap around the community.

It is encouraged to eat a healthy meal prior to donating, hydrate properly and steer away from caffeinated beverages.

Must be 18 years old or older and must bring valid ID. \$20 gift cards to those that qualify and donate.



The HOA Event Committee has scheduled a Blood Drive for Saturday, May 18th 2024 from 9 am to 12 pm at the Amenity Center and is offering a \$20 gift card incentive for volunteers 18 and older to sign a precommitment form in advance, so please contact

[Deneen.Brown@pecanparkhoa.net](mailto:Deneen.Brown@pecanparkhoa.net).

The Lexington Lap is an opportunity for neighbors to walk around the community together, getting to know each other. The Lexington Lap kicks off at 10 am at the Amenity Center and will become a routine event.

**EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING:** MAY 28th, Tuesday at 06:30 pm at the Amenity Center.

**EVENT MAY FOOD TRUCKS:** May 3rd Sweet Aloha Treats and FeFe’s Tasty Kitchen; May 17th Jax Taco & Dixies Fair Favorites; and May 31st I love Papa Churros & El Mariachi Loko.

**ARB COMMITTEE MEETING:** May 16th 2024 at 06:30 pm at the Amenity Center.

**HOA BOARD MEETING:** TBD at 06:30 pm at the Highland Regional Library, 1826 Dunn Ave, Jax FL 32218.

**HOA MEETINGS:** Pecan Park residents are invited 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 HOA Pecan Park webpage (see the link on page one).

**MAY CALENDAR DATES:**

02 MAY National Day of Prayer for all Faiths

03 MAY World Press Freedom Day

06 MAY Teacher Appreciation Week & National Nurses Day

12 MAY “***Mother’s Day***”

18 MAY ***National Learn to Swim Day*** : The Fla Dept of Children & Families (DCF) remarked at least 97 children drowned in Fla in 2023.



[HTTPS://www.stopdrowningnow.org](https://www.stopdrowningnow.org)

The Florida Governor has signed Senate Bill 544 to create the first swimming lesson voucher program for kids.

<https://www.flsenate.gov/session/bill/2024/544>

18 MAY Armed Forces Day

27 MAY ***Memorial Day***



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***Lawn of the Month criteria: The Event Committee is looking for...***

(1) Consistency with Lawns that are edged with full green sod throughout the yard, (2) well kept and manicured Flower beds and/or hedges and (3) Drive-ways and sidewalks that are clean (pressure washed recently) & free of debris.



***Congratulations, The May Yard of the month is 1533 Oldenburg Drive.***





# JAX JAZZ FESTIVAL

**THE JACKSONVILLE  
JAZZ FESTIVAL IS  
BACK FOR MEMORIAL  
DAY WEEKEND IN  
DOWNTOWN  
JACKSONVILLE,  
FLORIDA • MAY 23 – 26,  
2024!**

Returning to its roots at Metropolitan Park and unveiling a fresh experience at the Daily's Place Amphitheater, the Jacksonville Jazz Festival will fill the streets with beloved artists' sweet sounds. For over 40 years, this festival has united music enthusiasts for a weekend of food, drinks, community, and, of course, music! Join us for a weekend kickoff with the Jacksonville Jazz Piano Competition on Thursday, followed by three days of FREE live music in Jacksonville's Sports & Entertainment District.

# NEWS & VIEWS

- ◆ **UPDATE:** Governor Desantis signed 2024 Florida Legislature law establishing a 25 foot distance for First Responders, mandating that the public and the media maintain this distance which takes effect on 01 Jan 2025. This is Florida Senate Bill 184 (Impeding, Threatening, or Harassing First Responders). [See Link https://www.flsenate.gov/session/bill/2024/184/](https://www.flsenate.gov/session/bill/2024/184/); also view [Link https://laws/flrules.org/2024/85](https://laws/flrules.org/2024/85).
- ◆ **NOTICE:** 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. These members cannot serve on the HOA board but ensure Homeowners are not unfairly scrutinized with unfair reviews or fines.
- ◆ **ATTENTION VETS:** The new VA Outpatient Clinic (OPC) North & Domiciliary is located at 145 Heron Bay Road, North Jax Fl 32218, which opened on 23 April 2024 to great fanfare. The phone # is 904-470-6900.



- ◆ **HAZARD!:** Please do NOT dispose of dead Palm fronds or Yard waste in the Forest Reserve behind homes. This could create a wildfire hazard that could be started by a cigarette butt, lightning strike or other ignition source in our neighborhood. Most homes are only separated by 15 feet. A minimum wild-fire defensible zone is 30-100 feet. Yard waste (& Palm Fronds) are picked up every Thursday).



# Are You Ready?

**UPDATE 2024:** [View the National Hurricane Center / NOAA Cone Graphic](#)

[HTTPS://www.nhc.noaa.gov/pdf/NHC\\_Cone\\_Graphic\\_Change\\_Announcement.pdf](HTTPS://www.nhc.noaa.gov/pdf/NHC_Cone_Graphic_Change_Announcement.pdf)

Beginning on or around August 15, 2024, [NHC will begin issuing an experimental version of the Cone Graphic that includes Inland Tropical Storm and Hurricane Watches and Warnings in effect for the continental United States.](#)

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30.

Please review the [Pecan Park HOA March Newsletter](#) with comments and links for [Hurricane and Disaster Preparedness](#).



The [JAX TDY \(Jacksonville Today\)](#) article (dated 12 April 2024) reports... Florida warns of wildfire risk despite wetter weather. [Agriculture Commissioner Mr. Simpson remarked...](#) property owners should limit debris on their properties. Regularly clear your roof and gutters and prepare your yard by creating and maintaining a defensible space around your home. Last year Florida recorded more than [2650 wildfires](#). Please review the [Pecan Park HOA April 2024 newsletter for Wildfire/Home/Personal Safety Information](#).

**Just a reminder** the [Amenity Center Playground](#) was closed in April for safety concerns. Our HOA board is working to resolve this.

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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