



HAMMOCKS UPDATE

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HAMMOCKS GROUNDS IN SUMMER

During the summer, the Hammocks ponds fill, the grass turns green and flowers are at their best! Some of those scenes are below.



The grounds are beautiful!



Trees in bloom in front of 8500 Amberjack Way.



Ixora in full bloom.



A great blue heron catches some rays at the pool!



Ixora in the Villas.

SUMMER WORK

Facilities Manager John Schwab is repairing if needed; power washing and sealing the air conditioning units behind Hammocks buildings. By summer's end, all the AC stands should be in very good condition.

There is a new router in the Hammocks clubhouse. The Wi-Fi ID is Hammocks Clubhouse and the password is *hammocks*. To use WiFi at the pool or fitness center you have an option to sign into the unsecured Community Xfinity account which is free, or sign into the locked Xfinity Wi-Fi and use your personal account with your individual user name and password.

NEW MANUALS TO ASSIST OWNERS

Hurricane Preparedness Plan & Emergency Procedures 2020: The Hammocks' emergency manual will guide Hammocks residents' response to emergencies. It is an operational manual for behavior, safety, and protection of residents and visitors to the property when an emergency occurs. The manual directs residents in identifying and reporting specific emergency situations threatening the Hammocks. It is located on the Hammocks website under the heading *About Us/Tips for Owners*:

<https://www.hammockscapahazefl.com/about/tips-for-owners/>

Preserve Association Policies, Procedures, and Information Manual: This Preserve Association Board of Directors' document is a MUST HAVE for all residents. It contains policies and procedures that ensure day-to-day operations run smoothly. Residents will find answers to questions from use of trash chutes to storing bicycles to fire codes and many others. The manual is located on the Hammocks website under the heading *Hammocks Preserve/ Hammocks Preserve Documents*: <https://www.hammockscapahazefl.com/hp/hammocks-preserve-documents/>

Florida's Fine Feathered Friends Karen Ackinson

They are not your mother's blue jays. Certain areas of Florida are home to rare Florida scrub jays. These funny birds are a delight to behold although sadly, their numbers are diminishing due to loss of habitat and other factors. They are federally designated as threatened and are the only bird that is endemic to Florida. The Florida scrub jay looks nothing like a typical blue jay. They are blue and gray.

And when I say blue, I mean it is a beautiful shocking blue on their wings, head and tail. The jays live in areas of the state where there is an abundance of sand pine, scrubby flatwoods and oak scrub. The state of Florida has designated zones where the birds reside. It is interesting to note that the Hammocks lies within one of these zones.



The diet of the jays consists mainly of frogs, insects, mice, lizards and acorns. These birds remind me somewhat of squirrels as they share the same hoarding behaviors. The birds can be observed pecking acorns into the ground to store for a later meal. They will often take an item such as a leaf to mark the area of their buried treasure. Because they hop around on the ground a lot, they are at a significant danger of being struck by cars.

They live in "families" of up to six which include a breeding pair and their young "helper" birds. The phrase, "It takes a village," certainly applies to this species. The older offspring of the breeding pair will stay with the family for up to two years to help mom and dad raise their younger siblings. In addition, there is a designated sentinel in each family unit. They alert their family with a distinct squawking sound if there is a perceived threat to the nest such as a snake or predatory birds.

Scrub jays have a unique friendly nature for otherwise wildlife. Don't be surprised if you are standing within one of the scrub jay zones and one lands on your head or shoulder. They are not shy and are hoping that you may have a special treat for them. They LOVE raw peanuts in the shell. People enjoy feeding them so they will eat out of their hands. I must warn you that there is a significant fine for feeding them if you are caught. It is believed that feeding the birds may actually interfere with their breeding cycle furthering their diminishing numbers.

So, be kind to our fine feathered friends. They need all of our awareness and support. For more information about efforts to save these beautiful creatures, contact www.conserveflorida.org.



Please remember! Follow the rules!!!



Office Hours and Contact Information

Hammocks Office Closed Until Further Notice

Contact Information at All Times - Weekdays, Nights and Weekends

Contact Property Manager Kathy Dressel ~ Phone 941-698-2989 or propertymanager@hammockscapehaze.net

Non-emergency Issues: Complete a Work Order or Contact Property Manager (Work Orders Are On-line or in Rack on Wall Outside Office)

Questions? Contact a Board Member

(Contact Info at <http://www.hammockscapehaze.com>)

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