



It's that time of year again. As summer ends, back to school season is in full swing. For some parents, this may be the last year you cherish before sending your child off to college. While others may have little ones just entering the school system. School season is a time to look forward, get back on a routine, and out of the house. Many common areas that are heavily used in the summer become quiet with only weekend activity again. While we may have different emotions when thinking about the school season, one thing can't be denied. When school is in session, school buses will be on the road. When driving around town, remember to:

- **Slow down.** Speed limits in school zones are reduced for a reason.
- **Come to a complete stop.** Always come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.
- **Eliminate distractions.** Reduce risk by not using your cell phone or eating while driving, for example.
- **Reverse responsibly.** Every vehicle has blind spots. Check for children on the sidewalk, in the driveway and around your vehicle before slowly backing up.
- **Watch for bicycles.** If your child rides a bicycle to school, require that he or she wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet on every ride.

**Talk to your teen.** Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, and nearly one in four fatal crashes involving teen drivers.

By remaining diligent and alert, we can prevent needless injuries. Wishing everyone a safe, wonderful school year!

### Back to School party!

A back to school party could help bring the *community* back to your neighborhood. If your neighborhood has lots of children, why not consider an end of the summer party? An end of summer party could also be a great way for parents to meet and exchange information for carpooling. Some grilled hot dogs and cupcakes at the pool can create a back to school event that the kids will love on a shoestring budget. It may also provide the children with a bit of excitement and a chance to meet some of the kids in the neighborhood that will soon be traveling on the bus together each day.

For senior communities, a back to school celebration could come in the form of giving back. Invite your friends and neighbors to the clubhouse for some snacks and fun. Your back to school social can include a request for donations of school supplies. Not only is this a great way to give back, but it also serves as a reminder to slow down in school zones and look for school buses. Any supplies donated can then be donated to your local school. If there's a school close to your heart, call in advance and make a list with the supplies they need the most.

## Alligator in the lake!



Living in Florida, there is a very good chance that you're going to see an alligator in your association pond or lake.

Alligators can't be trained to stay out of your community ponds and lakes. Therefore; it is important to protect your association with preventative measures and education. Installing signs around your lakes and distributing newsletters with information on precautions and safety tips when enjoying the pond or lake in your community are a just a few measures that can be implemented. Please feel free to visit our website for a list of some additional preventative measures that owners should keep in mind when enjoying lakes or ponds.

## Feeding Wildlife

While it may seem harmless, feeding fish, birds, turtles, and other animals that may visit or live in your lakes, you may also be inadvertently feeding the gators. It is well known that alligators that get used to humans feeding them become a hazard to everyone. While that baby gator may seem cute at first, please remember that in a few short years that baby grows to become a predator looking to survive.



## FLORIDA LAW

68A-25.001 Feeding or Enticement-No person shall intentionally feed, or entice with

feed, any crocodylian unless held in captivity under permit issued by the FL FWC.

## So, when a sighting is reported, what can you do?

Contact SNAP. Florida does have a Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program or SNAP. In 2015, SNAP received 13, 962 nuisance alligator complaints statewide, resulting in the removal of 7, 513 nuisance alligators. When contacting to report an alligator sighting, please keep the below in mind.

1. For removal, the alligator must be at least 4' in length and pose a threat to people, pets, etc.
2. The complainant must be able to grant legal access to the property on which the nuisance alligator is located.
3. When a trapper is contacted to remove a gator, the gator will likely be captured and terminated.

## All management companies are not equal



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As the President of Communicue', I understand that choosing a management company is a big decision. When chosen properly, the right management team becomes a vital part of your associations day to day operations and instrumental in helping the Board achieve its goals. When you hire Communicue', you're hiring a company that promises to listen, engage, learn, and grow with your community. We take the time to understand your needs and manage your community in a way that protects your home, brings value to your association, and builds community while leaving a footprint of success year after year.

## How Do I Receive Future Newsletters?

We'd love to continue to send you newsletters that can be used as helpful tools for managing your association. If you'd like to continue to receive newsletters, please go to [www.communicuemgmt.com](http://www.communicuemgmt.com), click on 'Contact Us' and send us a comment that you would like to receive future newsletters. Once received, we will be more than happy to send future newsletters to you electronically.