

By **Bill Parsons**, Vice Chairman, Seven Oaks CDD

Residents Enjoy Seven Oaks Pools

Residents at Seven Oaks have the three pools and a Splash Water Park at the Seven Oaks Clubhouse that they can enjoy.

Junior-Olympic Lap Pool is the largest pool as it holds 185,500 gallons of water and 200 people. The clubhouse employees will add a lane line if any residents would like to swim laps.

Resort Pool is the second largest pool. It holds 93,000 gallons of water and can accommodate 102 people. Residents can use pool toys, noodles, small rafts, and water guns in this pool.

Wading Pool is the smallest pool holding only 885 gallons of water. It is designed to support a maximum of 13 children.

Splash Water Park holds 2,900 gallons of water and should not exceed 20 people.

The manager of the clubhouse, Theresa Flores, insures that the pools are well maintained. For example, the Water Splash Park perimeter needed repair. After she and Bryan Cooper, staff supervisor, researched alternatives, she recommended to the CDD Board that Aqua-Flex, which is tiny pebbles bonded together, be installed by Speciality Services for \$11,312. This surface will not chalk, shrink, or crumble. It has been installed at amusement parks such as Seaworld, Magic Kingdom, and Legoland.

Next year, the double water slide for the Junior-Olympic Lap Pool will be getting a “face lift”. The structural steel supports will be sandblasted, damaged railings replaced, structure repainted, and risers added to the stairs to close up spaces in between each step as an additional safety measure. Base on current bids, the total cost should not exceed \$60,000.



Speciality Services workers remove perimeter at the Splash Water Park. Aqua-Flex was chosen to replaced it (see picture below).



Residents in the Splash Water Park with new Aqua-Flex perimeter.



Barbie Vargas and her daughter, Lola, beside the Resort Pool.



Darrigo family and a friend beside the Junior-Olympic Lap Pool.



Reed Hellbaum slides down the double water slide into the Junior-Olympic Lap Pool. Resort Pool and Splash Water Park are in the background.



Natalya Burlakova with her son, Leonardo in the Junior-Olympic Lap Pool.



Fernando and Adrian Toro-Leon are in the Wading Pool.

Swimming Lessons at Seven Oaks

Swim Kids USA was started in 1985. In addition to teaching at Seven Oaks, they also teach at several local communities: Highland Park, Oakstead, Lexington Oaks, Meadow Pointe I, County Walk, Oak Creek, and Lake Bernadette. They offer classes for ages 1-6 that teach a 1-year-old how to swim back to the wall from 5 feet away to preparing a 6-year-old for a swimming team. The costs for these classes are a \$40 annual registration plus \$136 for eight 30 minute classes.

www.swimkidsusa.com



Swim instructor Lisa Maniscalco with Aiden Slaid Miller.

Infant Swimming Resource (ISR) is a technique that was started in 1966 that has been taught to over 200,000 infants and young children. At Seven Oaks and Tampa Palms, this technique is taught by Emma Grynbal. She has been teaching this technique for over 10 years. The classes for infants are 10 minutes Monday through Friday. Depending on the infant, it takes 3-6 weeks. The cost is \$80 per week.

www.tampaswimbabies.com



Emma Grynbal uses ISR to teach Harper Andress how to swim as his mother, Tori Baker (left), observes.