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# August / Sept 2014 Newsletter

## Please don't feed the Raccoons or other wildlife

First, it does not help the raccoons to feed them, and is harmful because the number of raccoons in an area increases with the abundance of food. When they become over crowded, they are prone to diseases and parasites. Secondly, feeding them makes them less fearful of humans. They become more aggressive, which can be dangerous



for children and pets. Thirdly, it increases the amount of damage done to other people's homes and properties, including your own. When you stop feeding them, they become very aggressive, and then there is nothing cute about them. They are wild animals that we should treat respectfully, but not encourage them with food.

Many people learn the hard way when they feed them—sometimes the price is high with property damage or harm to people and pets.

Conditions around the dumpster are noticeably better lately now that we



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have a larger dumpster. The raccoons are pulling less trash out into the parking lot and everything looks better.

Please try to remember that large objects such as mattresses, televisions, appliances and large electronics are to be placed outside the wood fence that surrounds the dumpster. Objects should be placed on the North side of the fence (facing away from the parking lot).

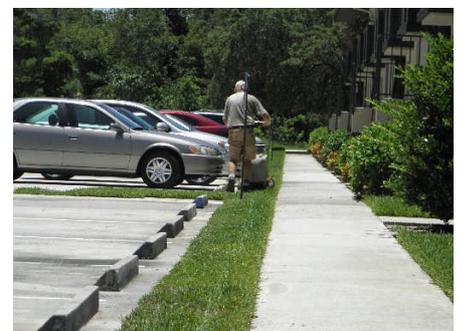
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## Pool

Right now our maintenance focus is on upgrading the pool area. You may have seen the new plants and now there is river rock around the trees and shrubs to provide a nice groundcover. Remember, children in the pool should always be supervised by a competent adult and noise and horseplay should be kept to a minimum so that all residents may enjoy the pool.

## Car Parking

Please remember to park your car a few feet back from the grass on Monday nights so Bill can mow and edge the grass on Tuesday morning.



## NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> 6PM