

WALDEN LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Newsletter



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WALDEN LAKE - KIDS-N-KANINES

EIGHTH ANNUAL HOWL-O-WEEN FESTIVAL



SATURDAY—OCTOBER 22th

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Walden Lake Community Association is hosting its Eighth Annual Kids-N-Kanines Howl-O-Ween Festival on Saturday, October 22ND from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Dog Park in the Polo Field.

All Walden Lake residents and their four-legged friends are invited to share in the fun with this free event. If you are coming, please call the office, [754-8999](tel:754-8999), or send an e-mail to betteg@waldenlake.org so we have enough goodies for all. This year's event will include:

Costume picture craft by Natalie Sweet & Associates

Decorate a pumpkin to take home

Games with prizes for all who attend

Moonwalk and 20 Foot Slide

Face Painter

Hay Rides for young and old

Costume contest for Kids and Kanines with prizes

Free Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips and Drink



COME JOIN THE FUN!

2017 Dues and Decals

In mid to late December you will receive your 2017 dues statement for the first half of 2017. The first half of 2017 dues will be due on January 1, 2017.

If your dues are current through 2016 and there are no other outstanding charges (such as interest) you will also receive in the same envelope, two auto decals for next year. If you need more than two, they will be available at our office. The cost for additional decals are: \$15 for one and \$25 each for two or more.

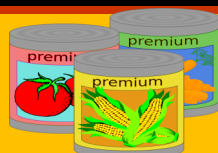
Please be sure to send your payment on time so you won't be charged any interest or administrative fees. You can, if you wish, pay the entire year in January. If you do not receive your statements by December 31, please call our office at 813-754-8999.

Dog Park Fees Reduced

Attention all Dog Owners. Beginning September 1, 2016, Dog Park Memberships are reduced for the remainder of 2016. You may join by coming to the office or contacting Bette Guarino at betteg@waldenlake.org to obtain a Membership Application or to arrange for membership by mail. The reduced fees are:

\$15.00	One Dog
\$20.00	Multiple Dogs
\$10.00	Key Deposit

Current shot and dog license information is necessary. Only residents who are current with their Walden Lake dues can become a new member. 2017 dues will be \$25 for one dog and \$40 for multiple dogs plus a \$10 key deposit.



In conjunction with Howl-O-Ween, WLCA will have a Food Bank Collection Box and ask all who attend to donate any non-perishable food items, to help feed the many hungry people in Plant City. The Food Bank has a motto of "A Hand UP Not a Hand Out". Any donations will be very much appreciated. Thank you for your past generosity. Please check the expiration date of all items you donate, as the Food Bank will not accept any "out-of-date" items.

PRESIDENTS CORNER—PRESIDENT DAN ORRICO



Members of Walden Lake Community Association

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for choosing to live in Walden Lake. I know that we all take pride in our homes and it shows by the way that the majority of our members maintain their property. Your neighbors, other members, and the board appreciates your efforts in keeping Walden Lake beautiful and the most desirable place to live in Plant City.

I would like to offer a special thank you to our landscape committee, our new Manager Tom Sholl, Total Landscaping, and our maintenance staff for all of their continued efforts in beautifying our community. I was very impressed with how fast both Plant City crews and our own maintenance team responded to clear the numerous downed trees throughout our community caused by Tropical Storm Hermine.

I hope that you have had the opportunity to drive and see the changes that continue to occur at your Walden Lake Sports Complex. It excites me to know that we are in the process of developing an amenity usable by all of our members and their families. We now have a nice Pavilion, a Baseball/Softball Field, a Soccer Field, Horseshoes, Tetherball, and Benches to relax on. The new Beach Volleyball Court is complete. The WLCA Inc. appreciates the hours of work of the Sports Complex Committee and of note, the numerous volunteer hours that our member Jim Hall tirelessly donates to the Sports Complex improvements. I would also like to offer a special thank you to everyone for their donations large and small. All donations of any magnitude are welcomed and appreciated.

As a brief update, the WLCA Inc. is still involved in attempting to reach an outcome favorable to our community, with respect to the Walden Lake golf and country club property. We have approached this from a two prong strategy: First, we have engaged in ongoing discussions with the parties claiming an ownership interest in these facilities. Second, we have maintained an active role in both the application to rezone portions of this property and in the lawsuit filed to determine our community's rights with respect to the golf course and country club. Our objective remains to allow this community to maintain a right to determine the maintenance and quality of these facilities. As of the date of this article Visions Golf has not refiled its rezoning application after electing to withdraw the prior application several months ago. It remains our hope that any new application is both less extensive than the original proposal and acceptable to the majority of our residents. In return for the community's agreement to rezoning any portion of these properties, we will expect the owner of the golf course and country club to agree to the community's right to input about the operations of the remaining facilities and a right to prevent the facilities from being abandoned or to fall into disrepair. Reaching a proposed agreement on these issues is difficult due to the complexity of what will be required by that property owner and our community. If and when we have an agreement that the board feels minimizes the impacts on Walden Lake and is beneficial to its members, then we will hold a special meeting requiring a membership vote. We will adhere to the procedures outlined within our documents if that day ever comes. My personal view is that in the end when all the dust settles the golf and country club, the WLCA Inc. and its members will have to work together for the betterment of the community and to ensure quality amenities exists for its members.

Because we cannot simply wait for the owner of the golf course and country club to reach agreement with the community, as a brief update, the WLCA Inc. is still involved in maintaining its lawsuit against Visions Golf LLC. The lawsuit remains our alternative option to have the court confirm our rights with respect to the golf course and country club property, if the owner of that property refuses to agree to some reciprocal working relationship with this community. If no agreement is reached, the lawsuit is likely to proceed to trial next year.



Our National and Local Election Processes are in full swing as November is right around the corner. Take the opportunity to exercise your right as an American Citizen and get out and vote.

GENERAL ELECTION—NOVEMBER 8

**LOST AND FOUND
WHO DO THESE BELONG TO???**

We have a Lost and Found Box at our office (3035 Griffin Blvd). These items were found along roadways, walking paths, park, dog park and Sports Complex by residents or maintenance employees and turned in to our office. We have keys, key fobs, remote keys, prescription glasses, sunglasses, garage door openers, walkie talkies, shoes. If you have lost any items, please call or come by the office.



SPORTS COMPLEX — MAJOR PROJECTS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT



HORSESHOES

VENUE

Scoreboard
Benches for Horseshoe Pits
2 (1/4 mile Walking Path)
Benches and Trees on Hill
Irrigation for ball field
Pavement near dog park
White vinyl fencing on berm

Pavilion #2 20'x 20'
Pavilion #3 20'x 20'
Pavilion #4 20'x 20'
Pavilion #5 20'x 20'
Irrigation for Complex



VOLLEYBALL



Sponsorships or Contributions would gladly be accepted for these venues.

Pledge forms available at the WLCA Office.

- Special thank you to **Jarrett Scott Ford** for their sponsorship of the Volleyball Sand Court and thank you to the **residents and O'Brien's Irish Pub** for their donations toward the Volleyball Court .
- **Plant It Earth** for their Donation for the Ball Field.
- Trees for the berm were donated by **Emerald Forest HOA** .
- Horseshoe pits were donated by **Bob & Alicia Powell**.
- Tetherball donated **by Dan & Shelly Orrico**.
- Benches donated by **Robert & Sharon Philbin, The Sweet Team and Greenacre Properties**.
- Thank you to the anonymous donor.
- WLCA has built one pavilion, grill, picnic tables and benches on the berms and installed the Soccer Field, Four Square Pads (2), Parking stops, water fountain and porta potty.



TETHERBALL

WLCA has a 5 year plan toward completion of the sport complex.



FREE COMMUNITY ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, November 12, 2016—9:00 AM—3:00PM

Please bring all items to the drop off area in the parking lot at the WLCA Office located at 3035 Griffin Blvd., Plant City, FL!

Items Accepted

Video Game Systems/Consoles, Controllers
Camera (Photo/Video Equipment)
Network Equipment (Routers, Modems, Servers, etc.)
Digital TV Boxes (TIVO, Direct TV, etc.)
Stereo Systems (Speakers, Amplifiers, etc.)
Radios, Tape Players
VCR's, DVD Players, Blu-Ray Players
Musical Equipment (Guitar/Bass Amplifiers & Effects, etc.)
All Types of Wire, Cables, Cords, Connectors & Adapters
Microwaves, Small Household Appliances
Commercial Copiers
Fitness Equipment
Uninterrupted Power Supplies (personal & network)

Flat Screen Monitors
LCD & Plasma TV's
Computers (Desktops and Laptops)
Computer components (Mice, Keyboards, Speakers, External Drives, Cards, etc.)
Main Frames, Servers, Docking Stations, Network Hubs
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Telephones, Cell Phones & Desk Phones (and telecom equipment)
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MP3 Players, Ipods, etc.

Services are provided by **MPact Services, LLC**. For more information regarding this event and/or acceptable items, please contact: Matt McCarty @ 813-601-6221, mmccarty1029@gmail.com or visit our website at: www.mpactservicesusa.com.





Feral Cats

It has come to our attention many communities are having problems with stray and feral cats. Yes, it is a real tragedy we have cats abandoned but it becomes a real issue when people feed them. If people are going to feed a stray animal, then they assume the responsibility for that animal and need to either take the animal in or find a home for it. When fertile cats continue to have kittens and live in the wild that is the real tragedy. Many of these cats have diseases that can be passed on to people's pets. Unfortunately there is no cure or vaccinations for some of these diseases. The life expectancy is short and many of the kittens don't make it to adulthood. Without proper veterinarian care the cats don't have much of a chance.

When the cats are fed the colony grows. This is creating a litter box problem for everyone as the cats will use the flower beds for their bathroom. Your neighbors didn't buy into having cats all over the place because they are being fed by someone. When the cats gather and start howling and screeching or when they start fighting amongst themselves it is a real horrible sound and can keep neighbors up at night or wake them up. It is just not being a good neighbor when this is encouraged in the community.

The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) will neuter these feral cats but feel they can't be adopted out until they are domesticated. You would have to catch the animal, take it to SPCA pay a fee for neutering it and then you can return it to the wild or domesticate it and make it a part of your family. Hillsborough Animal Control can issue citations and fines to those feeding these animals according to **Animal Ordinance 00-26, amended section 3, rabies vaccine and section 16, contagious diseases.**

Please consider everyone and stop feeding the strays. It encourages other wild animals to the neighborhood and it certainly isn't beneficial to any community.



Feral cat with a tipped ear indicating it was neutered in a [trap-neuter-return](#) program.

STORM WATER COVERS/DRAINS

Please do not place yard waste or any kind of debris on top of the Storm Water Covers/drains as seen in this photo. This is a Plant City Policy and a hazard to our ponds as debris often ends up floating down the drain. All debris and garbage is to be put at the end of the driveway, either side, for pick up. Do not put out until the evening before or morning of pick up. Violation letters from your homeowners association may be sent if this procedure is not followed.



Help Stop Mosquitoes from Living and Multiplying Around Your Home



Did you know that standing water around your home can support the breeding of mosquitoes? Mosquitoes breed by laying eggs in and near standing water. As little as one teaspoon or bottle cap of water standing for more than one week is enough for mosquitoes to breed and multiply. Additionally, many bothersome mosquitoes typically only travel a few hundred feet from their breeding site.

You can help stop mosquitoes from breeding by using these tips:

- ◆ At least once a week, empty, turn over or cover anything that could hold water: tires, buckets, toys, pools and pool covers, bird-baths, trash containers, recycling bins, boat or car covers, roof gutters, coolers, and pet dishes.
- ◆ Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances, and other items that may collect water.
- ◆ Put away items that are outside and not being used because they could hold standing water.
- ◆ Keep flower pots and saucers free of standing water. Some plants, such as bromeliads, hold water in their leaves—flush out water-holding plants with your hose once a week.
- ◆ Maintain swimming pools in good condition and chlorination.

For more tips on preventing or reducing mosquitoes, visit HCFLGov.net/MosquitoNinja. You can also report a mosquito-related issues to Hillsborough County Mosquito Control by calling (813) 635-5400.


LANDSCAPING UPDATE

- Removed diseased palm trees at the Timberlane guard house and replaced with bottle brush trees and viburnum plants.
- Continue to trim hedges.
- Started lifting of the tree canopies throughout the community along Timberlane Dr. and Griffin Blvd.
- Installed "Slippery when wet" signs at bridges.
- Installed new stop signs at trail paths.
- Thinning out of medians for safety concerns of visibility.
- Planting Jasmine in some of the cul-de-sacs.
- Planting Fall annuals at the entrances/exits to Walden Lake.
- Updating plants at some entrances of the individual neighborhoods.
- Continue to work with the City to remove dead or dying trees from the medians and City Right of Ways.



BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS: APRIL 2017

If you are interested in running for the Walden Lake Community Association Board of Directors in April, 2017, contact [Jan Griffin @ 813-754-8685](#) or billjangriffin@gmail.com. Three positions will be up for election.

 **SHARP EYES:** IF YOU FIND YOUR ADDRESS HIDDEN IN THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL WIN \$25 CASH. CALL 754-8999 AND TELL US WHERE YOU FOUND IT. (ADDRESS LABEL DOES NOT COUNT).



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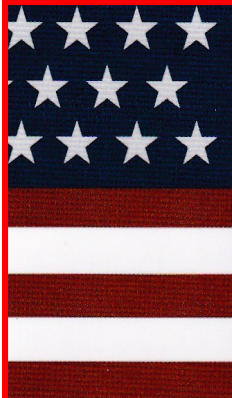
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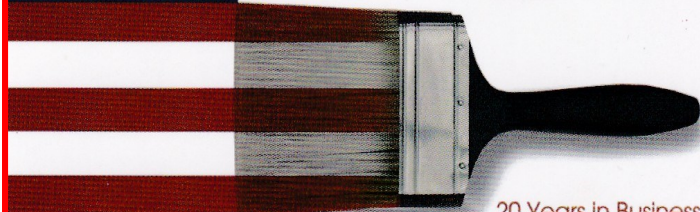
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- L. Howard, Stevenson Street

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- o **Experience:** Selling real estate for 25 years & still going strong.
 - Closed \$1,139,990 in sales from May 3- June 3, 2016 (Your home could be next!)
- o **Community:** Walden Lake resident for 30 years
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[Walden Lake Community Homeowners Assoc.](#)



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

It's hard to believe, but it's that time of the year again! Time to start getting ready for the Annual Christmas Decorating Contest for the neighborhood entrances. The same judging format used last year will be used again this year.

The categories to be judged:
Traditional Theme: Trees, wreaths, lights, etc.
Whimsical Theme: Santa, toys, trains, etc.
Lights Predominant: Illumination with no apparent theme

The subdivisions have been classified as Small, Medium or Large. The size of the subdivision or display will not be a factor when judging. **Judging will be on Sunday, December 11th, shortly after dark.**

CASH PRIZES:

\$150.00 1st place;
\$100.00 for 2nd place;
\$75.00 for 3rd place
\$175-Grand Prize



Total prizes to be awarded are 10. Signs will be placed at every winning display showing what place was awarded. By **November 1st**, please send to the Walden Lake volunteer which Category best suits your subdivision. For those with multiple entrances please designate which entrance you would like judged. Send this information to: **Mary Jane Wagoner @ mjwagoner5757@gmail.com.**

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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CODE ENFORCEMENT	659-4200
TRAY TOWLES	Ext. 4141

OTHER

WALDEN LAKE GOLF & CC	752-1171
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



It is almost time to "fall back" into Standard Time. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, which means you'll want to turn your clocks back before you go to bed Saturday night, Nov. 5.

What will you do with your extra hour?

