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Fall 2017

WALDEN LAKE KIDS-N-KANINES NINTH ANNUAL HOWL-O-WEEN FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST 1:00PM -4:00 PM

FREE FOR ALL

HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS SNOW CONES & COTTON CANDY Costume picture craft by Natalie Sweet & Team Pumpkin to decorate and take home Moonwalk and 20 Foot Slide Hay ride for young and old Over 15 games with prizes Face Painter



COSTUME CONTEST

Kid Ages 0-12 with 6 age brackets Most Original, Scariest, Cutest & Prettiest Kanines 1st-4th Place Team Contest: One family/Kanine combo 1st-3rd Place Times will be posted on waldenlake.org

All Walden Lake residents and their four legged friends are invited to share in the fun with this free event. If you are planning on attending, please send an e-mail to the office at <u>betteg@waldenlake.org</u> with number of attendees and ages of children so we have enough goodies for all or call the office 754-8999.

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PRESIDENTS CORNER - SHARON PHILBIN



Residents,

With elections looming this fall, please allow me to state the rules for temporary and campaign signs as stated on the Plant City website as well as our own WLCA HOA policy. <u>www.waldenlake.org</u>

Plant City requirements for Temporary Signs on Right-of-Ways:

Temporary signs shall not be located within the public right-of-way (which includes most of the linear grassy area adjacent to the roadway), publicly-owned land, or easement for the use of the public or public utility service providers. Note: As a guide, utility poles are typically located within the public right-of-way, and where there are sidewalks, the sidewalk and everything between the sidewalk and the street is within the right-of-way.

Temporary Signs on Private Property:

Temporary signs may only be placed on private property – and only with the owner's permission.

Obstructions:

Signage shall not obstruct or impair access to public property or right-ofway, traffic control signs, bus stops, or fire hydrants.

Method of Posting:

Signage and/or banners are not allowed to be tacked, nailed, posted or affixed in any manner on trees, utility poles, fences, rocks, or other such supporting structures.

Proximity to Right-of-Way and Property Lines:

No part of any sign shall be located within 5' of any property line or rightof-way.

Length of Posting:

Temporary signs may be posted for up to 90 days, at which time the sign must be removed or replaced.

Procedure for collection of temporary signs by the Code Enforcement Department:

Inspectors will only collect those temporary signs which are located on or project over public rights-of-way, publicly-owned land, or easement for the use of the public or public utility service providers. Such prohibited signs shall include, but not be limited to, handbills, posters, advertisements, or notices that are attached in any way to or upon lampposts, telephone poles, utility poles, bridges, sidewalks or other public property or improvements.

Individuals who violate the City's temporary sign ordinance may be fined up to \$250 a day for a first offense.

WLCA CC&R's pertaining to campaign signs:

No Political, or signs of any type, are permitted on WLCA <u>common</u> areas

Enforcement:

WLCA reserves the right to remove all signs not in compliance with these policies.



<u>Note: It is up to each subdivision to enforce its individual</u> <u>sign restrictions within their subdivision.</u>

GOLF COURSE UPDATE as of 9/18/2017

As of 9/6/2017, Today's Bank of Arkansas, first mortgage holder of WLGC property owned by Visions Golf,LLC, was granted by the Court the right to appoint a Receiver to oversee the golf course property. The Receiver will more than likely begin evaluating the condition of the course very soon and implement what needs to be done to prepare the golf course for foreclosure sale.

Definition of a receivership: In law, receivership is a situation in which an institution or enterprise is held by a receiver—a person "placed in the custodial responsibility for the property of others, including tangible and intangible assets and rights"—especially in cases where a company cannot meet financial obligations or enters bankruptcy or foreclosure.



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Do you want to receive e-mails that alert you to crime reports and happenings in Walden Lake? Do you want to be able to access WLCA Agendas, Minutes and Financials? Do you want to be able to access your individual HOA documents, Board information and ACC forms? If you do, then register on <u>waldenlake.org</u> with the registration code **Greenacre2017**.

WLCA SURVEY RESULTS

For the results of the survey in the last newsletter go to:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/ SM-9VZ2PLCL8/



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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 CATAGORIES TO BE JUDGED

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

The size of the subdivision or display will not be a factor when judging. Judging will be on Tuesday, December 12th, shortly after dark.

CASH PRIZES: \$150.00—1st place \$100.00—2nd place \$75.00—3rd place \$175.00—Grand Prize



Total prizes to be awarded are 10. Signs will be placed at every winning display showing what place was awarded. By **November 6th**, 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 @ mjwagoner 5757@gmail.com.

AFTER THE STORM-----

Landscaping Update

A special thank you to the WLCA maintenance staff for the cleanup of Walden Lake in a very timely manner. They worked many long hours to bring us back to normal. There will be continuous clean-up for falling limbs and other debris left by the storm.

Also, The City of Plant City has done a great job picking up debris in a timely manner and will continue to do so.

Bridge on path behind Spring Meadow





DOG PARK FEES REDUCED

Attention all Dog Owners. Beginning September 1, 2017, Dog Park Memberships are reduced for the remainder of 2017. 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. 2018 dues will be \$25 for one dog and \$40 for multiple dogs plus a \$10 key deposit.



WIN \$25 CASH: Find YOUR address in this newsletter. (address label doesn't count). Call 813-754-8999 and tell us where you found it to claim your prize!



Maintenance staff, Larry Truman and Kenny Hall remove one of the many fallen trees from the walking paths.

WALDEN LAKE DOCK

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HELP US FILL OUR EMPTY SHELVES

With the holidays quickly approaching, our shelves are desperately in need of restocking. We had an extremely high need this summer and distributed over 700 kid bags each week with kid friendly items such as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, fruit cups and macaroni and cheese. Now, we are starting from scratch to build those supplies back up to ensure we can provide the same amount of food for the upcoming holiday breaks.

In August alone, we distributed over 118,000 pounds of food and served 3,300 of our fellow residents. It's support from neighbors like you, which ensures us the ability to provide food for individuals during difficult and challenging times. Some just really do need a hand up! We appreciate your consideration and any non-perishable food items and/or monetary donations are always welcomed.

Donation Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8am-4pm, Tues. 8am-6:30pm United Food Bank is located at 702 E. Also brook, Suite H





Thank you to Walden Lake Residents who have donated to the food bank this year. Total lbs. donated are 1562 through August. We will continue to accept donations at the WLCA office, 3035 Griffin Blvd. 8:30am-5:00pm ,M-F.



FOOD DONATION WISHLIST

United Food Bank of Plant City 702 E. Alsobrook Street, Suite H Plant City, FL 33563 Phone: 813.764.0625 Email: mheysek@ufbpc.org

Business Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri 8am-4pm Tues. 8am-6:30pm

HELP US FILL OUR EMPTY SHELVE

canned tuna

canned chicken canned beef stews canned salmon bean soups canned or dried beans baked beans canned chili peanut butter canned nuts rice and rice mixes canned pastas noodle mixes dry noodles and pastas macaroni and cheese mix cold cereals bran cereal shredded wheat hot cereal mixes oatmeal bread, muffin, and pancake mixes whole-grain crackers granola bars granola bars flour bread nonfat dry milk evaporated milk instant breakfast drinks shelf-stable (UHT) milk (small boxes) canned and boxed pudding canned vegetables vegetable soup canned tomato products spaghetti sauce V-8 juice canned fruit raisins applesauce dried fruits fruit leather (100% fruit) canned and boxed 100% juice vegetable oil salad dressing syrup jelly and jam honey sugar

2017 DUES AND DECALS

In mid to late December watch your mail for your 2018 dues statement. The first half of annual dues will be due on January 1, 2018. If you wish, you can pay the entire amount in January. In the same envelope, you will also receive 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 a \$25 late

fee. If you do not receive your statements by December 31, please call our office at 813-754-8999.



Thank You For Not Feeding Us Bread

Bread makes us ill, as it does not contain the right nutrition or calories that we need to keep us warm in winter.

Rotting bread pollutes our water and causes nasty surface algae, which kills our fish and gives us diseases. It also makes our water smell WE DO LIKE:

Do Like: Dut seedless grapes, cooked rice, birdseed, peas, corn, oats and chopped lettuce



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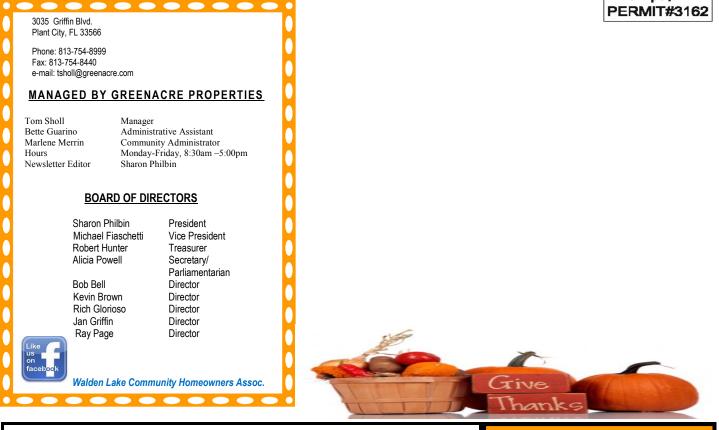
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Kids and golf carts don't mix!



AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN?





GOLF CART INJURY STATISTICS

- 13,000 accidents each year
- 40% involve children under 16
- 50% from falling out of cart
- Rear facing pose highest risk
- No rear brakes on carts causing fishtailing

The most common causes of golf cart injuries and deaths are:

- Overcrowding with too many passengers;
- Arms or legs hanging outside the cart;
- Sharp turns;
- Sudden reversal while going downhill;
- Driving in wet or uneven terrain; and
- Driver distractions such as eating, drinking, or cell phone use.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

CITY OF PLANT CITY

FIRE RESCUE,		
NON-EMERGENCY	757-9131	
POLICE,		
NON-EMERGENCY	757-9200	
TRASH REMOVAL	659-4200	
WATER & SEWER	659-4200	
CODE ENFORCEMENT	659-4200	
TRAY TOWLES	Ext. 4150	
<u>OTHER</u>		
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY		
ANIMAL CONTROL	744-5660	
	Ext. 281	

FALL BACK-DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT 2AM, SUNDAY NOV. 5. TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK BEFORE YOU GO TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT, NOV. 4

