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**Walden Lake Community Association** 

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PRESIDENTS CORNER- By Michael Fiaschetti

# **Dear WLCA Residents**

As you are all aware at this point the world is facing a pandemic, Coronavirus or COVID-19 has been spreading and governments are working hard to minimize the impact. These are unusual times for all of us and the stress is evident in our community. The WLCA board has taken this very seriously and the following measures have been put in place to combat the spread in our community. The safety and well being of our residents and staff are our number one priority.

- The HOA office is closed to residents, staff will work with dog park renewals, decals, and all other requests by utilizing
  night drop box and then placing items outside for pick up. Staff is still available by phone 813-754-8999 and email
  betteg@waldenlake.org, mmerrin@waldenlake.org, manager@waldenlake.org.
- Maintenance staff are continuing their responsibilities but will always stay 6 feet from residents who are walking the community.
- Hand sanitizer had been placed in guard shacks.
- We have canceled the annual garage sale; we will look to reschedule in the Fall after the hot months and hopefully virus has passed.
- Playground equipment will be sprayed with disinfectant or wiped down daily
- We will be posting any announcements and updates from government agencies on our website, waldenlake.org
- Board meetings will be done virtually, including the annual meeting. We are in the process of evaluating and purchasing software to allow for interactive meetings to take place.
- We will continue to modify processes and procedures to ensure the safety of all.

# **Security Update**

We have received many complaints about our current security company. The board is currently sending out a request for proposal (RFP) to multiple security companies to identify a possible replacement. In the interim, the Safety committee and our Property Manager has been in constant contact with the current provider to enhance the level of service we receive.

Additionally, work will soon begin on enhanced video monitoring at both guard shacks and new camera installation at unmanned gates, lake, dog park and athletic complex.

# **Director Not Seeking Reelection**

Please join me in thanking Sharon Philbin for her years of service on the board. Sharon's term is up this April and she has decided not to run again. Sharon has served as Director, Vice President and President as well as chair of multiple committees. Her hard work and dedication have been truly appreciated; she will be missed.

# PLANT CITY INSTALLING NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

By Mike MacLellan CAM

Plant City employees and contractors will be installing a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Timberlane and Griffin (the south leg of the intersection). The exact dates of the installation are yet to be determined, but the current plan is to be finished before the end of March.

The crossing will include installation of a 'Refuge Island' in the center median of Timberlane, painting the road with a cross hatch pattern and installing press-to-flash lights on either shoulder of Timberlane.

Fred Baxter (Traffic Operations Manager) said traffic disruption will be minimal as their equipment can stage in the space between lanes at the intersection during construction. He suggested that traffic will be diverted from one lane to the other as the crosshatch lines are painted on the road surface. He said this traffic diversion should only last a couple of hours. They will have people providing traffic control when they do this.







# A Message to our fellow Walden Lake neighbors from Law Office of HERMAN AND HERMAN



As our community endures the current medical and financial crisis, we share our prayers and belief that better days are ahead. Our office remains open, with many services available by phone and Internet, as experience has proved that legal needs often arise during these times. Stay safe and well. Harley Herman, Esq.

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### NEIGHBORHOOD PRESIDENTS

Each of the 30 neighborhoods in Walden Lake has a President and Board who volunteer their time for each of their residents. Some of the duties of the President and Board include:

Attend monthly/quarterly meetings with Neighborhood Board; Attend quarterly WLCA Board Presidents Meeting: Serve as Liaison with Master Association Board and Staff for neighborhood;

Respond to e-mails/phone calls from residents;

Monitor/Approve architectural requests/approvals from residents;

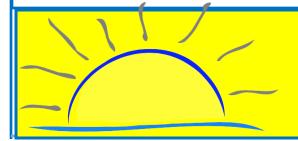
Deed Restriction enforcements, if not managed by outside firm. If managed by outside firm, work closely with that firm;

Monitor and maintain HOA financial, corporate and State/IRS records;

Organize social activities for HOA, and other issues as needed.

Below is a listing of the Presidents for each of the neighborhoods who give of their time graciously and tirelessly for their residents. Please remember to give your neighborhood Board members your thanks for all their hard work.

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# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Walden Lake Park—7am—April 12 By Plant City Church of God Bring your lawn chairs. (Subject to change)

## SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKING THE WLCA PATHS

Information Presented by WLCA Community Association Manager Mike MacLellan

Walk with a friend: And bring your cell phone.

Bring water and a snack

Wear a hat and sunscreen

Watch your footing

Start out slowly: And work up to your intended speed.

**Wear insect repellent:** Wear light-colored clothing and avoid perfumes or colognes. If you encounter bees, do not disturb them. Remain calm and quietly move away until bees are out of sight. If bees attack, do the following:

- Run away in a straight line and take shelter inside a car or building as soon as possible.
- Use your arms and hands or shirt to shield your face and eyes from stings. Do not try to fight the bees. Do not scream. Do not swat at bees or wave your arms.
- Do not jump into water or thick brush.
- If someone is stung by a bee and becomes dizzy, nauseated or has difficulty breathing, an allergic reaction to the sting may be occurring. This is a serious medical emergency and 911 should be called for immediate medical treatment.

Be weather wise and aware of pending lightning: Don't get caught outside in a thunderstorm. Get inside as soon as you hear thunder. Run to a substantial building or hard-topped metal vehicle as fast as you can. If you can't get to a safe building or vehicle do the following:

- Avoid open areas. Don't be the tallest object in the area.
- Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers or utility poles. Lightning tends to strike the taller objects in an area.
- Retreat to dense areas of smaller trees that are surrounded by larger trees or retreat to low lying areas (e.g., valleys, ditches) but watch for flooding.
- Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences. Metal does not attract lightning but lightning can travel long distances through it. If you are with a group of people, spread out.

Beware of and avoid wildlife/snakes/alligators: Never feed or approach any wildlife. Us a flashlight at night – many animals feed at night and the flashlight may warn them away. Heed the same advice for both snakes and alligators – Give it space and back away. If you have to go by it, give it a very wide berth.

Keeps pets on leashes: This will protect your pet from wild animals and protect other people and pets from yours. It is also a WLCA rule.

# **NEW SENATE BILL AFFECTING HOA'S**

Homeowners associations can't stop police vehicles from parking in neighborhoods

The new law comes in response to a 2019 incident in an East Lake neighborhood.



**SB476** explicitly states that marked law enforcement vehicles can't be prevented from parking in neighborhoods. The bill was passed unanimously in both the House and Senate and quickly signed by Governor Ron DeSantis.



### UNITED FOOD BANK



Thank you for your continued support of the United Food Bank. You may drop your donations off at the WLCA Office, 3035 Griffin Blvd, Monday-Friday, 8:30am—5:00pm.



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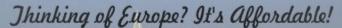


# NEW TAX FILING DEADLINE DATE

Tax Day has been moved from April 15 to July 15. All taxpayers and businesses will have this additional time to file and make payments without interest or penalties.











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### **MANAGED BY GREENACRE PROPERTIES**

Michael MacLellan Interim Manager

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Michael Fiaschetti
Sharon Philibin
Bob Bell
Alicia Powell
Secretary/
Parliamentarian
Director

Larry Britt Director Rich Glorioso Director Robert Norton Director Peter Weronik Director



Walden Lake Community Association

# STAY SAFE EVERYONE

# WLCA BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES

The following residents are nominees for Walden Lake Community Association Board of Directors and listed alphabetically:

Robert 'Bob' Bell Ray Page
Keith Carlough Ellen Sisco
Blake Meinicke Charles Tomes

A total of three (3) seats are up for election. The (3) highest vote getters will be elected for (3) year terms.

The election will be held at the Walden Lake Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00PM. The meeting will be done virtually. Information on this will be forthcoming.



**POSTPONED** 

DATE: TBD

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