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Walden Lake Community Association

Fall 2020

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PRESIDENTS CORNER—ALICIA POWELL

Dear WLCA Residents:

Fall is here!! I know we all are looking forward to cooler weather.

Playground update: The playground equipment has been repaired and a new ground surface was installed. We are waiting for the fence to be installed (First week in October) around the equipment to keep the children safe while playing. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, the playground will be open. Thank- you for your patience during the time it was closed.

The Special Events Committee will be having a drive-thru Halloween event on October 31st. Because of Covid-19, we felt we had to make a change to keep everyone safe. Please read this newsletter for all the information about this event. We also hope to have Breakfast with Santa again this year in December.

I hope everyone is taking advantage of our monthly Food Trucks. In addition to them being here on the last Sunday of every month, we have started having a Food Truck on the 2nd Friday of every month. Watch for information on our entrance signs and our website.

The latest on the development front is the Planning & Zoning Division Staff did not support Walden Lake LLC's Text Amendment PC/CPA 20-01 or Walden Lake Map Amendment PC/CPA 20-02. Information regarding this can be found on our website: waldenlake.org.



2020 DUES AND DECALS

Around mid-December you will receive your 2021 dues statement for the first half of 2021. The first half of the Annual Dues are due on January 1st, 2021.

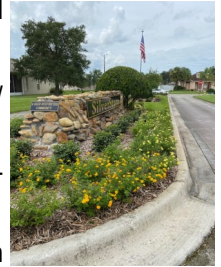
In the same envelope, you will also receive two auto decals for next year. If you need more than two, they will be available at our office. The cost for additional decals is \$15 for one and \$25 each for two or more.

Please be sure to send your payment on time to avoid interest or a \$25 late fee. You can pay the entire year if you wish. If you do not receive your statement by December 31st, please call the WLCA Office at 813-754-8999.

LANDSCAPING

The Landscaping Committee has been working hard to beautify our community. We meet every week on Thursday.

- ◆ The main entrances at Trapnell and Mud Lake at Griffin have been upgraded with annuals and perennials, as well as new shrubs and lighting.
- ◆ The entrance to Silverstone has been completely redone with new lighting, a flagpole and new plantings.
- ◆ New hedges are being installed along the fence on Griffin Boulevard outside the entrance.
- ◆ Work has started at Spring Meadow and Juniper Place will soon follow.



We have conceived a Master Plan to update the entire community on a rotating basis. We will be updating each entrance and its islands and cul-de-sacs. Photos have been taken of all entrances, islands and cul-de-sacs as part of a power point presentation to the Board of Directors for approval.

DOG PARK FEES REDUCED

Attention Dog Owners. Beginning September 15, 2020, New Dog Park Memberships were reduced for the remainder of 2020. You may join by coming to the WLCA 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:

- \$25.00 – One Dog
- \$40.00 - Multiple Dogs
- \$10.00 - Key Deposit

Current shot and dog license information is necessary. Only residents who are current on their dues can become a new member. 2021 Dues will be \$35 for one dog and \$50 for multiple dogs plus a \$10 key deposit.

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Walden Lake and The Sweet Team Breakfast with Santa!

Saturday

December 5th, 9:00AM-Noon

Walden Lake Community Center

Please RSVP -813-754-8999

betteg@waldenlake.org

Due to Covid 19 all safety measures will be implemented: masks, social distancing. In all probability, there will be no sitting on Santa's lap. A stool/chair will be provided next to Santa for children to sit and talk to him.

**There is the possibility the event may be cancelled due to Covid 19.



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SCAVENGER HUNT FOR KIDS



In lieu of the fall festival this year Walden Lake will be having a Halloween scavenger hunt for the kids. The scavenger hunt will take place on Halloween from 10am - 2pm and prizes will be handed out at the office from noon - 3pm. Registration and hunt lists will be available at the office Oct 14 - 16 from 4pm to 6pm.



MARGIE GONZALEZ CELEBRATING HER "90TH" BIRTHDAY COVID-19 STYLE



SEW GRATEFULL

Ellen Sisco has tirelessly sewn and donated over 1,000 face masks to residents of Walden Lake.

Thank You




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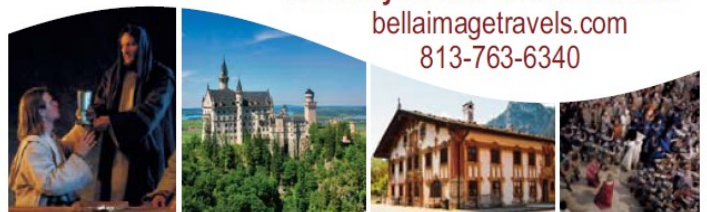
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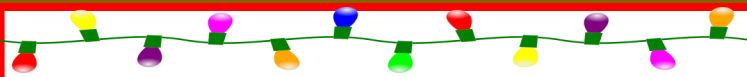
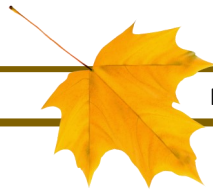
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST



Here it is, the time to start getting ready for the Annual Christmas Decorating Contest which turns our entrances into fantasy lands. The format has changed from previous years as we will no longer have a Whimsical category.

CATEGORIES TO BE JUDGED:
TRADITIONAL (all holiday with a theme)
ILLUMINATION (lights with no apparent theme)



CASH PRIZES
1st Place: \$150 - 2nd Place: \$100
3rd Place: \$150 - Grand Prize: \$175
Honorable Mention: \$50 (2 per category)



JUDGING WILL BE ON DEC. 8TH SHORTLY AFTER DARK.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support of The United Food Bank of Plant City. WLCA will continue to accept donations Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm, at our office, 3035 Griffin Boulevard. Every donation counts and is very much appreciated.



DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK

SUNDAY NOV 1

We are on Angie's List*

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Managers Corner – September 2020

Project Updates

- 1. Video Camera Project** – The installation of video cameras at 6 locations and the upgrade of cameras at the office has been completed. The new cameras are able to record activity 24/7 and can be accessed remotely from the WLCA office.

The locations include: The Alexander and Trapnell entrances (at the guard shacks), the Turkey Creek entrance, the Mud Lake entrance, the Paddocks entrance and the Lake Park area. The existing cameras at the office were supplemented with additional cameras that combined, provide a view directly around the office and maintenance shed, as well as over the majority of the sports complex.

The cameras at the guard shacks can view traffic coming into and traffic leaving the community. This infrastructure also allowed an upgrade of the phone service at the guard shacks.

The cameras located at the Turkey Creek, Mud Lake and Paddocks entrances are also able to view traffic both entering and leaving the community. At the Lake Park area we have installed 5 cameras that allow remote viewing and recording of most of the park area, including the parking lot, the dock/gazebo, the stage and the playground equipment.

Signs stating that these areas are under video observation have been ordered and will be installed shortly.

- 2. Walking Path Repair Project** – In the interest of safety for our many residents that use the numerous walking paths

in Walden Lake, repairs to the badly damaged areas of the path have been completed by our paving contractor. We thank all of you for your patience during this project.

Additionally, our own Maintenance Team has also performed a number of repairs to the less damaged areas of concern. One more location near Eagle Greens is under investigation and will be repaired soon, which will complete the project for the time being.

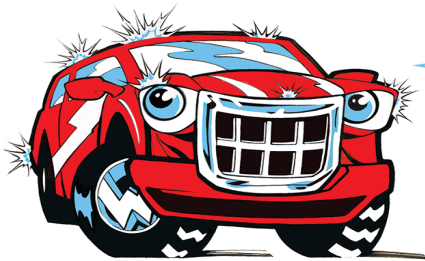
If you use the paths, I encourage you to report any damage or other problems that you see to the office (at 813-754-8999) so we can address it right away. Please also be aware that we have repaired only those sections that are owned by the Master Association. We did not and cannot provide repairs to the golf cart paths that are owned by the Developer.

- 3. Playground Equipment at Lake Park** – A number of playground equipment components that were deemed unsafe have been either repaired or replaced by a certified playground contractor. Additionally, the rubber mulch playground surface which has outlived its safety function has been replaced with a new “Poured-in-Place” soft rubberized surface.

The last piece of the ‘Safety’ puzzle is the installation of a fence around the playground. The fence has been ordered and installation is scheduled for the first week in October (barring weather delays). The fence is a required safety component before opening the playground to the public, due to its proximity to both the lake and the nearby road (Timberlane Dr.).

We are all anxious and committed to get this community feature opened for all to use, as soon as possible.

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Andre The Giant

Andre was a Coton (mix between Bichon and Maltese). The American Kennel Association describes the breed as "The Coton de Tulear, "Royal Dog of Madagascar," is a bright, happy-go-lucky companion dog whose favorite activities include clowning, cavorting and following their

special human around the house. We rescued Andre from my daughter when he was about 9 years old. Cheryl was his "special human" as he followed her around the house all the time. She always knew what he needed and besides he was just nosy and wanted to be a part of eve-

rything. He always looked at you with those "what are you going to do next" eyes wanting attention.

He loved to play with his special "squeaky" toys, trying to kill the squeak by tearing the squeaker out of it. Since I was afraid he'd swallow the squeaker I bought him a Wubba toy that he could not get the squeaker out. I would give it to him and tell him to squeak it and he would for hours. He liked for me to throw it across the floor and he would chase it down and then play keep away from me. We would do this for hours. He was tireless.

When it was time to eat, he would sit and stare at me or Cheryl to feed him. If we did not do our job immediately, he would start to whine, would not take no for an answer and why should he, he was the Royal Dog of Madagascar. He was sometimes annoying and when his age and ongoing disc issues got the best of him, he passed on this spring. Now that he is gone, we sure do miss him.

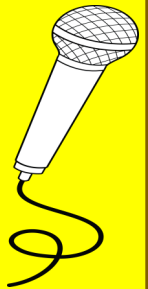
Bob & Cheryl Norton

POOL DRAINAGE AND RETENTION PONDS



During this rainy season, as swimming pools fill up with rain water, please DO NOT drain your pool directly into a nearby pond or lake. The chlorine, even from salt-generator systems, upsets the balance of the pond ecosystem and plays a role in green algae (or other pesky growth) in the ponds. Rather, please drain your pools out front into the street gutters because by the time this water reaches the lakes or ponds it has lost most of its chlorine through dilution and evaporation.

Residents, if you are interested in having a Drive-In Movie Night and/or Open Mic Night, please contact Betteg@waldenlake.org to express your interest.



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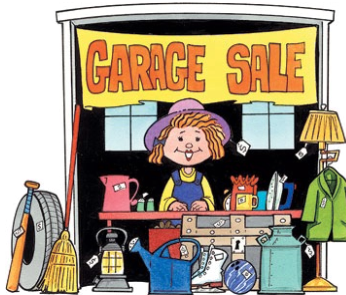


**10th ANNUAL COMMUNITY- WIDE
 GARAGE SALE—SATURDAY,
 NOVEMBER 7TH, 8:00AM-2:00PM**

Start cleaning our your closets and garages as it is time for the WLCA Annual Garage Sale.

Walden Lake will provide:

- ◆ Advertisement in local newspapers, WLCA website and Facebook.
- ◆ Community-Wide signage directing shoppers to your neighborhood.



We will only put signs in front of the neighborhoods that have residents participating. There will also be directional signs along Timberlane and both Griffin Boulevards. If you are participating please e-mail Bette Guarino at betteg@waldenlake.org.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS WILL CONTINUE ON THE 2ND FRIDAY AND LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE: WALDENLAKE.ORG

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