

Presidents Corner—Alicia Powell

Happy Spring WLCA Residents!

Springtime means the threat of a freeze is over and we can start improving the entrances to our community. WLCA will be installing new plants, flowers and bushes that will add color to the landscape. Keep an eye out for the beautification.



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

As of this writing, WLCA has no new information about the development of the golf course property. When the Board receives new information, it will be posted on our website: waldenlake.org. You can also go Plant City's website: plantcitygov.com for information they may have posted.

DIRECTORS NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION

Please join me in thanking Michael Fiaschetti, Robert Norton, and Peter Weronik for their years of service on the board. Their hard work and dedication has been greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Rich Glorioso for his years of service on the board. Rich serves on multiple boards throughout Plant City and is stepping down from the board here at Walden Lake. He has served multiple terms as a Director and as President. All four gentlemen will be missed.



Michael Fiaschetti



Robert Norton



Peter Weronik



Rich Glorioso

Annual Meeting

No Election – New Directors

MEETING: The WLCA Annual Meeting will be held April 15th, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Plant City Church of God. The Church address is 2103 Mud Lake Rd.

Following COVID-19 guidelines the Church can accommodate up to 150 people, so seating should be plentiful. If you cannot attend in person, we invite you to view the online livestream of the meeting (*link to the event on the WLCA website*). We will also record the livestream and make it available to watch on our website at your convenience.

NO ELECTION: With the early resignation of one board member, there were **four** vacant seats rather than the usual three seats. Since **four** candidates applied to run, there is no need for an election. **The four nominees are: Ellen Sisco, Jim Hall, Sharon Philbin and Mona Soltau.**

Please join the Board of Directors in welcoming the new Directors and thanking them for their commitments of time, energy and thought to your Association. We all look forward to working with them in the coming years.

VOTE FOR TAX ROLLOVER: Your Annual Meeting Second Notice contains a proxy ballot that you need to return. Every year the members need to approve the rollover of any excess funds (IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604) to avoid unnecessarily paying federal income tax. The Association recommends a "Yes" vote.



FREE SHREDDING EVENT!

Join Malissa Crawford and The Crawford Group of Coldwell Banker Realty April 17th between 8:00-11:00 AM at the WLCA Office for free shredding (limit 3 boxes per person), complimentary coffee & muffins, and register to win some awesome prizes!

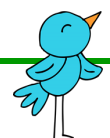
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WALDEN LAKE NEIGHBOR HOSTS DRIVE-BY LUNCHEON

On Thursday, January 14, a muscle car led a line of well-wishers past the Walden Lake residence of Attorney Jeraldine Williams. The 75-year-old native of Ybor City sat in a high-back leather chair on an oriental rug, sipped her champagne and greeted passersby with a royal wave.

The Covid-19 virtual birthday luncheon was enhanced by a storyboard of Williams' 75 year Celebration of Life. Five 3' x 8' colorful banners that were erected to remind some, and introduce other family, friends, and neighbors to the honoree's vibrant right-of-passage into the **GRITS (Girls Raised In The South)** Society.

Caveat: Williams, an African American, grew up in the racially segregated central Florida city of Tampa. Her visual autobiography reflects her transitions such as moving from an all-Black grade school to integrating the University of Florida's

College of Journalism and Communications, being recognized as the first Black ever to win in the National Hearst Journalism Competition, serving as an official observer in South Africa's first election in which Africans were allowed to vote.

Her five picture panels presented Jeraldine: "Down through the Ages," from pre-school to today; "With..." dignitaries and politicians including: US Vice President Hubert Humphrey, US President Jimmy Carter, South Africa President Nelson Mandela, Liberia President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, United States ambassadors, Muhammad Ali, and Denzel Washington; "With..." family members; "Enjoying" horseback riding, scuba diving, hot air ballooning, and white water rafting; and "Traveling In..." destinations such as South Africa, Morocco, Egypt, London, Paris, Turkey, Germany, Netherlands.

Guests presented a bounty of gifts, and accepted a savory take-away lunch of stewed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, string beans, dinner roll, and peach cobbler.

Popular and gospel music whirled through warm and still airwaves, while the aroma of barbecuing pork and chicken aroused Southern palates.

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SAFETY FIRST – SPEEDING, GOLF CARTS, CRIME, WILDLIFE

WLCA is committed to your safety and that of your neighbors. The Board has renewed periodic meetings with the new Chief of Police to discuss safety issues and enforcement. Please remember that the main roads in Walden Lake are Plant City streets with rules and regulations enforced by the Plant City Police Department.

SPEEDING: The Police Department has been informed of the numerous complaints of speeding throughout the community. As a result the PD has stepped up speed enforcement and will continue to do so.

GOLF CARTS: The WLCA Golf Cart policy adheres to the County and City ordinances and applies when operating a cart on community property. The policy includes driver's license requirement (age restriction), insurance requirement, etc. Please see our full policy in the 'Resources' tab of the WLCA website. PCPD patrols will now be watching for golf cart infractions.



CRIME: We are fortunate to live in a community where crime is low. That said, Walden Lake still experiences occasional crimes of opportunity. PCPD reminded us that you can easily prevent such crimes by locking your doors at night, locking your car at night and NOT leaving valuables in plain sight in your vehicle.

WILDLIFE: All of the abundant wildlife found in Walden Lake should be respected and left alone. This includes our **Alligator** population. The gator mating season has begun and we have had reports of gator sightings on several of our ponds and big lake. This is normal at this time of year.

We live in alligator territory and need to coexist with these *protected* reptiles. WLCA does not trap, remove, or otherwise interact with alligators. If an alligator is being *aggressive towards humans*, you or WLCA can contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). If they confirm the aggressive behavior, they may employ a trapper to try and catch the reptile which would then be euthanized.











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Melissa

Easter Bunny's helpers, Melissa Fiaschetti and Cheryl Norton preparing the baskets for the Easter Drive -Thru Event that was held on March 20.



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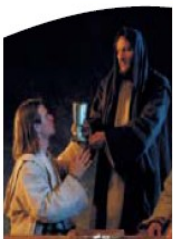
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Spring To Life! By Carol C Weathersbee



Ah, springtime! It's the season of fragrant flowers blooming, milder temperatures, and sunnier days. We seem to abound with more energy, feel more positive, and walk with that proverbial "spring in our step".

If you're feeling the mood-boosting effects of spring, chances are your dog is feeling it too! If your pet pal is bouncing around the house with excessive energy, it just may be that your four-legged friend has sprung spring fever!

Indulge your dog's demands and help your pet positively express this sudden burst of springtime energy by increasing your dog's daily activity. This will not only reduce rambunctious behavior but will engage your pet's senses and provide healthy, mental stimulation.

Look no further than your own backyard, because our Walden Lake Community has many solutions.

1. **Dog Park:** Frolicking freely in a wide-open field must be every dog's dream! If your dog is friendly and needs playmates, you're sure to find more than a few friends here. Or if your dog prefers one-on-one playtime with just you, seek out times when you and your dog can enjoy a game of frisbee or fetch when others aren't around. The dog park requires a paid membership, so be sure to contact the office for details.
2. **Lakeside Trail:** Peak your dog's senses while exploring the sights and scents of this lush, native scenery where the shade and breeze are compliments of nature's trees. Curious pets will delight in discovering new turf, sniffing bushes, and peering under rocks and moss. Dogs must be leashed. Remember to bring water for hydration and a bag or two for scooping up your dog's poop.
3. **Community Sidewalks:** Lace up your shoes and leash up your dog and take a stroll or jog along our community sidewalks. You'll both enjoy the fresh air, as well as meeting and greeting good neighbors along the way. Dogs must be leashed. Remember to bring water for hydration and a bag or two for scooping up your dog's poop.

Of course, before increasing your dog's exercise be sure to check with your veterinarian to determine what is an appropriate amount of exercise based on weight, overall health, age, etc. The ultimate goal is to ensure a happy, healthy pet as you journey through life together.



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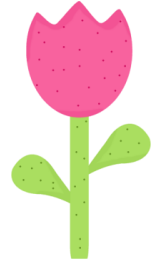
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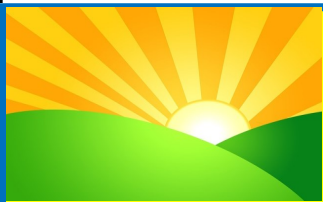
The City of Plant City had the new trash carts in our office for a couple of weeks before they needed to take them to another community. The picture gives you a visual of the difference in size. The smallest cart is 30 gallons, the medium is 65 gallons and the large is 95 gallons. You can go to the city’s website and have most of your questions answered about the program. We do not have the room to answer all the many questions, but the most common question was *Will my monthly rate for solid waste collection change? Below is the answer.*

Yes. The rates for the new program are: \$27.50 for 95-gallon cart, \$25.50 for 65-gallon cart and \$23.00 for 35-gallon cart. This includes the same level of service currently provided: trash collection twice weekly, recycling and yard waste collection once weekly, bulk items collected as needed, and one free grabber load collected per 12 month period. Front door service will still be provided for qualified residents.

<https://www.plantcitygov.com/solid-waste/page/cart-curb-automated-trash-collection>

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