

# Newsletter



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Walden Lake Community Association

Fall 2021



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IT'S A WALDEN LAKE

DRIVE-BY HALLOWEEN

trick or treat

Halloween Goodie Bag  
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23TH FROM  
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MUST HAVE WLCA DECAL  
ON VEHICLE

FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO ENJOY  
SOME SPOOKY TREATS





**PRESIDENTS CORNER—Alicia Powell**

**Greetings Walden Lake Residents:**

WLCA has been busy since Spring refurbishing our entrances and cul de sacs with new plants and flowers.

The Park and Sports Complex amenities are available for all residents to use for free whenever they choose. We are experiencing ongoing issues with residents using the pavilion and park and not cleaning up afterwards. Please use the trash cans provided and if you have more than the cans can hold, please take home, and put out with your trash on your designated trash day. By leaving the trash out, it attracts insects and animals which then leaves a big mess for other residents wishing to use the amenities. These are amenities for all to enjoy.



I would also like to remind residents that the use of golf carts should be restricted to dropping off

and picking up children at the elementary school. No one should operate a golf cart without a valid driver's license.



WLCA continues to monitor Walden Lake LLC and the City for any development news.

We would also like to welcome Castle Group as our new management company as of July 16, 2021.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events: Halloween Drive-Thru is October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Annual Garage Sale is November 6<sup>th</sup> and the Santa Event is December 4<sup>th</sup>.



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## GUIDELINES FOR USING OUR TRAILS/PATHS

We are so fortunate to live in a community that has over 6 miles of paved trails/paths. They are a tremendous asset but with this asset there are some responsibilities. These trails are shared by walkers, runners, and bikers. Everyone has a responsibility to make them safe for all. Walkers and runners need to be alert, walk on the right side of the path not in middle.



Make sure you can hear if someone is coming up behind you, stay alert. Bikers your task is to make sure when you are approaching someone you warn them that you are there and let them know what side you will be passing on. Some use a bell as a warning but that doesn't tell the other person what you are doing, only that you are there. If you want to ride your bike faster than 10 miles an hour, then the trail around the lake is not for you, because there are too many curves, blind corners, and steep drop offs to make it safe for you and for those you pass.



Dog walkers you have a responsibility to your animals to keep them safe by having them on a leash and making sure you pick up after them. If we all follow these simple guidelines, the paths will be safe and fun for all.



## 2022 DUES AND DECALS



Around mid-December you will receive your 2022 dues statement for the first half of 2022. The first half of the Annual Dues are due on January 1, 2022.

Please be sure to send your payment on time to avoid any interest or a late fee. You can pay the entire year, if you wish.

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



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## IRRIGATION SERVICE & REPAIR

Broken sprinklers? Controller acting up?  
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### MR. D IS BACK!

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*\*proper identification required*



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813.404.7819

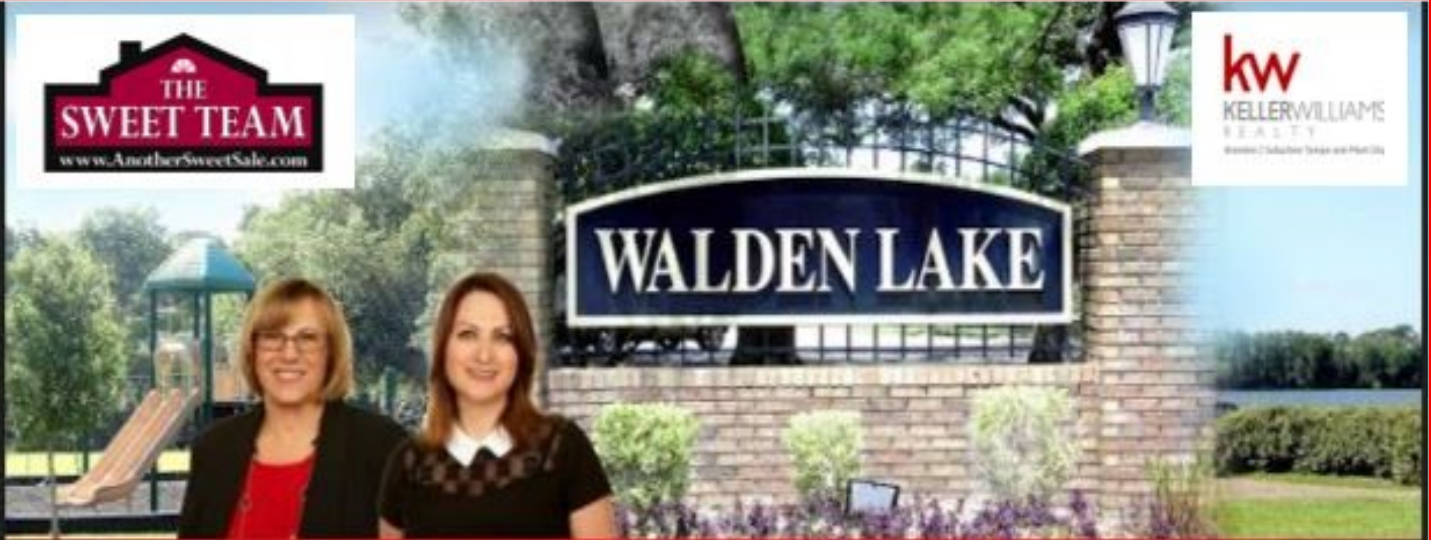




**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4,**  
**SANTA EVENT**  
**9:00am-12Noon**  
**WLCA OFFICE**



*Due to Covid, it has not been decided if this event will be held indoors or outdoors. More information will be provided on our Website and Facebook page as the date gets closer.*



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Harley Herman: 2015 Plant City Bar President

**As we battle Covid19  
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## Chamber Awards

- Business of the Year Award
- Small Business Award
- Entrepreneur of the Year Award
- Customer Service Award
- Best Community Event Award
- Downtown Enrichment Award
- City Beautification Award
- Community Service Award

## Reader's Choice

**BEST COFFEE Award**  
*7 years running*



*Thank you*  
PLANT CITY

Check us out on Facebook & Instagram. Better yet, just Check Us Out





### WLCA WELCOMES NEW PROPERTY MANAGER

We are pleased to announce that Sebastiaan Leendertz with Castle Group has become the new property manager for WLCA as of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Sebastiaan has worked in the property management industry for almost 5 years and is a Licensed Community Association Manager within the state of Florida. He began as an executive assistant for Castle Group on Longboat Key and quickly acquired his CAM license after a few months into the role. He has managed portfolio property management accounts in Bradenton, St. Pete,

Indian Rocks Beach, Tampa, and Riverview. He most recently managed two townhome Associations with 264 homeowners and 340 homeowners.

Sebastiaan is originally from Pennsylvania and went to school in Massachusetts. He graduated cum laude from Bridgewater State University with a degree in Communications and a concentration in Public Relations and Media Studies. After completing his degree, he moved to Florida with his future wife in 2015.

Sebastiaan was recently married in December of 2020 and is looking forward to building a family. His passion outside of work is sports and he enjoys spending time with his family/friends.

**We welcome Sebastiaan to Walden Lake!**

### BE THOUGHTFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS



**DON'T LET YOUR DOG(S) BARK CONTINUOUSLY**



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### ANIMAL ATTRACTION—By Carol C Weathersbee

You and your canine companions are not the only ones visiting the Walden Lake Dog Park these days. Pause a moment to look around, and you'll quickly discover native wildlife critters who hop, skip, scamper, and fly on just about any day you visit! The swift motions of these lively critters may attract your dog's attention, causing abrupt pulling and landing you smack-dab in the bushes! Properly leashing your pup when walking to and from the park will help you maintain control during these sudden bursts of excitement.

So, what is the safer option: a collar or a harness?



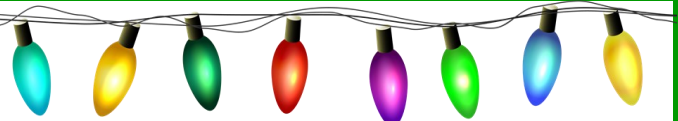
- Collars are the most common. They're economical and offered in various style options, materials, and sizes. Most dogs wear a flat collar displaying their ID tag. However, many professionals caution against attaching a leash to these collars because active or strong dogs can easily pull free from them.
- Choke collars and prong collars are commonly used by professional dog trainers as a means of correction. However, trainers recommend using these collars under their supervision as they are not designed for everyday activity
- Harnesses are designed to fit comfortably around your dog's chest and torso, thereby alleviating pressure on the neck. Most harnesses come equipped with a back clip or a front clip. The back clip harness is suitable for toy breeds and brachycephalic breeds prone to obstructive breathing, such as pugs, French bulldogs, etc. Dogs with long slender necks, such as Greyhounds, can also be safely managed using this type of harness. The front clip harness is designed to discourage dogs who are strong



pullers. However, professionals suggest using caution with this harness as it can be too constricting and may cause musculature and posture issues. Outfitting your pet pal with the proper collar or harness ensures safe and enjoyable walks for both of you. With so many options to choose from, it may require a little trial and error on your part to learn which options are comfortable for your pet while giving you solid control. As with all your pet's needs, consult with your veterinarian to address specific issues regarding your canine companion.

Information from this article was derived from the American Kennel Club blog, "Should My Puppy Wear a Harness or Collar? Choosing the Safest Option", by Jean Bauhaus.

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/puppy-information/puppy-wear-harness-collar-choosing-safest-option>



### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Here it is that time of the year again! Time to get ready for the Annual Christmas Decorating Contest for the neighborhood entrances.



\* Entries will not be judged by categories but on overall appearance.

\* **Judging will be held on December 13th, shortly after dark.**

There will be (6) cash prizes awarded:

**A GRAND PRIZE WINNER**  
**1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place**  
**(2) Honorable Mention**





## WALDEN LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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### MANAGED BY CASTLE GROUP

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## 11TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 8:00AM-2:00PM

Start cleaning out your closets and garage 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.

Signs will be put 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](mailto:betteg@waldenlake.org).



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OTHER	
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NOVEMBER 7  
**Fall**  
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