



Newsletter

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Walden Lake Community Association

SUMMER 2023

PRESIDENTS CORNER—SCOTT COLLINS

It is hard for me to believe we are already at the mid-point of 2023. Where does the time go?

First, I want to welcome and introduce to the community residents our new property manager, Sue Williamson. She brings years of property management experience, and we look forward to a long-term relationship with her. If you stop by the WLCA office, please introduce yourself and reach out to her or the staff if you have any issues or if we can be of any help. I also want to welcome Dan Orrico, Vice President, back to the Board.

I have to mention an ongoing problem: We have a continued problem with underage individuals operating golf carts and other ATVs in the community. Not only are they trespassing on the vacant golf course property, but they are trespassing on our community residents' property. Additionally, non-residents are using our community properties as well. In response to this issue, we have renewed all our Trespass Authorizations with the Plant City Police Department (PCPD) for our community owned properties. If you see a violation, please reach out to the PCPD and they will respond accordingly.



Another point on this subject is the State of Florida has changed the law on operating golf carts in Florida. The golf cart driving age in Florida is currently 14 years old. In summary the new law (HB 949, <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2023/949>) states, If you're under 18, you have to be at least 15 with a learner's permit or 16 with a driver's license. If you're 18 and older, you must have valid government-issued identification. **The law goes into effect July 1st.** Please be aware of this change, drivers could face a noncriminal traffic violation.

It is an honor for me to serve this Community as President and myself as well as all Board members are always open to any suggestions you may have to improve our community. Please be involved.

As always, our HOA meetings are held on the third Monday of everyone month @ 6:30pm.



HELLO
SUMMER

MEET YOUR NEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER

Please join us in welcoming Sue Williamson as Walden Lake's new Association Manager. Sue brings to our community over 20 years of building and facility services and 8 years of association experience. She moved here from Michigan ten years ago, but has owned property in Florida for 35 years. Sue holds many designations in Association Management and attended Michigan State University for Turfgrass.



Sue leads by setting attainable standards and positive leadership. Over a few seasons, she plans to make a significant impact on the appearance of our community.



Dan Orrico presenting the Wreath from Walden Lake



Mona Soltau, Ray Page & Dan Orrico

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SACRIFICED MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT PLANT CITY AMERICAN LEGION POST #126

Each year the American Legion has sponsored this very special ceremony to remember those service personnel who have passed away the previous year, and to keep the memory alive of those who are missing or being held as POW's and to honor those who are still serving. This year, Vice President Dan Orrico represented Walden Lake and presented a floral memorial for those who have fought and who are fighting for our freedom. Board members Ray Page and Mona Soltau also attended the service. The spray was then set out at the front entrance of the community for all to enjoy. We sincerely appreciate our military and find this a very small, respectful way to honor them.



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When most of us are enjoying time at the pool or beach, injuries aren't the first thing on our minds. Yet, drownings are a leading cause of injury death for young children ages 1 to 14, and three children die every day as a result of drowning. In fact, drowning kills more children 1-4 than anything else except birth defects.

- Never leave a child unattended in or near water.
- Assign a 'water watcher' to keep track of children.
- Ensure all pools and spas both in your backyard and any public pool you might visit have compliant drain covers.
- Teach children to stay away from drains.
- Install proper barriers, locks and alarms on and around your pool.
- Teach children how to swim.
- Know how to perform CPR on children and adults.

FISHING RULES



Summer and fishing go together like ham and eggs. Unfortunately for those who like to dunk a worm under a shade tree, there is very limited legal fishing in Walden Lake.

Here are the rules:

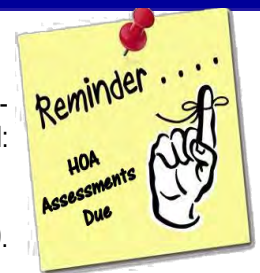
- **Walden Lake:** The big lake is the only legal place for all residents to fish.
- Fishing is only allowed for Walden Lake residents.
- **Retention Ponds:** Residents who own property on the pond and any permitted guests of the resident may fish on the pond from the resident's property only.
- No person shall trespass on any lot or parcel to fish.
- The water from the lake and or ponds may contain chemicals from water run-off. No one shall consume or ingest or allow another person or animal to consume or ingest anything caught within the water bodies.



DUES REMINDER

The 2nd half maintenance fees are due July 1st. If you have not received your statement or have any questions regarding your account, contact Desirae Bruton at Greenacre Properties @ 813-936-4131 or email: dbruton@greenacre.com. If you have paid your dues in full please disregard the notice.

If you are unable to pay your dues by July 31, 2023, please contact our office immediately @ 813-754-8999. We will make every effort to work with you on a payment plan.



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- June 25th Sheila Q BBQ
- July 14th LaCasa de Mama Juana
- July 30th Piggy Palace
- August 11th Super Grouper
- August 27th Bacon Boss

Food Trucks will continue on the 2nd Friday and 4th Sunday of each month. Watch for information on our website or community signs for any time or schedule changes.



A Strange and Patriotic Coincidence

Three of America's founding fathers perished on a Fourth of July. John Adams (the nation's second president) and Thomas Jefferson (the nation's third president) died five hours apart on the same Fourth of July in 1826. James Monroe (the nation's fifth president) expired on the Fourth of July in 1831, exactly five years later.

The Poop Fairy Doesn't Exist

Grab it. Bag it.
Toss it.



Scoop the poop!



VIEW OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are excited to announce we have changed and updated our website, waldenlake.org. Stay in the loop and receive communications from Walden Lake by registering on the website. Get started by visiting the community's website and clicking on the "Resident Login" link displayed in the upper-right-hand corner. (<https://waldenlake.org/resident-login/>)

Once logged in, please visit the User Profile page (<https://waldenlake.org/user-profile/>) to review and update your contact information to ensure your details and preferences are current.

The Calendar will have all happenings in Walden Lake for the month. You can access the WLCA Zoom meetings by going to the calendar and clicking on link as well as individual neighborhood information. Any questions, call the office 813-754-8999.

CONGRATULATIONS!
CLASS OF
2023

Why is July considered the middle of the year? There are 365 days a year, and July 1st is the 182nd day of the year, placing the month of July right in the middle of the annual calendar.



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FOOD BANK-DONATIONS NEEDED FOR KIDS



The Food Bank is handing out Kids Food Bags during the summer. They are in desperate need of kid friendly foods such as: **Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti's , Soups and Juice Boxes.**



Please drop these items off at the WLCA Office, Monday thru Friday, 8:30am-5pm. We will make sure they get to the Food Bank to help the kids this summer.

As always, your donations are very much appreciated.



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****Board meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month @ 6:30PM.**

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JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

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Tuesday, July 4, 2023
(rainout date Wednesday, July 5—fireworks only)
6:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

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