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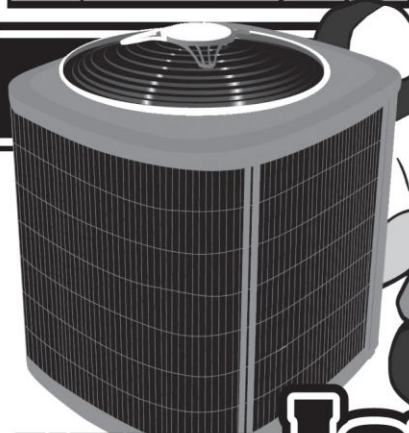
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EVERYONE! Please Read This.
This issue has become a HUGE Problem here at Lake Heron.

Getting the Scoop on Poop



Pooches for the Planet

Q What's worse than picking up dog poop?
 Stepping in it.

Q What's even worse than that?
 Swimming in, fishing in or drinking water that has dog poop in it.

Rainwater can wash those little presents your pooch leaves on the ground into streams and rivers leading to Tampa Bay, or directly to the bay itself. Just like human waste, **dog poop poses a threat to both public health and water quality.** It contributes harmful bacteria that can make people ill, as well as **excessive nutrients that cause algae blooms and rob the water of oxygen** needed to support fish and other aquatic life.

Join the "Pooches for the Planet" pack and pick up after your dog. It's easy, it's neighborly, and it's the healthy thing to do ... for you and for Tampa Bay.



Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey estimate that pet waste may be responsible for 20 to 30 percent of the harmful bacteria found in America's waterways.

Scoop that Poop!

Pooches for the Planet

You can help keep local waterways, parks and your own neighborhood clean by taking the following actions:



Pick up after your pet. Flushing pet waste down the toilet is best, because then it is treated at a sewage treatment plant.



Never put waste into storm drains. They flow into streams or rivers leading to Tampa Bay, or into the bay directly.



Bag your dog's waste and put it in a trash can if flushing down the toilet is not feasible. Newspaper bags or plastic grocery bags are great for dog poop disposal. Bag dispensers that clip to a leash also are widely available at pet supply shops.



Spread the word about the harmful impacts of dog poop on our waters to your friends and neighbors, and encourage them to join the "Pooches for the Planet" pack!

**CLEAN YARDS
 CLEAN WATERS
 and clean shoes!**

For more information, visit www.tbep.org or call (727) 893-2765.



Cover model: Maisy Stream

LAKE Heron News and Updates, from Ron Bowman

We are finally making progress in the re-stocking of grass eating carp. Barriers have been installed over the two outlet pipes. This is meant to keep the young carp from exiting the lake. LH can now pass the FWC inspection.

Aquatic Systems Inc can release the fish as soon as FWC gives final approval. There should be an immediate impact to the grassy shore areas. I'll notify you all when the release date is decided.

For those that have called/or voiced concern about the very large alligator. At this time, it has not been aggressive or even attentive towards people. Residents MUST NOT feed it or try to attract it in any way. It is against the law to feed alligators and can draw a sizable fine from the State. While it has behaved, residents should still be cognizant of its presence. It would be wise to not have your pets along the water's edge, especially at night.

I've also been asked to remind everyone that all of the docks and backyards are private property and should not be used without permission of the individual owners. There are two "community owned" common areas. One is behind the pool and the other is the covered dock in our park. These two areas are open for residents to enjoy. Now that the water has cooled a bit, the fishing has been excellent.

With the Holidays approaching, it would be great to see more lakeside residents display some decorative lighting at the rear of their homes.. The amount of lighting seems to increase each year, let's hope 2011 follows that trend.

Happy Holidays to All, from The Lake Committee !!

LAKE HERON 2012 ELECTION

The good news is we tentatively have enough Lake Heron candidates running for the board this year to have an election. Please do your part and vote. We could stand some new faces on the board and a lot more help with the committees. In the past we had several social gatherings but in recent years very few. Finally someone offered to host the Christmas Social. The social committee needs new members with various ideas for our socials. This is a great way to visit with the old and new neighbors. Do your part for the community and join a committee. 'I'm just too busy' is not an option.

~Max Saus



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PANDA-bare.org's 2011 Food Drive for Families

Hello Fellow Lake Heron Neighbor,

This year I am going to place a **"Feeding America-Tampa Bay"** collection box by each mailbox, **starting on November 12th, and ending January 21st.** For those **who would like to donate can food goods.**

Just so that there is **NO misunderstanding**, I will be coming by your house on **December 10th**, to pick up **any monetary donation** you wish to make, and personally **"Thank You"** for your support of the Pasco Area Naturist Development Association (PANDA) **"3rd Annual Food Drive"**. **Please do not hand me any food goods while I am collecting.** It will make it hard on me to carry them around. If you offer me any food goods, I will tell you to, **"Please place those food goods in the box"**. If you tell me that you have donated food goods, and do not want to make a monetary donation at this time I will understand. And I want you to know that I do appreciate the thought. **The Food Drive will end on January 21, 2012.**

I have been asked by many, **"When will this box be emptied?"** They will be emptied as needed or at least twice a week. **Also if it is raining, John Copeland or myself will pull the boxes**, because they are not made of weather proof cardboard. But I will put them back after the wet weather has left the area. If you see anyone removing any food, (besides John or myself) please remind them that the food there is to help to feed others, and ask them to put the food back in the box. **Thank you.**

I will present myself with **Photo Identification**, so that you know who I am, and **I will accept "Cash or Checks" only.** I would please ask that you make your **"Tax-Deductible"** checks out to **"Feeding America Tampa Bay, Suncoast Branch"**, and please write on the check **"Lake Heron"**, so that **PANDA** can keep track of all donations and give credit where credit is due. **I am not asking that anyone donate any set amount.** I would rather ask for whatever you feel comfortable in donating. **If you are not going to be home** when I stop by, Please mail your donation to: **PANDAbare.org** 23110 State Road 54 #269 Lutz, FL 33549 or you could stop by and drop off your donation, to my home located at 21502 Woodstork Lane.

On behalf of **PANDA**, and myself, **Thank You so much**, and may you & your family have a wonderful Holiday season.

Chris Mulvaney
Panda Blood Drive & Food Drive Coordinator

From November 12th to November 23, Lake Heron has donated 139 lbs. of food to the Feeding America – Tampa Bay Food Bank, so far. This is Awesome !!!! Thank you so very much.



COME ONE, COME ALL!

Lake Heron Christmas Party

Saturday December 10

6:30pm

Lake Heron Clubhouse

GIFT EXCHANGE (\$10)

Meats & Soft Drinks Provided

Bring a Covered Dish Or Dessert to Share



BEST LAWN EVER

Brothers Pest Control has done a great job of getting the grass to grow in our yard. Before they treated it we only had bare spots and weeds. They came back periodically to spot spray our problem areas. You do have to water your lawn regularly to get the same results. If you are having some problems with your lawn, contact the Grounds Committee to see if Brothers can help.

Max & Carole Saus

From GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Thanks for the wonderful compliment which I will pass on. Yes, Brothers takes great pride in their properties. They treat for bugs, weeds and fertilize regularly. The owners are certified lawn care specialist and keep up with product innovations that suit Lake Heron needs.

Ruth Copeland

President's Report – 2011 Recap

As we approach the year-end it's a good time to look back at what the Association did this year and look forward as well. A committee reviewed our Deed Restrictions and suggested several changes to clarify certain sections and to create staggered two year terms for Directors.

The Board of Directors is guided by a mission statement. It is; "The mission of the Board of Directors is to enforce the Covenant and Deed Restrictions so as to maximize real estate values, maintain the community as a highly desirable place to live but also to operate as economically and efficiently as possible."

The Board completed several projects; new roofs on 26 residences, resealed the asphalt on two streets, printed a revised New Residents Guide, trimmed trees and replaced the large shade in the pool area. The spa has been closed and in 2012 we will complete the job. Various ideas are being priced out. While only the October financial report is available, it is almost certain we will end the year in the black.

While the year has been a success, even in this difficult economy, there are some concerns going forward. It is important to keep the common areas looking attractive, which is the Boards responsibility, but it is also important that individual yards be kept up because they too have a big impact on the desirability of buying a home in Lake Heron.

A community is a community only if it has that sense of itself. Looking forward I believe the one major element that is lacking, or at least flagging, is the sense of community we had in the beginning. We need a Welcome Committee to deliver to new residents the Residents Guide and answer questions, a Hospitality Committee to organize community events; like our picnic in the park, block parties, and socials in the clubhouse. If you would like to serve on a committee please call.

John Copeland
948-0854

<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Name</u>
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