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Thank you, Cyndi MacDonald



Thanks go to Pete Bonk for this great photo taken at his personal Pineapple Plantation.

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email any ideas or comments for the next issue to Dee Ryder at Dee_Ryder@Verizon.net

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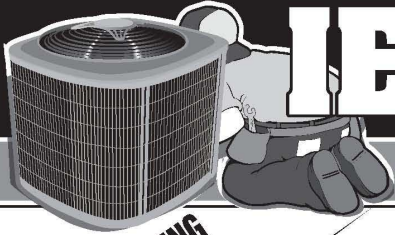
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Alligator update....

As of 8:30pm, August 15th, the gator has been removed from the Lake. He became a nuisance and actually came on land chasing a fish that a resident's Grandson caught. The Gator was measured at 4' 2". The State Fish and Wildlife trapper stated that people are feeding the wildlife on Lake Heron and the gator thought he was included. We even had a Wood Stork approach our lanai while we were dining. He came to the back door, looking in, and was begging for food.

It is a violation of Florida Law to feed the wildlife. Please refrain from doing so as it causes further problems in the eco system of the wildlife and their natural habitat.

Thank you,
Dan Coe

More News about our lake....

Hello All,

First off, let's all thank Dee Ryder for **volunteering** to chair Lake Heron's new Lake Committee. Dee & Jim are new resident's, and I personally thank them for their participation in community activities.

I spoke to the company that does our monthly chemical treatments. They explained that the muck/algae that you see along the shore is harmless. It's the annual algae bloom that's brought about by a combination of Spring/Summer rains and the rising water temperature. It will completely dissipate in a few weeks.

Our monthly treatments mainly target two **very invasive, non native** plants; torpedo grass & alligator weed. The treatments do not effect water lilies, arrowhead weed or pickerel weed. All three of which are considered safe and useful to the ecosystem of the lake. Stopping the treatments in any specific part of the shoreline could be detrimental to the well being of the entire lake. The treatments are also safe to our fish and waterfowl.

By the way, has anyone yet found the real name of Lake Heron? At our meeting, it was rumored that our lake had a more native name, before the developer dubbed it "**Lake Heron**".

For those of you that have seen some **very** large fish feeding along the shore, these are the grass carp. They serve as part of our maintenance program. As you can see, they appear to be in the 12 to 20 lb range. These fish were placed in the lake for the sole purpose of eating submerged grass. They are sterile, and have an effective lifespan of about seven years. They were placed about five years ago. Somewhere in the next 18 months the **Lake Committee** will oversee the second phase of the maintenance program, by possibly restocking the carp population.

The next Lake Committee meeting will be held "outside/on the water" sometime in September. Date/time will be posted on the bulletin board. Dan Coe & I will volunteer our boats (hopefully a few others will also). We plan to do a lake clean up, gathering rubbish and flotsam that have made it to the water. After the **on-water** segment, the meeting will move to the community dock, with an informal hot dog roast. Dan & I will donate the "dog's & buns". Anyone wishing to donate condiments, drinks or sides, we thank you.

Any and all information, opinions or concerns about the lake are welcome at our meetings. Thanks also, to all of you that missed the first meeting, and have contacted us with your interest in this committee.

Thank You,
Ron Bowman

LAKE HERON ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday Sept. 26th. 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Ice cream will be provided. Please bring your favorite topping to share,
beverage of choice, and 8 quarters to play 13 (easiest game in town).

See you at the clubhouse.

Any questions call: *Carolyn Coe-813 948-0361 or Barb Kawcznski 813 956-5428*

Wanted!!!

Lakeside residents for the newly formed Lake Committee

Meet other lakeshore residents; discuss the waterfowl, the fish, the water
And life in general along the shoreline!

This is an opportunity to have input on actions and decisions directly related to the lake.

Qualifications: Own a lakeside property & have a sincere interest in the
well being of Lake Heron.

Get involved! Next meeting will be announced shortly.

Contact: Dan 948-0631, Ron 909-8831 or Pete 948-4540

I want to thank everyone who submitted an article for this month's Banner.
There will be no minutes from the last HOA Board meeting so we could run
an article of interest and importance from a resident who is now
a member of the roofing committee, Bob MacDonald.

Thanks Bob.

~Dee Ryder – Newsletter Editor



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To Lake Heron Home Owners regarding the upcoming re-roofing:

Last weekend Cyndi and I went to the Home Show at the convention center. We saw a beautiful roofing display of metal roofs and talked with a salesman. He said he'd be very happy to send out a rep to talk to our roofing committee and at an HOA meeting.

I am apparently now on the roofing committee and am looking forward to upcoming meetings.

The cost for metal, non-rusting roofs would be about double vs shingles....but it would be a guaranteed 50+ year permanent fix....and be beautiful. It would also reflect heat instead of absorbing it. He showed us beautiful roofing that interlocks and requires no exposed screws. The salesman stated what I already knew...that a 30 year shingle would only last about 15 years in the Florida heat.

I'm thinking that the HOA could borrow the extra money from a bank....and assess each owner an extra \$30 (guessing on the amount) per month to make the payments. The money that now comes out of our monthly HOA for future roofing would help to offset the added cost since re-roofing would not be required until long after we are all gone....if ever.

No more leaks and damage to home interiors, no more repainting inside ceilings and wallboard, much lower AC bills, higher resale value for homes and the entire neighborhood, much better hurricane protection, much more aesthetically attractive, better for the environment, and an end to having to provide money out of HOA for re-roofing every 15 years. It would eliminate damage to the wood under the roofing...much of which will need replacement with any new roof we put on at this time. And of course, it would also eliminate the inconvenience and mess of having roofing done so frequently.

We could get pamphlets to pass out to all the home owners to show how attractive this type of roofing is..... and then take a vote.

Over the past 16 years I have had many severe leaks and have had to have the inside of my home painted and repainted many times to hide the stains. It's been expensive and very annoying. I can only guess if I have mold in my walls because of the frequent waterfalls from my ceilings, cascading down my walls, and even through my electric fans and around my AC vents. It's been a nightmare...waking as water has dripped heavily on our bed. Cyndi and I would love to have metal roofing.

Bob MacDonald Aaron Ct.



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The number of residents who incur a Late Payment Fee for sending in their monthly assessment late has been slowly increasing. This is an expense that can easily be avoided. Monthly assessments are not due on the 15th of the month. Monthly assessments are due on the 1st of the month. If the bank does not have your check on the 1st of the month your payment is past due. Your check should be in the mail about the 27th of the prior month so that it will reach our bank by the 1st of the next month.

Lake Heron does extend a grace period of 15 days before charging a Late Payment Fee so that our residents do not get caught by poor mail service, etc. But this does not mean you can wait until the mid-month to mail your check. In the 13 years the association has operated the various boards have never waived a late payment charge for any reason offered. Fifteen days grace period is longer than many commercial institutions allow.

Finance Committee, August, '10

Letter from the President

Welcome back everyone including the board from our summer recess. It's been one heck of a summer.. Hottest on record but with lots of rain. Hope everyone had a great summer.

With the fall coming we have lots to do. We still need more involvement from residents. Please contact me if you're interested in helping.

Thanks to the new Roofing committee for their work on contractor/roof review and getting our roofing schedule going, thanks to Dee Ryder for such a great job publishing the Banner, and thanks to all of our other committees and members for all that you do. Our community benefits immensely from all of your work. By working together we can keep our costs down and get through these tough economic times.

Elections will be here soon. Everyone should give some thought to running for the board. We can always use new faces and new skills. I would be happy to discuss board responsibilities and personal rewards with anyone who has a question.

Pete Bonk; President, Lake Heron Home Owners Association, Inc.

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Board (Director A.L.)	Nelson LeMarquand

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Michele Corso	
Craig Mellinger	Linn Torres
Dan Coe	Irrigation - Ruth Copeland

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	Max Saus
	Nelson LeMarquand

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	Max Saus

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	Bev Maples
	Herb Bell

Rec Center	
Ed Martinell	Barb Kawczynski
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Club House Reservations	Ed Martinell
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Park	
Barbara Kawczynski	Ron & Lori Bowman
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Carol Saus	Pam Schwebl

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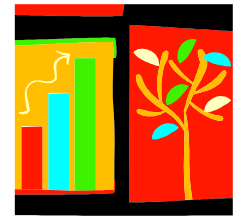
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Lake Heron HOA Contact Information:
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