

LAKE HEATHER OAKS

Newsletter

Tampa, Florida



July 2022

Sarah says . . . (A message from our president)

Happy summer! I hope everyone is taking advantage of this great season to spend time doing the things you love along with your friends and family. The Lake Heather Oaks Board has been busy working with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office to help alleviate the speeding issues on Valley Drive, and working on some maintenance and updates to the park. Now that our community is more than 30 years old, it is very important that we review our deed restrictions to make sure the language matches current laws and fits with the future vision we have for our neighborhood. LHO has a rich history of being a great place to live and we want to continue that tradition. Some of the planned updates include a better structure for the Architecture Review Committee (ARC) to regulate exterior home improvements to uphold the integrity and continuity of our community. The changes to our deed restrictions will require a vote by the homeowners, and we hope you will see the value in our ideas and vote in favor. These changes are being talked about every month at our LHO Board meetings. We would love for you to attend and give your input. We are also asking each homeowner to provide their most current contact information via a QR code (lower left) so you receive all the latest information.

-Sarah Riordan. LHO President

LHO directory update



Please take a moment to scan this QR code and provide your most up to date contact information for the LHO Homeowners Association.

This helps us bring you the latest information about our community.

Thank you for your participation!

-LHO HOA Board

It's a bash . . . school-student style



When: Saturday, Aug. 6

Time: 3-6 p.m.

Where: Robert H. Barnes Park

Who: School students

The 2022 Back to School Bash will celebrate kids returning to school with a party on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 3-6 p.m. at Robert H. Barnes Park.

There will be a 20-foot water slide into a pool, a foam cannon for a bubbly party, snow cones, pizzas, cookies, and much more. While it's hot outside, come get wet and crazy!

-Leigh Dawson

Home of the Quarter



Congratulations goes to Michael and Courtney Wamsley at 16642 Valley Drive for having the Home of the Quarter in Lake Heather Oaks. The immaculate residence, which has a wonderful view of a lake in the rear, adds a touch of class to the neighborhood. The Wamsleys will receive a \$50 gift card from The Home Depot.

Join us for the next Lake Heather Oaks Board meeting on Wednesday, July 27 at 7 p.m. at the Northdale Park & Recreation Center, 15550 Spring Pine Drive.

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Changing your house look?

It can involve up to two steps for Lake Heather Oaks residents



1. Exterior Home Improvement Request Form

Please use this QR code (at left) to access the form to fill out BEFORE you begin any exterior home improvement efforts. You will then receive a response from the Architectural Review Committee. Or you can type into your browser:

<https://forms.pabbly.com/form/share/E7ug-483376>

Organized by Mardee Powers, Architecture Review Committee member

2. Suggested Color Selections

Our Board has been developing a suggested color palette for exterior home painting. This will allow the Architectural Review Committee and the Board to enforce a standard for our neighborhood and be consistent in approval and enforcement. You will be able to find this on the Sherwin Williams Homeowners' Color Archive (QR code at right).



There are suggested palettes with base colors, trim colors and accent colors. You can match these colors at any paint store using these palettes if you do not choose Sherwin Williams paint. A Request Form must be filled out prior to any work being completed. But if you choose from the palette, you will ensure that you are within the standards of our community.

We are in the process of getting feedback from all homeowners, and hope to have it approved in the coming months. If you would like to give feedback, please join us at our monthly homeowner meetings or email to

lakeheatheroakshoa@gmail.com. You can check it out here:

<https://www.sherwin-williams.com/homeowners/color/find-and-explore-colors/hoa>

Robert H. Barnes Park

Robert H. Barnes Park Reminders:

- To reserve the park pavilion for birthday parties or family celebrations, please contact Leigh Dawson at 813-245-5069 or email Leighdaw@gmail.com with your event date and time.
- There is no cost to reserve the park, but a \$150 clean-up fee will be imposed if not cleaned up after use.
- Parking MUST stay in the parking area/lot.
- The basketball court is NEVER to be used for parking as vehicle weight could cause cracks.
- It's a safety hazard to have cars parked in the grass and children running between and around them.
- The bathroom water is NOT to be used for drinking.



'Happy Hour under the Oaks'



The third Thursday "Happy Hour under the Oaks" on July 21 will feature adult bingo with prizes being given away.

Activity at the Robert H. Barnes Park pavilion begins at 6 p.m. It is a BYOB event. Youngsters and dogs are welcome to attend.

Other future Thursday "Happy Hour under the Oaks" events are scheduled Aug. 18 and Sept. 15.

-Leigh Dawson, social chairperson

Do you need to contact your Sheriff's Office?

You can call your Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Community Resource Officer, Chris DePolis (Badge No. 91172), at 813-247-0600, or email him at cdepolis@hcsso.tampa.fl.us.



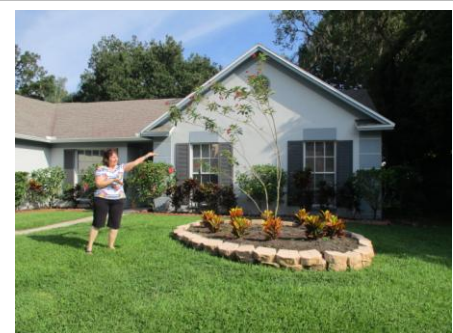
Another option is to download the Playstore App, HCSO Tip, which allows you to anonymously report tips, along with pictures, to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

Before...



When Cindy Korenvaes (below) had her oak tree die at 3134 Lakestone Drive, neighbor Bob Overman (top) transplanted a Jatropha and planted crotons in that spot to Cindy's satisfaction.

...and after



LHO neighborhood tips

Travis Robbins, a community resource officer with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, was the guest speaker at the Lake Heather Oaks monthly board meeting on June 29 at the Northdale Park & Recreation Center. Travis spent more than 30 minutes providing input and answering questions from residents, and was instrumental in a speed-monitoring device being placed recently on Valley Drive, where speeding has been an issue.

Here are some of his summer tips:

Vehicles - The overwhelming majority of all auto burglaries reported, over 80 percent occur to vehicles left unsecured. An unlocked car makes an easy target for criminals. Once inside, a thief can be in and out of your car within seconds, and with whatever you left inside – cash or a checkbook, electronics, a firearm, your garage door opener or house keys, and in some cases, even your car! You can deter auto burglary by following these few simple recommendations:

- Always lock your car. Roll up all the windows and lock all the doors.
- Never leave your car unattended while the engine is still running (it's a violation of Florida law).
- Never leave items of value inside your car out in plain sight. Remove them from your car or secure them in the trunk.
- Always activate your car alarm.
- Try to park in well lit, highly-visible areas or inside a secured and monitored garage.

Vacations - Don't advertise on Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, et al) while you're away on vacation. Telling everyone your house will be empty for the next two weeks lets any potential burglars know they've got plenty of time to steal. Whenever possible, have a relative, trusted friend or neighbor "house sit" for you or check on your house periodically to bring in mail, newspapers, etc. while you're gone. Make sure doors and windows are locked and (if equipped) make sure your residential alarm system is set and working properly. Hide or remove any items of value out in plain view. Secure valuables in a safe, safety deposit box, or other secure location. Make sure you can be contacted in the event of an emergency, if needed.

Children - Caution children staying at home alone to keep doors and windows locked, and the alarm set. Teach your kids not to open the door to a stranger and how to call 911 in an emergency. Children should have a family member or trusted adult they can contact if they're scared or if there's an emergency. Daylight lasts longer during the summer, so be sure your kids know what time curfew is and to check in if they're going to be late. Make sure your kids stay hydrated in the summer heat!

Swimming - Make sure young children know to stay away from pools, spas, lakes, ponds, rivers, canals, and any other body of water when there is no adult supervision. Most drowning incidents occur in residential pools when children are left unattended! Use locks or alarms to keep children from getting into pool areas undetected. Always have rescue equipment nearby and telephone 911 in case of an emergency. Save a life and learn CPR!!!

Unlicensed vehicles – Drivers of vehicles such as ATVs, dirt bikes and go-karts that do not possess a license plate and speed on area streets can receive a civil citation and \$102 fine.

- Sarah Riordan



This speed-monitoring device for vehicles is now on Valley Drive.

*Join us on Facebook!
"Friend us"
at Lake Heather Oaks*



*How do you contact the Board about matters within the neighborhood?
Email lakeheatheroakshoa@gmail.com*

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SPORTS FUN!

If you're not sure what to do this year to celebrate your kid's big day, call Sports Fun Events to help plan your party! If your child is between 3-13, Sports Fun Events will provide a coach who will meet at the park and entertain your party guests. The activities are packed with games, relay races, tug of war, dodge ball, and much more. Each birthday party is specifically designed to fit your child's sports interests.

Call Sports Fun Events for your birthday celebration. Go to the website at www.sports-fun.com or call Leigh Dawson at 813-245-5069.

County services

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Sidewalks/Roadways – 813-635-5400
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