

LAKE HEATHER OAKS

Newsletter

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Sarah says

A message from our president...

Happy Spring, Lake Heather Oak neighbors! I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Homeowner's Meeting in January, and recognize our new and returning board members for their commitment to help make LHO even better in 2022. We have some exciting upcoming events, such as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Yard Sale and Third Thursday under the Oaks. Please join us at these fun events if you can. Our Facebook page is a wonderful resource of information, so follow our page if you have not done so already.

There is a lot of useful information in this newsletter that I encourage you to read. But one issue I would like to highlight is our vehicle speeding problem on Valley Drive. We have a lot of children and pets in this neighborhood, and we really need to be careful and mindful about driving through the neighborhood on all streets. We had an unfortunate incident recently where a dog was hit by a speeding vehicle on Valley, so this issue is a serious one. What can you do to help? Please follow the speed limit, do not use a cell phone while driving, and be on the lookout for pedestrians, children, and pets. Please remind your visitors and vendors as well. A Traffic Calming Study has been requested with the County to assess what other measures we can take to decrease the speeding problem...more to come!

-Sarah Riordan

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Easter Egg Hunt is April 9

It's finally time once again for the Lake Heather Oaks (LHO) Easter Egg Hunt!

Parents and kids are urged to join us for Easter festivities at Robert H. Barnes Park on Saturday, April 9.

The Easter bunny will be greeting residents at the park entrance from 9:30-10 a.m. for photo opportunities.

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Home of the Quarter



Congratulations to Steve and Janice Overton at 3121 Lakestone Drive for having the Home of the Quarter in Lake Heather Oaks. Their beautiful home overlooks the water from the rear. The Overtons get a \$50 gift card from The Home Depot.

*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*

LHO BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIRPERSONS

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Spring, yard sale, deed restrictions, trees and purple lights

Welcome Spring!

Soon, we can say good riddance to those pesky oak leaves, and hello to greener grass and flowering shrubs. As we enter this time of growth and renewal, many of us are sprucing up our gardens and tackling projects around the house. It's an inspiring and wonderful display of community pride, which is abundant in Lake Heather Oaks (LHO). It is part of why many chose to make this community our home. It can be a daunting task to find reliable service providers to assist with your projects. So, we put out a Facebook call for feedback and came up with a list of vendors used by residents in the neighborhood (at right). Thanks to everyone who responded. If you have a provider that you would like to recommend, please let us know – either by posting it on Facebook or emailing it to: lakeheatheroakshoa@gmail.com

YARD SALE. The annual LHO Community Yard Sale is quickly approaching. It is set for Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Earn extra cash by selling some unwanted items.

HAVE HAZARDOUS WASTE? These are products that contain ingredients that are toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive. Examples include pool chemicals, paint thinner, pesticides, fluorescent lamps and batteries. To dispose of the items, take them to Sheldon Road Household Hazardous Waste Center, 9805 Sheldon Road, Tampa, FL 33635. Remember to take your photo ID, For a more complete list of acceptable items, visit hillsboroughcounty.org and enter “hazardous waste” into the search box.

DEED RESTRICTIONS. They can often times be seen as a double-edged sword. On one hand, none of us wants our creativity stifled, or lifestyle cramped. On the other hand, without these covenants in place, our neighborhood would not be the vibrant, sought-after community it is. Even more, deed restrictions help the community maintain property values by eliminating any chance of blight. And let's face it – we all benefit from higher property values. Here is a list of the most common – yet easiest to avoid or correct – deed restriction, non-compliance issues for LHO: **exterior upkeep** – sidewalks, driveways, fences and homes should be kept free of mold and mildew; **vehicle parking** – should be parked in the garage or driveway. Overnight parking in the street, and parking in the grass are not allowed; **garbage and yard waste containers** – should be placed out of view until the night before or morning of scheduled pickup. To review the full set of deed restrictions, visit lakeheatheroaks.org

Note: If you plan to paint the exterior of your house, replace your roof or fence, or if you are making other changes to the outside of your home, submit your Exterior Home Improvement Request Form to the LHO Architectural Control Committee (ACC) for review and approval prior to beginning your project. Turnaround time is no more than 10 days, and typically takes only two or three days. The form can be located at www.lakeheatheroaks.org/arch_control.html. See SPRING, page 5

Vendors used in Lake Heather Oaks

Always Green

(lawn care/pesticide)
813-818-7022

Blade Runner Lawn Maintenance

(Irrigation, landscaping, mulching, pressure washing, ponds)
813-376-5523

Blue Tech Services*

(Landscape installation/irrigation, pressure washing, sod install/lawn repair, tree trimming & removal)
727-485-4377 or 813-543-0638

Discount Garage Doors

800-420-3667

Presidential Pressure Washing

727-600-8044

Rowland & Son Tree Services

813-412-0889

Scotty's Pressure Washing

813-296-5301

**Vendor offering discount to LHO homeowners*

Note: While this information was submitted by neighbors, please do your own due diligence and check references, certificates of insurance and any other criteria important to you. If you have a service provider you would like to share with the community, please email their name and contact information to: lakerheatheroakshoa@gmail.com.



**HUGE SHOUTOUT to Mike at Blade Runners
for keeping our park looking so beautiful!!!!**



Robert H. Barnes Park

Robert H. Barnes Park Reminders:

- To reserve the park pavilion for birthday parties or family celebrations, please contact Leigh Dawson (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.



Do you have a need to contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office?

You can call our HCSO Community Resource Officer, Chris DePolis (Badge No. 91172), at 813-247-0600, or email him at cdepolis@hcsotampa.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.

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Be sure that your children bring their Easter baskets for the egg hunt.

The egg hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m., starting with children ages 2 and under.

There will be a take-home Easter craft for the children to participate in, along with cookies and refreshing drinks.



Adults can enjoy watching the children hunt for eggs while sipping mimosas, compliments of the LHO social committee and board members.

This will be the first LHO Easter egg hunt in two years. We're so egg-cited! Hope to see you there!

--- Leigh Dawson, social chairperson

Are your dues past due?

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2022 Lake Heather Oaks Homeowners Association dues, which were due on Feb. 15. If you haven't yet sent in your dues, you can mail your payment to: **Lake Heather Oaks Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 271411, Tampa, FL 33688.**

To save a stamp, you also may hand deliver your dues check to LHO HOA Treasurer Kevin Wilkins at 16706 Rolling Rock Drive. Any questions or concerns about this annual obligation can be directed to Kevin at KevinWilkinsLHO@tampabay.rr.com

By the numbers

--- 216 homeowners
--- 182 have paid
--- 33 have not paid
--- 1 partially paid

BUDGET BITS:

Questions? Email KevinWilkinsLHO@tampabay.rr.com

DATE: February 23, 2022
FROM: Kevin Wilkins, Treasurer

1. 2022 Budget to date

a. Beginning balance

1) Reserve Account:	\$ 70,879.89
2) Checking Account:	\$ 3,427.74
Total Beginning Balance:	\$ 74,307.63

b. Dues payments received: \$ 51,515.84

c. Estoppel & Misc. Fees: \$ 1,050.00

d. Interest: \$ 04.58

Total Income: \$ 52,570.42

e. Beginning Balance + Income: \$126,878.28

f. Expenses: \$ 8,652.13

Total Balance on Hand: \$118,226.15

Balance on Hand as of 03/23/2022

Reserve Account: \$ 70,884.47

Checking Account: \$ 47,341.45

Total: \$118,225.92



The Lake Heather Oaks Third Thursday at the Park resumes on April 21 after taking time off for St. Patrick's Day.

The BYOB event begins at 6 p.m.

Children and pets are welcome to be in attendance.

Future Third Thursday at the Park events also are scheduled for May 19 and June 16.

--- Leigh Dawson, social chairperson

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Trees on North Lakeview. After our Board and some of our neighbors put in a request for information to the County, we have an answer for you. The HOA of Carrollton and /or tree service doing the work have been fined almost \$13,000 for cutting those trees down without a proper permit. Lessons learned – contact the County immediately with a concern because they **DO** respond **AND** be sure to get proper permits to remove large trees; they are protected. Cutting your trees down in your property would also be a reason to do a request to the ACC through this link: <https://forms.gle/qa45xTOOJUby4NDPS>.

Purple streetlights. Many of you have noticed that some streetlights are shining purple. Why? It's a filter failure. The lights contain a set of three filters – red, yellow and blue. The yellow filter is malfunctioning, causing the purple tint. Tampa Electric (TECO) is working with the manufacturer to replace the lights, but it's going to take several months. TECO says, "Although we asked customers to report the purple lights to us, we have a new proactive approach, and there is no need to report them." Nevertheless, you can file a report on the lights at tampaelectric.com/residential/report-a-concern/streetlightout/

Community classified ads




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hillsboroughcounty.org/en/government/departments/development/hillsgovhub
- **Sidewalks/Roadways** - 813-635-5400 or visit:
hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/property-owners-and-renters/roads-and-sidewalks
- **Animal Services** – 813-744-5660 – AnimalControl@HCFLGov.net
- **Reporting Dead Animals** (in roadways or public rights-of-way) - 813-272-5900
- **Mosquito Control** – 813-635-5400 or report online:
service.hillsboroughcounty.org/311/mosquito