



Lake Heather Oaks

Community Newsletter

Quarter 4 – 2023

A Message from our President

Hi neighbors,

Please take note of all the wonderful upcoming events happening in our community. My family always looks forward to these fun events and we can't wait to see you and your family there as well.

The next few months are going to be very important for LHO. Our deed restrictions are in dire need of updates so that we can maintain (and ultimately improve) the integrity and value of our neighborhood

I strongly urge you to stay informed by attending the monthly Board meetings and it will be especially important that we get good attendance at the Annual Meeting in January.

We want your feedback, and every voice needs to be heard so please participate.

Happy Fall!

-Sarah Riordan

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Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

Our annual **Fall Festival** is on Saturday, October 14. Come and enjoy a day jam-packed with fun and festivities!

Boxed lunches will be available at noon for up to 185 guests. Bring a dessert to share with your neighbors.

Questions? Call Leigh Dawson at 813-245-5069.

The next "*Bubbles at Barnes*" event is Saturday, November 18 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your own Bubbly – we'll provide the bubbles!

And, we've heard through the grapevine that LHO is expecting a very special visitor in December!

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Date: Saturday, Dec. 16th from 4:15 - 6:00

Time: Santa will drive down Vallely, Rolling Rock, all cul-de-sacs, and Cedar Bluff beginning at 4:00. Santa will visit Lakestone around 4:30.

Barnes Park opens at 4:15

Santa arrives at the park at 5:00 to meet and greet the children under the pavilion. Great time for family photos! Santa has to leave at 6:00 to feed his reindeer.

Enjoy making ornaments, drinking hot chocolate, eating holiday cookies, and "cheers" to yourself with adult beverages.

Lake Heather Oaks Fall Festival



WHEN: Saturday, October 14, 2023

WHERE: Lake Heather Oaks' beautiful Barnes Park

TIME: 11:30a-3:00p

WHAT'S TO EAT: Tampa Catering Holy Hog BBQ will cater dinner. At 12:00p we'll be offering box lunches of BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork Sandwich or Hot Dog, with Mac & Cheese and chips (First come-first served). Sodas, water & adult beverages available.

There will only be enough to serve 185 guests so come early and enjoy!

WHAT TO BRING: We would like to have a dessert table with your delicious treats! So, please plan on bringing something to share with your neighbors at the Fall Festival.

WHAT ELSE WILL THERE BE: Besides the rocking music played by the DJ, there will be a great Pirate Combo Bounce, Inflatable Slide, Sports Bounce, Dodge Ball Arena, Caricature Artist, Face Painter, Money Machine, Ice Cream & Pop Corn. We'll also have a volleyball net set up, basketballs to play with and footballs & soccer balls to kick around.



We'll see you Saturday, October 14 at the LHO Fall Festival. It's going to be tons of fun! Come and socialize with your neighbors, let the kids play and don't worry about 'what's for lunch?' Any questions? Call Leigh Dawson (Your Social Chair!) at 813-245-5069

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A DESSERT!

Home of the Quarter & Rising Star ★



Congratulations to Carol Block and Rick Barrett of 16808 Bellwood Manor – recipients of the Lake Heather Oaks **Home of the Quarter** award! Beautiful lush landscaping and ready for Fall, this home always looks amazing!



Volunteer Opportunities Available

Can you spend some time helping the volunteers on the Board of Directors with some of the work they do to keep LHO an amazing place to live and raise our families? Help is needed to maintain the park, the landscaping and maintenance of the common areas, meeting with vendors, participating in a subcommittee to discuss revising guidelines for the architectural review committee, setting policy for a Fining Committee as allowed within Florida Statute 720, advocating on behalf of our lakes and ponds, and more.

Please check out available volunteer opportunities here: bit.ly/HelpLHO

LHO Board of Directors

- Sarah Riordan, President
- Vince Cesario, Jr., Vice President
- Kevin Wilkins, Treasurer
- Mardee Powers, Secretary and ARC Chair
- Leigh Dawson, Social Committee Chair
- Sherrie Elgar, Landscape & Maintenance Committee Chair
- Charlene Varian, Communications Committee Chair
- Justin Ramedia, Park Committee Chair
- Courtney Cardisco

The next LHO Board meeting is October 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Join us at the Northdale Rec Center – 15550 Spring Pine Drive.

Contact us!

For general Information, Email us at lakeheatheroakshoa@gmail.com

If you have ARC Questions: lakeheatheroaksacc@gmail.com



Our new award – **Rising Star** – goes to Ryan Heath.

Ryan has completely and beautifully re-landscaped his front yard at 16614 Valley Drive, transforming it into a tropical oasis.

Both homeowners received a \$25 gift card from Home Depot.

Robert H. Barnes Park

Reminders:

- To reserve the park pavilion for birthday parties or family celebrations, please email lakeheatheroakshoa@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.



LHO Neighbor Spotlight

Art and Susie Heinrichs purchased their house on Palamore Drive in 1991. It's where they started and raised their family, where they participated in countless LHO events – one of Art's favorites was when Santa visited in a horse drawn sleigh - and it's where they and their children, Allie and Tyler, have made lifelong friends.

LHO "has everything you could ever want," Susie recently commented. She and Art have always thought of LHO as a special place. And it *is* a special place because of the people who live here – people like the Art and Susie Heinrichs.

Art is a founding member and Senior Vice President/Corporate Compliance Officer of Lifelink Foundation, a non-profit community service organization established in 1984, dedicated to the recovery of life-saving organs and tissue for transplantation therapy.

Susie and Art met in 1988 when she relocated to Tampa from Pittsburgh, PA to work as a transplant coordinator for Lifelink. They married in 1990.

Susie has been a practicing physician's assistant at the Florida Orthopedic Institute for the past 33 years. It's through her work that she became acquainted with Operation Walk, a nationwide humanitarian mission that provides free hip and knee replacements to patients in very poor countries with no medical infrastructure.

Since 2004, Susie has travelled to Cuba, El Salvador, and Guatemala as part of the mission. Most of her visits have been to Guatemala where patients come from all over the country to receive the surgery.

"Once a patient is no longer able to provide for their family or village due to limitations of their degenerative disease, they can often be ostracized by their community. Regaining mobility allows patients to continue to take care of their families," explained Susie.

Earlier this year a new chapter - Operation Walk Florida – was started. Susie is the Team Leader and is in charge of coordinating the entire trip. She organizes volunteers, chooses which patients will receive surgery, and performs surgeries.

This year Art also began volunteering for Operation Walk Florida. He is in charge of coordinating cargo and logistics – he makes sure everything, from paper to instruments to medications to walkers and canes, makes it to their destination. "It was a natural fit," he said.

On their most recent visit, a team of 47 volunteers made up of physicians, physician's assistants, anesthesiologists, nurses, interpreters – essentially a small hospital staff - travelled to Guatemala where they successfully performed 45 surgeries, which included 48 knee replacements.

"There are over 5000 patients on the waiting list in Guatemala alone," said Susie.

Each effort requires two trips – one in April to do all the prep work, and a week-long trip in August when the team sets up, and conducts pre- and post-operative exams, leaving about 3 ½ days to perform the surgeries. In that time, the mission averages roughly 45 - 50 patients.

While the mission covers room and board for its volunteers, each volunteer pays for their own travel expenses. But to the Heinrichs, it's well worth it just to hear the stories of patients reclaiming their lives.

"It's a life-changing experience for them," Susie added.

Aside from spending time with their grown children, in their spare time, Art enjoys cooking and gardening, and Susie enjoys baking and photography.



Allie, Susie, Art and Tyler Heinrichs



Art Heinrichs with a recovering patient



Susie Heinrichs visiting a patient post-surgery

Lake Heather Oaks Preliminary Walk-Through Results

Last month board members and volunteers conducted a preliminary walk-through to gauge where we are as a community with upkeep. The chart below provides an overview of what we found. The most common issues which need addressing include:

- mold and mildew visible
- rotting wood
- yard in need of maintenance
 - edging (including at sidewalks and streets)
 - overgrown landscaping and/or weeds
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 - overgrown landscaping
 - lawn/landscaping overgrown with weeds
- garbage cans consistently visible from the street or adjacent lots

An official walk-through will be conducted early next year. Homes that score below expectation or have continuous violations will continue to be notified by letter and/or email.

In the meantime, courtesy notices are being emailed to allow

homeowners an opportunity to address the issues prior to the annual walk-through.

To anonymously report a property that is not in compliance with the LHO Deed Restrictions, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/LHONonCompliance>.

If you have questions or are in need of help, please contact lakeheatheroaksacc@gmail.com. A small group of LHO neighbors have expressed a willingness to volunteer to help those in need get their properties into compliance.

Living in a deed restricted community requires us all to comply with the covenants we agreed to when we purchased our homes. Doing so allows us to maintain property values, support the investments we have made in our homes, and ensure that the community continues to thrive and that it remains appealing to both current and prospective homeowners.

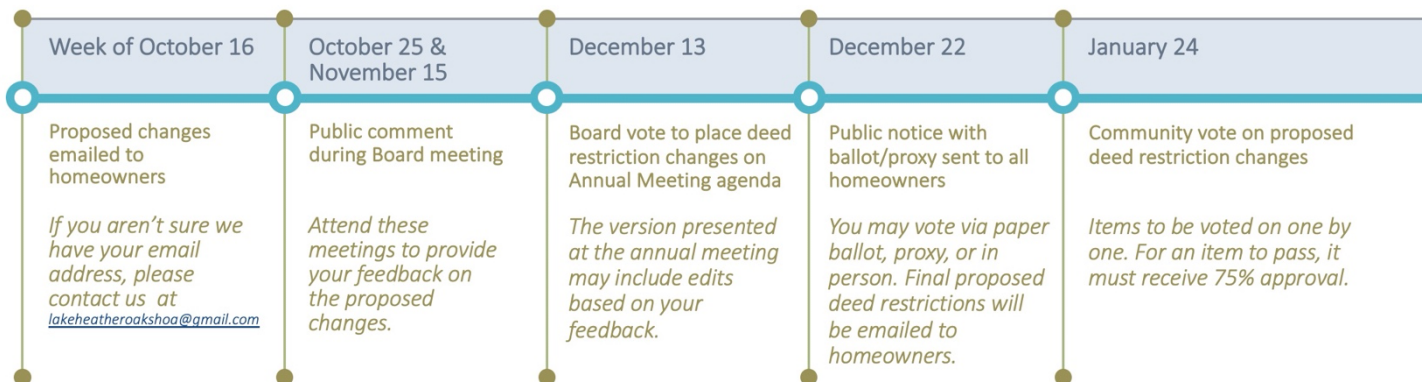
Let's work together to make a difference! If you'd like to volunteer to help a family in need or to take part in the walk-through, please email lakeheatheroaksacc@gmail.com.

September Walk Thru Data						
Street Name	Below Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Grand Total	% of M and E	
Bellwood Manor	24%	24%	53%	100%	76%	
Cedar Bluff Drive	45%	36%	18%	100%	55%	
Corrie Way	33%	50%	17%	100%	67%	
Cranwood Place		17%	83%	100%	100%	
Lakestone Drive	20%	23%	58%	100%	80%	
Ormandy Court	6%	13%	81%	100%	94%	
Palamore Drive	10%	33%	57%	100%	90%	
Plum Rose Court		20%	80%	100%	100%	
Rolling Rock Drive	26%	9%	65%	100%	74%	
Tacopa Court	17%	33%	50%	100%	83%	
Valley Drive	2%	30%	67%	100%	98%	
Windsom Way	20%	40%	40%	100%	80%	
Grand Total	15.96%	24.41%	59.62%	100.00%	84.04%	



LHO Deed Restrictions Update

Refresh and Recommit



Weed Management Guide for Florida Lawns

From the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) website

It is essential to properly maintain turf to minimize weed invasion. If weeds become established, several methods of control are available.

Mowing—Many weeds can be eliminated if proper mowing height and frequency are maintained. Some weeds, however, readily establish below the desired mowing height. Management requires additional control methods. As a rule of thumb, when mowing, remove only a third of the turf's leaf blade at a time. This maintains a turf canopy that can grow vigorously while shading weeds and suppressing growth.

Hand-pulling or rogueing—If only a few weeds are present, it's easier to physically remove the plant. When hand-pulling weeds, it is critical to remove the roots and underground parts to ensure the weeds will not survive and produce new shoots. Some weeds might require the use of a small shovel to dig out the roots.

Smothering—Smothering with nonliving material to exclude light is effective in certain areas where turf is not grown, such as flower beds, or foot paths. Materials used for this include mulch, leaves, rocks, and plastic film. To be effective, a minimum of 2" is required when using natural mulch materials. As an alternative, synthetic mats impregnated with herbicides can be used.

Herbicides—Herbicides are safe and effective if product label instructions are followed. Herbicide application timing during the plant's growth cycle is important.

HERBICIDE TYPES

Selective—A selective herbicide controls certain plant species (weeds) without seriously affecting the growth of other plant species (desired turfgrass). Most herbicides are selective herbicides. Herbicides are selected based on the turfgrass species, simplifying the application because it can be applied over the turf without injuring it.

Nonselective—Nonselective herbicides control green plants regardless of species. They are generally used to kill **all** plants, such as in the renovation or establishment of a new turf area, as a spot treatment, or to trim along sidewalks. These herbicides injure turf. Therefore, in an established turf, their use is usually limited to spot applications for weedy patches, **which must be followed by reseeding or resodding the treated area.**

Contact—Contact herbicides affect only the portion of green plant tissue contacted by the herbicide spray. Therefore, they do not kill underground plant parts. Repeat applications are often needed with contact herbicides to kill regrowth from these underground plant parts.

Systemic—Systemic herbicides are translocated in the plant's vascular system. The vascular system transports the nutrients and water necessary for normal growth and development. Systemic herbicides generally are slower acting and kill plants over a period of days.

For more information on Weed Management, including identifying various weeds and the application timing of herbicides, visit the IFAS website at <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/EP141>.



County services

- **Permit Services** – 813-272-5600 or visit: hillsboroughcounty.org/en/government/departments/development/hillsgovhub
- **Sidewalks/Roadways** - 813-635-5400 – 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



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