Lake Heather Oaks

Community Newsletter

Quarter 3 - 2024

A Message from our President

I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of the philanthropy happening around us. Recently, we had a water leak at the park that was repaired (free of charge) by new homeowner, Reid Penabade. We also have new homeowners, Monica & Evin Maroney who have offered to host a fundraiser at their new restaurant – T.A.P. - The Answer-Man's Pub on July 22 to raise money for our park improvement project. Courtney Cardisco is leading the effort to raise money for the park by organizing a shoe drive, and she has inspired many monetary donations from homeowners.

It is through these selfless acts that our neighborhood can continue to thrive. Not all assistance comes in the form of money, so if you have a skill or anything else that you think would help our community, please contact the Board and let us know. We welcome any and all to participate in our events and provide ideas and feedback for our new initiatives.

I look forward to seeing everyone at T.A.P. this month and at our upcoming events this fall.

- Sarah Riordan

LHO Community Events

The **Annual LHO Back to School Bash** is scheduled for Saturday, August 17 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

This year's event promises to be loads of fun, with a 63' inflatable obstacle course, complete with a waterslide, as the main attraction. As an added bonus, the children can participate in a round or ten of Gaga ball.

Our social committee has also planned some activities to benefit the Park Improvement Initiative. We'll be selling tickets for a *Pie in the Face* fundraiser – buy a ticket and "Pie" your favorite Board member.

And that's not all – Let the bidding begin!! Get in on the action and place your bids on some quality items as part of the *LHO Silent Auction*. Items include:

- Pair of Tickets Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs. Carolina
 Panthers parking included (Sunday, December 29)
- Tampa Bay Buccaneer Jersey any size/any color Choose from Evans, Mayfield, Godwin or Winfield
- Pair of Tickets Tampa Bay Rays vs. Toronto Blue Jays parking included (Friday, September 20)
- Party N Style Gift Basket
- One month (12 sessions) of personal training at Healthy
 Steps & Fitness in Lutz

If you have an auction item or service you'd like to donate, please contact Courtney Cardisco at ccardisco@gmail.com.

Refreshments include popsicles and pizza, with juice boxes for the kids and something special for the adults.



LHO Sneaker Drive

The LHO sneaker drive to benefit Barnes Park continues. If you have any old sneakers lying around, PLEASE consider donating them to a good cause – the PARK IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE! You'll be helping out the park AND the environment.

Sneaker donations can be dropped off at 2702 Windsum Way - just leave them near the front door. Questions can be directed to Courtney Cardisco at Ccardisco@gmail.com.



Community Events (continued)

You won't want to miss this!

On Monday, July 22 from 4:00 - 8:00 pm, Monica and Evin Maroney, LHO neighbors and owners of T.A.P. - The Answer-man's Pub are

hosting a Fun-Raiser to benefit the Park Improvement

Initiative. If you mention LHO 10% of your tab will be donated to the Park Improvement fund. And that's not all, Monday night is Kids Night at the pub, and that means balloons and face painting! So come on out for a night of family fun and help raise money to upgrade the playground – it's a win-win!

T.A.P. is located at 3973 Van Dyke Road in the Northgate Square shopping center (where Paninis used to be).



Monica and Evin Maroney and their daughter celebrating Family Fun Night at T.A.P.

Save the Date!

LHO Fall Festival is scheduled for October 19. Details to follow, but as one of our signature events it will not disappoint.







Thank you to all our donors to date



Park Fundraiser Progress

Donors Hope Builder Level: \$50,000 Jensen - Lakestone Achiever Level: Preister - Windsum Way Cardisco - Windsum Way Developer Level: McKenzie - Ormandy Powers - Palamore Block & Barrett - Bellwood Herrera - Palamore Raised Dave Snell – State Farm \$13,000 Head's Flags Fasnacht - Windsum Way Maroney - T.A.P. Supporter Level: Fisher - Vallely Beveridge – Rolling Rock Thomas - Vallely Rawls - Rolling Rock Rogers – Cedar Bluff Dennis Davis - Rolling Rock

Just over 25% of goal reached

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The next LHO Board meeting is July 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Join us at the Northdale Rec Center – 15550 Spring Pine Drive.

County services

- Lake Heather Oaks Community Resource Officer 813-247-0600 or trobbins@teamhcso.com.
- 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-andrenters/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

LHO Deed Restriction Recommitment Update

In January 2023, Lake Heather Oaks recommitted to our deed restrictions beginning with a newly established annual walkthrough of the neighborhood. We continued the process of recommitment by undertaking an initiative to update our deed restrictions, developing an enforcement and fining policy, and establishing an Enforcement Committee.

The Enforcement Committee, made up of LHO Board members and other neighborhood volunteers, has been working on a set of guidelines that will clarify the language in our deed restrictions and help improve communication with all homeowners. Throughout this process the primary focus has been COMMUNICATION, and it is crucial for all homeowners to communicate with the Board about any noted violations or need to do exterior improvements.

The guidelines, created in accordance with Hillsborough County laws and Florida Statute 720.305, are intended to maintain community standards and ensure fair and impartial enforcement within the community. The guidelines establish standard operating procedures and a fining committee structure, and they include definitions of various deed restriction violations, levels of violations, and associated fines. A Fining Committee, made up of non-Board members, will also be established.

Maintaining our community standard takes the continuous work and commitment of us all. We all chose to live in a deed restricted community, and complying with these covenants is what allows us to maintain property values, support the investments we have made in our homes, and ensure that the community continues to thrive.

Copies of the guidelines can be found on the LHO website, or by scanning the QR code.

Reminders: If you plan to make any exterior home improvements, please complete an *Exterior Request Form* before beginning a project. The form can be found on the LHO Website, or you can scan the QR code on the right. If you have questions or need clarification on any ARC matter, please email <u>LakeHeatherOaksACC@gmail.com</u>.

To anonymously report an issue or concern with deed restriction compliance, please scan the QR code or visit: https://tinyurl.com/LHONoncompliance





Back to School Tax Free Holiday Coming Soon!

You can purchase qualifying back-to-school supplies exempt from tax during the 2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday. Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday begins Monday, July 29 and extends through Sunday, August 11. The Sales Tax Holiday only applies to certain school supplies priced at \$50 or less per item and certain clothing that is \$100 or less per item. A new exemption for learning aids and jigsaw puzzles that are \$30 or less was added this year. And if you're wondering if the tax exemption applies to purchases made online – the answer is Yes.

For a more information, the Florida Department of Revenue has posted a comprehensive list of qualifying items. You can find it at https://www.floridarevenue.com/taxes/tips/Documents/TIP_23A01-06.pdf.

The next Tax Free Holiday – Skilled worker Sales Tax Holiday – runs from September 1-7, 2024.



Home of the Quarter and Rising Star

Congratulations to Yun and Marcia Chang of 16704 Vallely Drive – recipients of the Lake Heather Oaks *Home of the Quarter* award. Pristine and always well maintained, with lush grass and colorful landscaping, this home is striking!



This quarters *Rising Star Award* goes to Ali and Brooke Sobh of 16904 Tacopa Court. Since moving in to their new home the Sobhs have resodded, planted new palms and shrubs, installed a boardwalk, and a new mailbox, among a host of other improvements. Looking Good!

Both families received a \$25 gift card to Home Depot.



Nominations for Home of the Quarter and Rising Star can be submitted through our online process. Visit Lakeheatheroaks.org and navigate to the FAQ page to complete a nomination form, or scan the QR code on the right. Next quarter nominations will be voted on during the September Board meeting.

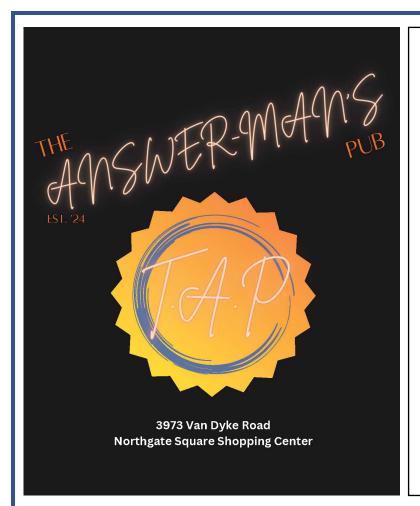




To our new neighbors:
Jamie Price - Cedar Bluff
Scott & Niana Robinson - Lakestone
Reid & Rachel Penabade - Bellwood
Chris & Loren Thomas - Rolling Rock

Welcome to Lake Heather Oaks!

We're thrilled you are here and we hope to see you around the neighborhood!



Lake Heather Oaks – Park Fundraiser

Corporate Sponsorship Packages Available

Developer Level

\$500

- 1/4 page ad space in one newsletter for 216 homes
- Promotion in Facebook group
- Name on little leaf on donor tree mural

Achiever Level

\$1,000

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- Name on big leaf on donor tree mural

Champion Level

\$2,500

- ½ page ad space in 4 newsletters for 216 homes
- Promotion in Facebook group
- · Name on big limb on donor tree mural

Hope Builder Level

\$5,000

- Full page ad space in 4 newsletters for 216 homes
- · Promotion in Facebook group
- Hyperlink to business website from LHO website
- Name on tree trunk on donor tree mural



YES - I want to donate to the Park Improvement Initiative!

Donors will be recognized on a tree mural that will be painted on the park pavilion.

PLEASE SELECT CONTRIBUTION LEVEL:

O Supporter \$ 250 small leaf

O Developer \$ 500 big leaf

O Achiever \$1,000 small limb

Champion \$2,500 big limb

O Hope Builder \$5,000 tree trunk

Name:

Address:

Make checks payable to Lake Heather Oaks HOA and drop your donation off at 16706 Rolling Rock using the envelope provided. Or pay by Zelle - Nickname: LHO zelle pmts - Email: kevinwilkinslho@tampabay.rr.com. Be sure to include "Park Donation" in the description.

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Visit Sports Fun Events at www.sports-fun.com or call Leigh Dawson at 813-245-5069.





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