

Dog Courtesy

Please remember to pick up after your dogs, particularly on other folks' property. We have had a number of complaints. Also, continuously barking dogs (usually left on screened lanai's while people go to work, or are out for the evening) are an issue, although, the number of such complaints have been reduced recently. Thanks to those that have addressed the problem.



For Sale signs	Garbage day
The 2007 board has voted to overturn the previous board's actions regarding a standard "for sale" sign for homeowners who wish to sell their homes. There will be no "standard" sign. The present board believes most people will use common sense and good taste in attempting to sell their homes. Please remember that any sign posted on your property requires the approval of the board.	Please do not put your garbage containers out for collection until the day of the service (or the night before), and bring them back in as soon as possible after.
Speed limits	Newsletter Advertising
With our narrow streets, and many young children, cars and trucks driving over 20 mph present a huge safety problem. Add to that, contractors vehicles, or visitors being parked on our streets, and the problem intensifies. Please do whatever you can to identify any speeders, and inform the homeowner from wherever they are working at... or visiting... about the speeding. If the vehicles have company names and/or phone numbers on them, then a call to the company might stop the problem.	If you would like to advertise in this newsletter, or on the website, please let us know. The cost for commercial advertising in the newsletter...generally a business card.....will be \$10.00 per newsletter, paid in advance. You can contact Bill Sprague for any information. pbsprague@msn.com
Architectural control committee	Welcoming Committee
We are very pleased to have our architectural committee up to speed and look forward to the results of their efforts. The members are Marie Hammer, Jocelyn Harriott, and Richard Almerico. If you are planning any changes to the outside of your homes, including landscaping, please submit your plans to any of the committee, or to Ron Trowbridge.	Welcoming committee members are Cris Brandstedter, Pat Sprague, and Cheryl Hoover. They will be formulating a welcome package. If you have any ideas or suggestions for them, please let them know.
Protect your valuables	2007 Board Members
Please remember to remove valuables from, and to lock your cars, if you leave them in your driveways. We have experienced thefts from cars.	The Board of Directors were elected by the homeowners of the subdivision at the annual meeting held in December 2006. The Board of Directors has selected the following Board member positions for 2007:
All regular PLT Board meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Methodist Church, just north of the Preserve, at 7:00pm. The next meeting will be March 8th.	<p>President: Cris Brandstedter Vice-President: David Wilkins 2nd Vice-President: Carl Gebelein Secretary: Will Hoover (appointed to replace Paul Jackson) Treasurer: Bill Sprague</p> <p><i>The current board wishes to thank the 2006 board members, Darius Saba- President, Alexis Normandia-Vice President, and Sue Foster-Secretary, for all their help in conducting PLT HOA business. We also wish to acknowledge the efforts of Virginia Timberlake, previous President, whose experience, expertise, and observations made the 2006 Board's transition much less painful.</i></p>

Special thanks to Sue Foster, our previous Secretary, who formatted this newsletter.



STREET REPAVING

All homeowners have been notified by mail of the re-sealing of our community roads. The project is scheduled to start March 19th...weather permitting...and will finish on the 24th. There will be an extra day of "curing" at each section this time. Further instructions will be mailed prior to this project starting. We know what an inconvenience this was to all of us last time, but the temporary inconvenience should be well worth the final result.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

As of 1/9/2007, Pasco County has decreed that we can water our lawns only 1 day a week, and only before 8:00am, or after 6:00pm. Failure to follow the restrictions will result in fines of \$38.00 (first time) \$250.00 (second time) and \$500.00 (third time) These guys are not kidding around. Unless you are willing to abide by the rules, you could be subject to the fines. Here is the watering schedule: If your house number ends in 0 or 1 - Monday, 2 or 3- Tuesday, 4 or 5- Wednesday, 6 or 7- Thursday, 8 or 9- Friday. There are exemptions available for new plants. If you have any questions check with Pasco County 813 996 7341, or e mail www.pascocountyfl.net.

MAILBOXES

Anyone needing a mailbox post repainted, call Bernie Tanguay at 235 9294. Bernie supplies the paint and now charges \$40.00. (The paint costs more than that.) Since Bernie began this project last year, he has done over half the community. If you care to do the job yourself, contact Ron Trowbridge, visit our website, or check our recent newsletters, for the paint specs.



Our management company is presently developing an up to date directory of the entire community. If there is anyone who doesn't want their phone number or e mail address on the directory, please contact Ron Trowbridge. 813 264 1119

Appointment of Director

Due to an unfortunate family illness, Paul Jackson was compelled to resign as a director. The board...and the entire community...offer our prayers, hopes, and best wishes that Paul's wife Judy, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, can overcome this ordeal. At the January board meeting, William Hoover was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy, and will serve as secretary .

Website:

The board maintains a website that will provide access to documents, notices, records, and information. Please log on to www.preserveatlakethomas.com

President: Cris Brandstedter
21403 Preservation Dr

Cris has been a resident of our community for 10 years this April, one of the 7 original members, and the 3rd longest in length of time here. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) in 1976, with a double major in Social work, and Correctional Administration. He served in the military as a U.S. Marine. He worked for the Department of Agriculture, administrating public feeding programs. Upon retiring, he moved to Florida and the PLT. He served on the gate committee for several years. His hobbies include landscaping, gardening, and tournament poker. cristyb01@juno.com



Vice President: David Wilkens
21336 Marsh Hawk Dr

David is serving his 2nd year as VP, and has been in our community for 3 years. He, and his wife, Angela, have 3 adult children, one of whom still lives at home while attending USF. They previously lived in California, Texas, and Arizona. Dave was formerly a President and Vice President of a 300+ HOA in Mesa, Az (91-93). He received an MBA in Management from Western International University. He works for Circle K as a merchandise buyer. He serves as a Deacon at the Myrtle Lake Baptist Church. dawilkins1975@earthlink.com



Vice President: Carl Gebelein
5630 White Ibis

Carl is serving his first term on the board this year, after serving on the Architectural control committee last year. He and his wife Sharon have been here in PLT for 7 years. They have a married daughter, Jennifer. Carl grew up in White Plains N.Y., and is a Navy veteran. He owns his own contracting business. He spends lots of time on Lake Thomas on his boat. He loves all outdoor sports relating to water, and also enjoys hunting and fishing. His involvement on the board last year demonstrated his concern and expertise in community-related issues. CSTrimInc@aol.com



Secretary: Will Hoover
21146 Preservation Dr

One of our newest residents, Will and his wife Cheryl, and their 2 boys, Mitch 8, and Reese 6, and Cheryl's mother Carol, have been here at PLT since last August. Will was appointed to the board in January, following the resignation of Paul Jackson. Originally from Statesville N.C., where he worked for Goodyear Tire, he now works for McNichols Metals in Tampa. Will's hobbies are motorcycling, and anything related to vintage cars, and he looks forward to community involvement. Cheryl is already serving on the welcoming committee. willhoover4@verizon.net



Treasurer: Bill Sprague
21211 Marsh Hawk Dr

Bill and his wife of 43 years, Patricia, have lived in our community since September 2004. (the day they moved in a hurricane hit us.) Bill is serving in his 2nd term as treasurer. He grew up in White Plains N.Y. He worked for the US Postal Service for 32 years, 12 years as a letter carrier in White Plains, 12 years as a supervisor in Carmel, and 8 years as a Postmaster in Mahopac. After his retirement, Bill and Pat (who also retired from the USPS as a Postmaster) owned and operated a very successful limousine service in Dutchess County for 8 years. They have 2 sons, and 3 grandchildren. Bill loves rhythm & blues and Doo Wop music, and they both attend, and volunteer at Grace Family Church in Lutz. pbsprague@msn.com



Board Goals for 2007

1. Write bid specs, get bids for and complete the repairs to the boardwalk. This is the number one priority for 2007 and will be on a fast track for completion.
2. Repaint the large signs at the north and south gates. Get bids for lighting the sign at the north gate.
3. Repair and repaint the pillars on the front wall.
4. Improve the maintenance and landscaping of the common areas. Evaluate the cost of re-sodding and installing sprinklers. Trim trees at north entrance.
5. Landscape along the outside of the wall on Highway 41. Re grade to level between sidewalk and wall. Evaluate the cost of plants to improve the general appearance.
6. Develop a separate landscaping standard for homes that "back onto" each other.
7. Upgrade the web site (specifically getting minutes etc. to appear full size).
8. Encourage homeowners to upgrade landscaping.
9. Evaluate ways to improve the appearance of the retention ponds.
10. Evaluate improvements to the gate and provide better information to residents on the gate system.
11. Provide advice resources for homeowners on such topics as lawn care and reliable contractors`.

SWFMD approval

Following an extraordinary 5 month approval process, the Southwest Florida Management District has finally authorized PLT to eliminate 50% of the lily pad growth within the Glossy Ibis retention pond...located between homes on Marsh Hawk and Preservation. A phased application of granular herbicide has begun.

Special events

If something special or notable is happening within your family, and you would like to share it with the entire community either through the newsletter or the website, be sure to let anyone on the board know about it. We have erected a sign next to the call box at the main gate area. You will be able to announce your "event" or list information on the sign, but it must be approved by someone on the board. We will use a dry erase pen to display your message.

Please do not write on that sign with a permanent marker

**Introducing the Neighborhood
"Dinner Done" Club**



This is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors or catch up with those you already know. Have fun at private, quarterly Dinner Done parties. The Dinner Done hosts provide everything you need to

make healthy meals. They plan the menus, handle the grocery shopping, ingredient preparation and clean up. All you do is combine the ingredients, take your meals home and freeze them until you are ready to enjoy them with your family. Perfect for today's busy world. We will meet in their professional kitchen, which is located in Carrollwood. If enough people are interested our first party will be in March. Just call Cheryl Hoover at 813-235-6249 and I will set everything up for our neighborhood party. We will need at least 8 people for a private party. Check out Dinner Done on the web at www.dinnerdone.com.