



THE PRESERVE AT LAKE THOMAS

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NEWSLETTER

Letter from your Board of Directors...

We hope you feel, as does your Board, proud to live in our beautiful community. The recent rains have enhanced our lawns and increased the water levels of our ponds and lake. Also, the newly contracted company has made a significant improvement in the appearance of our ponds.

Unfortunately, we still have some challenges within our community. We would like to advise all residents of the following:

- Your Board, with the support of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office will work together in an effort to bring to justice **any and all** persons trespassing and destroying private property.
- The **youth** of our community is appreciated, welcomed and enjoyed, but they should know that there will be a consequence to pay for violation of the rules.
- Sadly, we continue to find plastic bottles, cans and other debris along our boardwalk and lake. Fortunately, there are countless volunteers who extract much of this trash, but please treat our environment with respect, dispose of trash in its proper receptacle.
- Street Parking is not allowed by **Pasco County**, your HOA has nothing to do with that.
- **Please, please watch your speed**, you'll get home soon enough!
- Please scoop up the deposits of your best friend...your dog.

The nominating committee has a few openings for persons willing to give back to their community, even though it's a thankless job. We understand just how busy everyone is, but service on the Board has to do with maintaining "**Your Property Values**," as well! Please submit your name for consideration for the next election, which will take place at the General Membership meeting in December 2012.

For additional information please call E. Rock Roque at (813) 784-1282. I look forward to hearing from you.

TREE REMOVAL

As you enter and exit the North gate, we are sure you appreciate the beauty of the large oak trees. Unfortunately, one of the largest trees has dropped several large limbs in recent storms. The property manager has had the tree inspected by two different arborists who have rendered the same opinion -- The tree has root rot and will have to be removed. We are sad to lose this beautiful tree, but must also be concerned about the safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic who could be endangered by falling limbs.

GAME NIGHT

There is interest in creating a "Game Night" for adults in our community. These would be held in the homes of residents on a rotating basis for those who are interested. If you are interested in participating, please send an e-mail to IMSewSpecial@hotmail.com. Give us your name, address, phone number, and let us know what board games or card games you enjoy. Also let us know which night of the week would work best for you. This information will be forwarded to Diane Butler who will coordinate the first meeting and will notify those who have expressed an interest. Come out to meet your neighbors and have some fun !

SCHOOL BUS STOP

There has been concern over the parking situation and traffic congestion at the South Gate created by the school bus stop. The Board has discussed possible solutions to this problem and our property manager is talking with the Transportation Department for the School Board in an effort to alleviate this problem. **PLEASE DO YOUR PART** when school resumes by parking well away from the gates so as not to impede the flow of traffic.

PARKING ON STREET AND ACROSS DRIVEWAYS

This is an important reminder that county ordinances prohibit overnight parking on our streets. This is posted at both entrances. We need to keep our streets clear for the safe and timely passage of emergency vehicles. Your compliance will be very much appreciated and will eliminate the possibility of tickets and/or towing of your vehicles.

Also, as a courtesy to the children and many walkers we have within the community, please do not block the sidewalks across your driveway.

LOOSE DOGS

County ordinances (Leash Laws) also require that dogs be on a leash if they are not on the owner's property.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

JASON HAMILTON - for his time and expertise in the re-design of our community's website. We have a few minor items to complete before launching it's new look. The new design will have updated information about our community and will have links that actually work for contacting board members. It will also provide some new features that we hope will be useful to our residents.

BERNIE TANGUAY - for cutting down the tree that fell across our boardwalk during the recent storm.

JERRY SCHMIDT - for rebuilding the portion of the boardwalk that was damaged from a fallen tree. Also, for removing the rust stains on the entrance walls.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brian P. Roque and his bride Christina Ann were married on June 30 on our beautiful community boardwalk. The groom is the son of Jennie and Rock Roque, residents of our community. Rock Roque officiated. Best Wishes to the happy couple!

WE NEED YOU !

Our Annual Elections for Board positions is just a few months away. Please consider placing your name in nomination for the 2013 ballot. It entails only one evening each month, a maximum of 2 hours per meeting. We are always looking for fresh ideas and fresh perspectives for the cohesive administration of our community.

Our next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 16, at the Pasco County Senior Nutrition Center, 6801 Wisteria Loop, Land O Lakes. (It is only about a mile from our front gate.) Meetings are open to all Homeowners and we urge you to attend. Watch the Notice Boards at the North and South Exit gates for reminders.

KEEP IN TOUCH

In an effort to keep costs down, it would be helpful to have an e-mail address for each household to reduce postage expenses. Please be assured that these will NOT be made public, but would be released only to the Management Company and Board Members. If you have not already done so, we would appreciate your taking the time to send an e-mail to Ron Trowbridge at trowbridgeco@msn.com with your name and street address. Your help is greatly appreciated.

YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE !

If you are a high school student who is accumulating community service hours to count toward your requirements for the Bright Future Scholarship, we could use your help! We are looking for students to help keep our entrances cleaned up from trash that blows onto our community entrances and along the wall on Land O Lakes Blvd. Just a few hours each week could enhance the appearance of our neighborhood and help you log those necessary hours of community service. For additional information or to sign up for service, contact Shirley Schmidt at IMSewSpecial@hotmail.com.

BUGS, BUGS EVERYWHERE

For an easy, non-toxic pesticide the following formula is recommended by the University of Florida for the treatment of aphids, lacebugs, mealy bugs, scale, spider mites, trips and whitefly.

Mix 2 ½ Tablespoons of Vegetable Oil, 2 ½ Tablespoons of mild dish washing liquid (with the example - Ivory), and 1 Gallon of Water. Spray front and back of leaves, and re-spray after 5-7 days. Don't spray in the sun or if the temperature is over 90 degrees.

Marie Hammer - Master Gardner, University of Florida/Pasco County

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