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LAKE EOLA HEIGHTS HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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JOIN THE CARAVAN FOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS!

By Mimi Roberts

The annual Holiday Decoration Contest will take place this year on December 11 between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Be sure to have your decorations up and your lights on during this time! Poinsettias for second- and third-place winners and a gift certificate for a turkey for first place will be hand-delivered to the winners that evening after the judging takes place.

Back by popular demand, we will again caravan by car throughout the neighborhood to view and judge the decorations and lights! The caravan will begin at 7:45 p.m. after the Christmas Caroling event at the Handy Pantry. Everyone is welcome to join us on the caravan. All cars should meet in the parking lot of the Church of Christ (which is on Concord between Summerlin and Cathcart). The parking lot can also be accessed from behind the church on Amelia Street making it convenient for everyone to congregate there after the Christmas Caroling event at the Handy Pantry.

If you're really in the holiday spirit, decorate your car so that our caravan is also a spectacle to be seen! Maps will be handed out outlining our route but we should all try to stick together like we did last year! After we make our rounds, we will gather at Panera Bread to cast our votes!

CAROLING AT THE PANTRY

The tradition continues with neighbors, friends and family gathering at the Handy Pantry for caroling and refreshments.

Caroling starts at 6:30 p.m. on December 11 and professional voices aren't needed – just holiday spirit!

We would also like to brighten the neighborhood that evening with the luminaria bags. Watch for more information on the luminarias both at the Handy Pantry and at lehna.com

Bring family and friends to join your neighbors for this festive event!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7 p.m. Thursday November 11
at Trinity Lutheran Church
123 East Livingston Street

Bring a Neighbor!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: YOU ARE THE FUTURE, GET INVOLVED

By David Martens

Our 25th Silver Jubilee marks a point in time that begs for us to see just how much we have achieved as a neighborhood. Twenty-five years ago most all residential living in downtown Orlando was substandard rental. Lake Eola Heights was mostly boarding houses, each chopped into many units with only a few individual owner-occupied homes in between.

Now imagine a small group of those home owners wondering why the City of Orlando wasn't doing much at the time to improve the area as a place for future families. Commercial intrusion was occurring all around. Homes were being torn down for parking lots. I believe that we were one of the few organizations that changed the course of downtown living forever. We didn't do it all, but we've done a lot. We grew in size and influence ... then there were more of us. Through the years much has improved and each and every one who was a part of LEHHNA has brought us to where we are today.

We started meeting regularly, got organized and often became involved in planning, identifying our borders and developing a mission. The City began to listen and help us with rezoning, new laws and historic designation. Then came the restoration of our brick streets, street lights with bronze plaques and plaques for our homes.

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IT'S A BLAST!

LEHHNA is working to get its membership e-mails together. We often send out "blasts" for short notice or special interest events.

LEHHNA will not give this information out to any outside organizations or individuals and it is the intent to protect your "blast mail" by sending it blind copy (bcc). The bcc format can sometimes be denied depending on your security or spam setting.

If you have not been receiving the blasts and are interested, please e-mail LEHHNA secretary Raymond Cox at raygrecofl@bellsouth.net.

LAKE EOLA HEIGHTS HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

List any committees you are interested in
(Garden of Month, Holiday Decorations, Traffic,
School Liaison, Roundabout Maintenance)
or comments/suggestions.

Annual dues are \$15 per household
Please make checks payable to LEHHNA
Dues may be submitted at meetings or mailed to:
LEHHNA c/o Diane Martens
229 E. Amelia St.
Orlando, FL 32801-1303

ROUNABOUT ROUNDUP

There will be a Roundabout Roundup on November 20 to spruce up the neighborhood for the upcoming Holiday Season. We will meet at the intersection of Concord and Cathcart at 8 a.m. As the roundabouts are in pretty good shape, it should take only a few hours. The focus will be on weeding, mulching and fertilizing. Please bring gloves if you plan to work around the bromeliads.

We will debut new palms in the roundabout at Amelia and Broadway. They look fantastic and Lake Eola Heights is very appreciative of Jan Rahill of the city's Green Up department for installing these low-maintenance, native palms ... which happen to be the state tree of Florida!

Please come help make our neighborhood shine for the Holidays!

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL SCHOOL: COME TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE

By Tammy White

At St. James Cathedral School, learning takes place outside the classroom as well as inside. Students greatly enjoy both local and long-distance field trips and embrace lessons learned with enthusiasm.

Kindergarten classes went on their first field trip to the Green Meadows Farm and had a delightful experience. The students enjoyed a picnic lunch, a scenic bus ride, and encounters with various farm animals. They returned to school with exciting stories and intriguing questions.

The fourth through eighth grade students, along with their parents, ventured to Williamsburg, Virginia, and on to Washington, D.C., for a three-day field trip. A professional guide led the group to Jamestown Settlement, Colonial Williamsburg and through the U.S. Capitol and Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

The first grade classes will experience the Orlando Shakespeare Theater with the live performance of Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse. After reading the book, the students are studying different ways a genre may be presented. It is also a fabulous introduction to theater etiquette!

Additional field trips will include travel to historic St. Augustine and to Kennedy Space Center.

Our school's downtown campus allows the expansion of the classroom curriculum to include nearby performing art venues, history center and government facilities.

For further information about our Blue Ribbon School, please call 407-841-4432 or visit our web site www.stjcs.com



If you have a meeting sign, please place it out no later than Sunday, November 8, and take it in no later than Sunday, November 15.

CHECK OUT TOUCH-A-TRUCK

The 2010 Downtown Orlando Touch-a-Truck community event will provide families the opportunity to learn about and explore trucks, construction vehicles, and public safety equipment.

The event will be at Trinity Downtown, November 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

More than 30 big trucks will be there for the kids to explore. Each truck will have a driver present to answer questions, help kids sit in the truck, and let kids honk the horn. Bring your camera for lots of fun photos of your kids!

Entry is \$5 per person, kids under 2 enter free! All proceeds from this event will benefit the Trinity Lutheran School.

See www.orlandotouchatruck.com for more information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Diane Martens

The LEHNA treasury has \$2591.36 at this time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Now we communicate through our quarterly meetings and newsletter, web site, You Tube and Facebook. We recognize those who achieve with the Volunteer of the Year Award, the President's Award, Christmas Decorating Contest and now there is talk about recognizing our top Halloween homes.

Important events like the Garden Tour fund our efforts, the Block Party brings us together as neighbors and Lunch at the Pantry does the same, but on a more regular, intimate basis. All of this results in building community, friends and encourages all of us to do more. Thanks to all of you for your involvement over the years, making Lake Eola Heights one of the finest neighborhoods in the City of Orlando, Florida, even the U.S.

Please join us for this Thursday's meeting. At a later date, there will be a planning session to take a look at the future and set the course for the next 25 wonderful years. You are the future, you are LEHNA, get involved.

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

The listings for Lake Eola Heights for July 25 through October 2010, as shown in the multiple listing service, are:

<u>Active Listings</u>	<u>Bed/Bath</u>	<u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Original Price</u>
307 E. Harwood	5/5/.5	4758	1,250,000	1,695,000
335 N. Hyer	6/6/.5	5014	1,199,900	1,800,000
213 E. Concord	4/3/2	4954	975,000	1,100,000
405 E. Livingston	7/4/.5	4004	825,000	849,000
632 E. Livingston	7/5/.5	4900	975,000	1,290,000
315 E. Concord	7/6	2658	685,000	685,000
538 Broadway	6/5	3284	589,900	880,000
421 Broadway	5/3/.5	2762	575,000	
631 Hillcrest	4/2/.5	2691	439,000	
202 E. Amelia	4/3	2334	399,900	593,000
425 Ruth Ln.	6/4	1866	396,000	731,500
405 Ruth Ln #3	3/2/.5	1860	369,500	375,000
432 Highland	5/3	2331	360,000	
421 Ruth Ln	3/2	1530	355,000	591,500
501 E. Amelia	4/3	2170	350,000	350,000
403 E. Amelia	4/2	1934	345,000	520,000
420 Highland	3/2	1897	339,900	339,900
719 E. Livingston	4/2	1909	288,000	365,000
409 Ruth Ln	3/2/.5	1860	269,900	
311 Hillcrest	4/2	1389	225,000	
606 E. Livingston	3/3/.5	1870	199,900	479,000
318 E. Amelia	4/2	1904	192,500	449,000
1016 Mt. Vernon	2/1	995	160,000	
204 Hibiscus	2/2	930	155,400	
411 E. Livingston #A	2/2	1020	120,000	319,900
809 E. Livingston #3	2/1	803	84,900	259,900

Pending Sales

702 Hillcrest	4/2	2385	229,500	1,200,000
533 N. Summerlin	3/2	1042	195,000	250,000
608 E. Hillcrest	2/1/.5	1064	199,900	239,000
613 E. Hillcrest	3/3	1543	117,000	349,900
411 E. Livingston #D	2/2	1020	99,000	99,000
608 N. Summerlin	2/2	1086	69,000	

Residential Sales

		<u>Original</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Sold</u>
804 Mt. Vernon	4/2/.5	594,500	575,000	550,000
407 E. Amelia	4/3/.5	649,000	549,900	525,000
1001 E. Amelia #C	3/3/.5	339,900	339,900	330,000
1011 E. Harwood	3/2	265,000	265,000	265,000
415 E. Livingston #G	2/2	165,000	90,000	90,000
317 E. Amelia #4	2/1	219,000	70,000	72,000

Average days on market: 173

Sandy Fredrick
CHARLES RUTENBERG REALTY
"Lake Eola Heights Specialist"

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DON'T MISS GREEN FEST 2010, IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER

By Jeff Thompson, RLA, ASLA

The inaugural Green Fest 2010 sponsored by the Mills 50 Main Street District is just around the corner.

The Green Fest will take place on the block of Thornton Avenue between Hillcrest Street and Highway 50. Parking will be available at Hillcrest Elementary School. The date of the event has changed since the last newsletter came out. The event will be held November 13 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The focus of the event will be on sustainable products, practices and business which benefit the community.

Mills 50 Main Street is a non-profit community group that partners with local business and neighborhoods to make viable commercial districts that intern provide the shopping and services that residents of local neighborhoods will use, thus benefitting them as well.

The Norseman Company will be selling composters called Earth Machines and water cisterns, both of which are ideal for home use. Each composter sold removes about 650 pounds of garbage per year from the waste stream, thereby reducing garbage and recycling costs to the city and reducing the carbon foot print. This is good for the taxpayer and the planet, too.

The earth machines usually retail for \$100.00 but the special truckload sale at Green Fest will sell the composter for \$33.00. This is done to maximize the number of products sold in the area which maximizes the amount of recycling. These products are likely sell out before the Green Fest ends so be sure to come early.

Both these products are ecologically sound, good for the environment and lead to good sustainable practices by home gardeners. The cistern has about a 40-gallon capacity. It collects rainfall and stores it for later use such as filling water features and watering plants. The collected rainfall is especially good for environments with fish as the water contains no chemicals. The cistern usually sells for \$125.00 but will only cost \$43.00 at Green Fest.

The benefit to the planet is a reduced carbon footprint by diminishing the amount of fertilizer that is manufactured, transported and sold -- not to mention the garbage the trucks don't need to transport all that refuse the local landfill.

Volunteers are also needed, so if you would like to help, please contact Joann Grant at

joann.grant@mills50.org

You may not save the planet single-handedly, but recycling is a rewarding step in the right direction ... it is important to make a difference wherever you can.

Happy gardening!

LAKE EOLA - TRINITY GARDEN GROUP

The next meeting of the Lake Eola-Trinity Garden Group will take place Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. The group will meet at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Livingston. The topic is a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

All residents of the Lake Eola Historical area are invited to attend. Any questions, call Claire at 407-426-8759.

Sara's Kitty

by Sara F.

4th Grade, Trinity Lutheran School

One Easter day
I found a new way
To have lots of fun and play.

Quiet and gentle and soft to the touch
I love to pet and comb her so much.

A cute little face with gold eyes you see,
I know that she loves me -- only me.

I felt a spark in my heart
and a smile on my face,
And I knew she had found
a safe and loving place.

I love her so much and I know she is mine;
I'll never forget her
Til the end of time.