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LAKE EOLA HEIGHTS HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

School starts soon and that signals the return of walkers and bike riders. Parking safely is always important, especially during the school year. Parking across sidewalks and crosswalks forces pedestrians, wheelchairs and strollers into the street to compete with moving vehicles and parking on the parkway/planting area between the street and the sidewalk creates blind spots for vehicles pulling in/out of driveways. Parking IN the front yard is not permitted by City Code and blocking fire hydrants creates a fire hazard.

Note that parking improperly in public areas such as across sidewalks, on parkways and in fire zones is illegal and subject to ticketing and or towing by OPD. Parking improperly on private areas can result in code enforcement violations to the property owner; for renters, this could jeopardize a lease.

Parking responsibly helps to keep Lake Eola Heights a safer place to live and visit!

IS IT TIME?

By Carolyn Burleson-Webb

Whether you are a renter thinking about buying or a homeowner thinking about selling, it's always hard to know when to make that leap.

For a number of years, we have seen house prices fall while interest rates remained around 3% on average. Now, for the first time in five years, home prices are up. The median price of existing homes sold in Orlando during June rose 22.4% to \$153,000 when compared to June 2012. It actually rose 5.4% in just one month (since May)! At the same time, available inventory is at an all-time low.

The market is seeing more higher-priced "normal" sales as opposed to recent years which were dominated by distressed properties. While short sales and foreclosures were down 33%, traditional home sales were up 34% as compared to a year ago! The number of days houses are "For Sale" before being sold has substantially decreased to only 66 days and the sales price compared to the asking price rose to 97%.

In June, home interest rates did increase, from an average of 3.25% in May to 4.75% in June and have now settled back to 4.25%. This has not caused buyers to run away; if anything, it has energized many. These rates are still historically low and mean that buyers can afford to spend a little more.

Although this is an amazing neighborhood in which to live, circumstances change. If you have been thinking of making a move, now may be the time.

As a neighbor and a member of the LEHHNA Board, I would be happy to share my knowledge to help you in making that decision. Just give me a call! Carolyn Burleson-Webb, Keller Williams Realty (407) 629-4420.