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July 4, 2008
Fourth of July Fireworks
Approximately 9PM

Newsletter

Going Electronic!

In order to reduce our printing costs as well as to efficiently distribute the neighborhood news, the newsletter, "...From the Lake" will become a full-featured, full-color electronic newsletter beginning in 2009.

Please send your email address to the HOA email address so we can add you to our Newsletter address list.

Your address will be kept confidential; it will not be disclosed or distributed to any individual or organization.

Don't miss out on the news so please send us your email address today.

Let's Beautify the Neighborhood!

The Hampton Lakes neighborhood has had several facelifts and we are enjoying the benefits of our "new look".

Now it's time to draw attention to our homes and help make this the best looking neighborhood in Tampa.

Home values are stabilizing and we must do our best to ensure that **our** home values stay at the highest level possible.

We must understand that each home contributes to the overall look of the neighborhood; just one home in sub-par condition can devalue the entire neighborhood.

If you think your home is in fine condition, consider these facts:

Asphalt roofs have a typical life of fifteen to twenty (15-20) years. Our original roofs were shingled more than twenty years ago.

Wood siding and window frames should be painted every eight to ten (8-10) years.

Power washing of decks, drives, and walkways should be done at least once a year.

Irrigation systems should be evaluated once a year to ensure proper function.

Utilizing regular pest control is always a wise preventative measure here in Florida.

Shrubs and other accents should be evaluated for health and proper growth yearly.

Trimming of trees and shrubs is an aesthetic as well as functional necessity.

So, take a moment and walk around the neighborhood; when you return, take a serious look at your home.

Ask yourself if it really looks as good as some of your neighbors.

Let's beautify the neighborhood!

Good Neighbor Award

The HLHA Board would like to create an award program for those neighbors who go out of their way to be neighborly.

In order to recognize and honor those neighbors, the Board would like to ask for your nominations.

By October 31, we would like you to nominate a neighbor whom you think acted in an extraordinary way during the past year.

Email us the story and explain why you think your nominee should deserve the HLHA "Good Neighbor Award".

The nominees will be posted in November's newsletter and the Board will announce the winner in January, 2009. The winner will win a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Letter from the President

In my last letter I appealed to all homeowners that they, "...make an effort to meet the competition (between the new home projects in our neighborhood) by maintaining their homes and landscaping."

"The general maintenance and upkeep of every home helps the entire Association neighborhood benefit from increased home values."

"Most of the homeowners should be complimented for their continuing dedication to the maintenance of their homes and their commitment to the original standards that initially attracted them to the neighborhood."

"Several homes are in excellent condition; they convey a high standard for all of us to match."

"General maintenance is paramount to the standard of our Association, but several homes are negligent in that

fact or are otherwise in violation of the Association Covenants and Deed Restrictions."

I ask again that everyone make every effort to bring their homes up to the standard of our Association in order for all of us to meet the competition and maintain a high value to our neighborhood.

It is my great pleasure to announce that the Board has successfully collected past due association fees from 77 out of the 79 homeowners; that includes past due fees from previous years, too!

We are excited to know that our new collection system yielded those results so quickly and that our financial status is very healthy.

On Saturday, July 19, the HLHA participated in the

Hillsborough County Clean-up Day dubbed, "Trash Bash".

Volunteers from the HLHA donated their time (and trucks!) to drive around the neighborhood and collect trash; trash that would not be picked up by the weekly County collection.

It took several hours and many trips to the designated drop point, but the work was completed with great success.

The HLHA also conducted a Hampton Lake cleanup on the same morning; trash was collected along the shoreline and the lake never looked better!

I would like to thank the volunteers who took time out of their schedules to help clean up our neighborhood:

Jackie Cruse, Steve Preston, Laurie Vyzas and her son Matt deserve our deep gratitude for their efforts.

Sincerely,

Theo Angelakos

Brain Teaser

One man stands in front of a door to eternal happiness while another man stands in front of a door to eternal misery.

One of the men always tells the truth while the other always tells lies.

There is no way of knowing which man tells the truth or which one tells lies; the man in front of the door to misery is not necessarily the man who tells lies and the man in front of the door to happiness is not necessarily the man who always tells the truth.

By asking one yes or no question, you can determine which door leads to eternal happiness and which leads to eternal misery.

You must come up with one question that you can ask of only one man—the answer will reveal which door is which.

The question will be revealed in the next newsletter.

The Reserve at Hampton Lakes

Truck Passage

The Hampton Lakes Reserve has made a lot of progress recently. Large payload trucks have been traveling through the neighborhood every day and they will continue to do so for several weeks to come. The Board recently asked that all trucks use Hoedt Road and Hampton Village Drive for ingress and egress. "No Trucks" signs were posted at each end of Glenarn Street. We have a well established and open communication channel with the construction foreman and related contractors, so if you see any construction trucks (associated with the HLR project) using Glenarn for passage, please notify the Board immediately.

Natural Gas Line

The builder would like to provide a natural gas line to their project. The builder asked us to poll everyone to see if we might be interested in the benefits of natural gas, too. Since the gas line will be added to the construction site, it would be beneficial to any other parties, along the same route, to take advantage of the process at the time of construction. The line will be added to the area, but retrofitting our homes would be a separate and independent project that would vary according to each home's specific conditions. **THIS IS NOT A MANDATORY OFFER.** This is only an inquiry to determine if there might be other interested parties. Therefore, please let us know if you are interested in natural gas as an alternative to your heating and cooking needs. Please notify the Board via email by October 1, 2008. Please let us know yes or no; any questions or comments will be forwarded to the builder.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons right here in our neighborhood

Karen Reinhold will be giving piano lessons in her home at 15818 Glenarn Dr. on Tuesday and Thursdays after 5:00 PM.

She has over 25 years experience.

Charge for lessons is \$20 for 1/2 hour. If interested, please call 960-2066.



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