



## Calendar

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October 31, 2008  
Halloween

Please watch out for the children!

## 2009 Email Newsletter

We need to save on newsletter printing costs.

Therefore, the newsletter, "From the Lake..." will become an electronic newsletter beginning in 2009.

We will send it via email, so  
**WE NEED YOUR ADDRESS**

Please send us your email address today!

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.**

And it will be in full color!

# Who's knocking on your door?

It's October and the air is becoming crisp. Football season is in full swing. Children are getting ready for Halloween. And volunteers for the HLHA are coming to your door for your signature. We need your support.

We have two initiatives that we need to have passed by the HLHA membership. One initiative helps to unify the neighborhood and protect our homes while the other initiative helps to expedite the procedure for advancing our association.

### Neighborhood Watch

We need your signature in order to allow our neighborhood to be recognized by the Neighborhood Watch Program of Hillsborough County.

Your signature will acknowledge and endorse the need for our neighborhood to unify and protect our homes from any criminal element.

We hope you will answer your door and take the time to sign the petition. Volunteer neighbors will be visiting your homes in October. They will be wearing red shirts.

### HLHA Amendment for 51% Majority

The Board has identified a bureaucratic barrier which prevents us from effectively improving our association.

Most of the Association's Articles, Bylaws and Covenants are the original documents that were transferred from the developer to

the first Association board in 1986. One of the Articles states that no amendment may be approved without a 90% majority.

The Article makes it nearly impossible for the Association to improve our conditions and the neighborhood.

We ask that you answer your door to sign a petition to lower the majority vote to the realistic and reasonable 51% majority.

Your Board members will be knocking on your door to explain the change and ask for your support. We hope to see you soon.

## Nominate Your Neighbor!

**The Board would like to hear from you.**

Who has been your greatest neighbor?

Who has been extra-neighborly?

Please tell us whom you think has been an extraordinary neighbor and deserves the **HLHA "Good Neighbor Award"**.

Nominees will be published in November's newsletter and we will announce the winner in January, 2009.

The winner will win a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

## Letter from the President

Wow! I walk the neighborhood almost every day and I am pleased to report the number of homes that have beautified their landscapes and homes.

Several homes have undergone new landscaping in just the past few weeks—they look spectacular!

I noticed that many homes have added a lot of “spooky” Halloween decorations, too.

To all that have taken up the task, congratulations on a job well done.

Please take note of the main article on the front page of this newsletter. It is imperative that we get these two initiatives passed. We need your support to accomplish the task.

The Neighborhood Watch Program initiative is an obvious bonus that we should all support without a second

thought. With a Neighborhood Watch Program we will benefit from added support by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department as well as the Neighborhood Watch Program of Hillsborough County. I hope you will answer your door to the volunteers (in red shirts) and sign the petition.

The 51% amendment is an important initiative. The initiative will enable all of us to make important decisions to our association without the deeply cumbersome task of getting 90% approval. Without this important change to the way we conduct our association, we will continue to need 72 out of 79 homes to approve any amendments to our documents. This 90% majority article puts a chokehold on our ability to make any progress or improvements to our neighborhood

association.

Your Board members will be canvassing the neighborhood to get everyone's signature to approve this amendment. We hope you will answer your door and approve the amendment change to 51%.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting on Monday, October 6, at the Northdale Recreation Center at 5PM.

We will meet the principal builders/developers of the Reserve at Hampton Lakes and learn about their plans and schedule for the upcoming months.

The meeting is not meant to be a forum for complaints and finger pointing. Please come to the meeting with any questions, but please keep an open mind; these folks want to make the project run as smoothly as possible with the least amount of disturbance to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

*Theo Angelakos*

## Brain Teaser

### Last month's answer

You can ask either man the following question: “If I were to ask the other man if he is standing in front of the door to happiness, will he say Yes or No?”

If the man answers that the other man will say “Yes”, then the door in front of you is the door to happiness. If the man answers that the other man will say “No”, then the door in front of the other man is the door to happiness.

Map out the two scenarios of the men in front of the doors and you will see how this question and its answer will be true no matter which scenario you create.

Still confused? Email me and I will send you a complete breakdown of how the riddle works.

Do you have a brain teaser?

Email yours and I may publish it in the next newsletter.

## 2008 National Election

This year is an important year for all of us — we must elect a new leader of our country. The Board remains neutral and does not endorse or otherwise support any candidate.

However, it is a deed restriction violation, per Article II, Section 6.(d), to post any sign that is not a name and address sign, or a For Sale sign, or No Trespassing, No Solicitation or Beware of Dog signs.

Please understand that we respect your voting rights, but political signs are a violation.

## Teen Community Service

Are you a teen who needs or wants community service hours?

Help clean up our neighborhood and earn **DOUBLE HOURS** — 4 hours for 2 hours work!

Come to the dock on Saturday, October 18 at 3PM.

Bring work gloves and wear sturdy footwear.

You'll be cleaning up the lake area and then receive a letter of completion at the end of the day. Refreshments will be served too!

## Trash Violations

Several neighbors have complained that others have been putting trash out several days in advance of trash pickup days.

Exposed trash encourages pest and dog “curiosity” and it's unsightly to look at for more than a day—especially if we have rainy days.

Please remember: It is a violation of the deed restrictions to place garbage, and yard debris at curbside before 6PM the night before trash days.



## Water Restrictions

Hillsborough County watering restrictions have been extended through February of 2009. Please be sure to check your sprinkler systems.

Only one exception applies to our neighborhood. If you have new sod or other landscaping, the county allows for daily watering for up to 30 days.