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***2021 Board of Directors:***

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*Lake Heron is a welcoming, caring, vibrant and well managed community we call home.*

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| ***Announcement!!***  **Palm tree trimming will begin January 10th, 2022 and last about 4-5 days.** Residents should remove any and all Christmas decorations, objects, and potted plants from the palm tree areas to prevent damage from falling debris or equipment.  If you elect to not have your palm trees trimmed, please put a bright colored ribbon around each tree to serve as a notice to the trimmers.  *Please note that if you choose to opt out, subsequent trimming will be at your expense.*  *Residents:* Normally palms would be scheduled for trimming in late February-March. However due to circumstances and the want to not have heavy equipment on newly paved roads, Juan Sanchez offered to trim the palms early at last year's cost of $10,000. The board has requested a more aggressive cut than normal to compensate for the two months growth due to an early cut.  Thank you for your cooperation!  **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***  Email your articles for the next issue to  Dee Ryder at **Dee\_Ryder@Verizon.net**  put ***"For The Banner"*** in the Subject line *Please* …  Only emailed items will be accepted.  ***February 2022 Banner Deadline is January 25, 2022*** |

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***Annual***

***Meeting***

***will be on***

***Jan 17th, 2022 at***

***6:30 PM in***

***the Clubhouse***

***President’s Corner***

***Reminder****: January 17, 2022 Annual Homeowners Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Lake Heron Clubhouse.*

*Please submit your Proxy Votes for the Residents Motions and Board Members*

January 1st, 2022 starts a fresh beginning for a new year. The definition and translation of the Scottish “Aud Lang Syne” is the times long past. Reflecting on 2021 we are still in the throes of the Covid epidemic, have experienced the passing and leaving of some long term Lake Heron residents and friends. And we have gained many new residents and friends. Generally the New Year is seen as the aged 2021 giving way to the new born 2022. With the new there brings new changes, opportunities, and experiences. The opportunity for Lake Heron to finalize the Gulf Coast land transfer and totally own the brick wall on Lake Floyd Drive, to establish a future Capital Reserve Fund, to repave our roads, and hopefully undertake more maintenance projects where needed. Our residents have the opportunity to bolster our community with new volunteers and committees to promote comradery, socialization, friendship, recreation, and fun. Only you can make it happen.

Some say “if it is not broke don’t repair it” or “that is the way it has always been done”. My philosophy is to repair it when convenient and before it breaks causing major issues, and to apply the good of the past and refine it to meet the needs of the future. By building on a solid base and refining our governing structure we should end up with the best possible community.

I ask that each resident make a New Year’s Resolution to treat all LH residents with respect and good will, to keep a smile on their face and a cordial greeting on their lips, and an outstretched hand to those in need. I thank each resident for their support and friendliness in the past year. I look forward to more greetings in 2022.

Stay healthy and safe,

*~Sam Gray*

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***Note:*** To obtain an email copy of the LH Meeting agenda and to receive email of pertinent information or notifications between Banner printings, I need interested residents to send me an email stating their approval to receive email agendas and pertinent notifications. Your email will not be publically shared. Sent the email to: [LH.President99@gmail.com](mailto:LH.President99@gmail.com)

***Did You Know????***

1. Lake Heron will be undertaking road repairs in early 2022 at a cost of about $ 134,000 of our road reserve funds. This will include road milling and repaving all roads plus resealing and stripping the Clubhouse parking lot. Scheduling details, vehicle traffic requirements and restrictions will follow when schedules are confirmed. This will cause some inconvenience for all residents. However if we all abide by the requirements and restrictions presented, inconveniences will be minimal. The project should take about 3-4 days.
2. Palm Tree trimming is expected to happen in January / February of 2022 and prior to road repaving to eliminate heavy equipment on newly paved roads. Scheduling details to follow so residents can prepare their yards. The cost of this annual palm trimming is about $ 10,000 from our 2022 HOA budget.
3. Our Annual 2022 Residents meeting will be held in the Lake Heron Clubhouse on January 17th, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Residents may drop off their proxy votes at the meeting or by return mail. Please attend or mail your vote, but VOTE. I encourage the support of ALL residents in passing the important motions on this year’s resident’s agenda.
4. There will be two motions on the mailed out ballots for the January 17th, 2022 Annual Membership meeting requiring a 2/3 majority resident’s vote to pass. I ask that each resident support these with your vote.
5. Motion to approve a land transfer between Lake Heron and Gulf Coast Construction which would provide LH entire ownership of the brick wall seen on the left as entering Lake Floyd Drive from RT 41. LH would be swapping some land now owned behind this wall for that portion of the wall owned by Gulf Coast Construction.
6. Motion to create a Capital Reserve Fund for future needs. At present LH can only maintain / repair our community. This fund would provide for future new community development projects.
7. Minor maintenance items and upgrades are being addressed in the Clubhouse / Pool areas with funding approved by the board out of our 2021 Clubhouse HOA Maintenance fund.
8. A reminder that the paper disposal receptacle by the LH Dr. mail boxes has been permanently removed.
9. The grounds crews completed their annual small tree trimming for those trees reachable by poles saws. Thanks.
10. A reminder to all residents and grounds crew workers, storm drains and the lake are not to be used for street leaves and debris disposal or for the disposal of pet waste. USE PROPER DISPOSAL METHODS.
11. As a 2022 new year’s gift to all residents, a copy of the new Lake Heron Welcome Booklets will be distributed to all residents when printing is complete.
12. To all residents to start the new 2022’s, let’s greet each other with a smile and a “Joyous Happy New Year”

***~Sam*** 12/21/21

Rev: 12/22/21

**LAKE HERON HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Annual Membership and Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 17, 2022 / 6:30 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

1. **Residents Discussion and Comments from the floor**
2. **Call to Order**
3. Establish Quorum –Roll Call
4. Proof of Due Notice Posted: 48 Hr. Secretary
5. Reading of Minutes – Secretary
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. Treasurer / Finance – Cyndie
   2. Architectural Control - Pam
   3. Grounds - Don
   4. Club House - Mark
   5. RV Parking - Max
   6. The Park Team - Linn
   7. Parking Enforcement - Linn
   8. Social Committee - Cyndie

7. **Old / Unfinished Business:**

A. UPI - Road paving and palm tree trimming schedule update.

8. **New Business:**

A. Motion1. – Award a contract to Juan Sanchez for $ 10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to trim approximately 225 Lake Heron palm trees in early 2022 per the specification presented by UPI.

9. **Adjournment and Meeting transferred to UPI**, our property management co., to facilitate the Election of Officers.

*Next Board (Zoom) Meeting: February 14th 2022 Monday at 6:30 PM*

**Peacocks**

*By: Sophie Reilly, 10 years old*

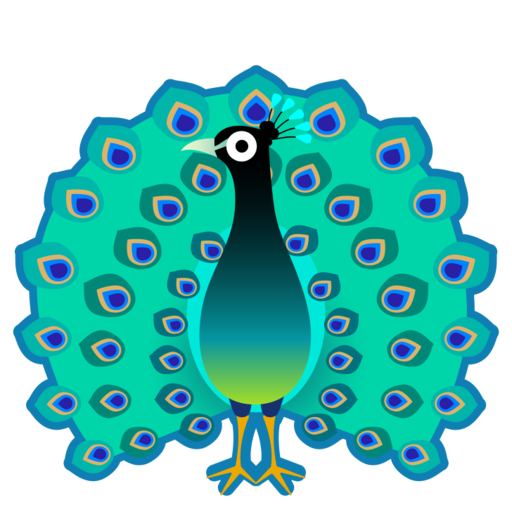
Peacocks are interesting creatures that have many specialties. They are also known for their beautiful tail feathers. Some people love peacocks, while others do not love them. There are actually three terms used for these creatures, females are known as peahens, males are known as peacocks, and babies are called peachicks, a family of peacocks is called a bevy. All peacocks are not born with their tail feathers, male peacocks don’t start growing their trains till they are three years old. A peacock’s life span in the wild is around 20 years. These magnificent creatures are a great part of nature in certain areas, peacocks usually live in forested areas, lowland forests, deciduous forests, and both tropical and dry habitats. Peacocks are omnivore which means they like to eat all kinds of different foods, like grasses, grains, figs, leaves, berries, insects, and small reptiles. Many people say that peacocks are aggressive, but in reality they usually aren’t. Like most creatures it is better to leave them alone so they don’t feel that they are being threatened.

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*Thank you very much Sophie for your contribution to the*

*Lake Heron Banner.*

*~Dee*

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***Omicron***

As you know, there is a ”new kid in town”, the Omicron variant, which comprises about 50% of the cases in the US at the time of this writing,  most of the rest being Delta. The Delta variant was thought to be highly contagious; the term “R0”,  pronounced “R naught”, used by epidemiologists to refer to the number of persons a single virus can infect, is 7 for Delta, and could be as high as 10 for Omicron, which reflects the increase In transmissibility the Omicron variant is thought to have compared with Delta. What seems to be controversial, partly due to our limited experience with Omicron(it was only identified in November),  is how serious the disease it imparts will be. Most of the data that informs this is preliminary; most is not yet published or peer reviewed by scientists, the processes by which the accuracy of scientific studies is determined.

But  the bulk of  prognostication is that the Omicron-induced infection will be milder than Deltas. However, Omicron is highly complex, containing over 30 mutations, which makes it much more difficult for our antibodies to recognize. Studies from the Imperial College of London and from South Africa, where Omicron was first identified, suggest the course of the infection will be milder than Deltas. These studies suggest that hospitalization appears to be 40 to 75% less common with Omicron than with Delta, however other studies have not found hospitalization to be reduced. In addition, the UKs Health Security Agency predicts that our existing antibodies, induced by vaccination, could be less effective than with prior variants, but that the other element of our immune systems, known as “cellular immunity”, will be more effective. Cellular immunity consists of “killer T cells”, which attack and destroy virus, and  “helper B cells”, which produce additional antibodies against the virus.

All in all, the growing opinion of the experts is that Omicron will be a milder disease than delta, particularly among those who are vaccinated and boosted. It may also be widespread. One scientist stated that we should all” be prepared to be positive”. As before, the unvaccinated may suffer more severe disease, even to the point of requiring hospitalization.

It’s important to continue all prior mitigation measures, including masking, hand washing, and spacing from others. Covid isn’t through with us yet. Get vaccinated, and boosted if appropriate, if you have not already done this.

*~Bram Smith MD*

***Please be sure to read the article on the front cover***

***so you are informed about the tree trimming***

***that is coming up on January 10th***

***Garbage and Recycling***

If you recycle, you ***CAN NOT*** use any bags.

You ***MUST*** use a dedicated container (tub or can).

***The Recycling will be picked up every Wednesday,***

***usually before 7am***

The truck crews will pass by any container that has plastic bags.

We see more and more bags being left out for curbside pick up, and those bags are being ignored.

Your recycle container should have a “Recycle Sticker” on it.

The stickers can be obtained by calling **727-856-4539**.

***Reminder – When Home or Away***

You can still get The Banner and keep up with Lake Heron news by accessing the Lake Heron website.

Access to Lake Heron Web Page

1. Type into your internet search page **“univprop.com”**
2. Locate **“Association Pages”** in the contents list in the left border
3. Lake Heron’s number is 4350. Put your mouse in the number list and scroll down to 4350 and click on it.
4. The website will now open with the calendar of events for the clubhouse.  To reach other pages just scroll down (or Page Down).

On our web page you’ll find copies of The Banner, Board Minutes, Directors and committee Chairpersons. Our standardized forms in printable copies are on the web page.

***Information To Set Up Zoom For Lake Heron Meetings***

In order to attend the Zoom meeting you will need to download the [Zoom.us](http://zoom.us/) app by going to [www.zoom.us/download](http://www.zoom.us/download) and click to sign up. You will need a camera and a microphone on your computer in order to participate. On the scheduled date and time of the meeting you would click on join a meeting and you will be asked for the following information in order to be a part of the meeting:

**MEETING ID: 219 022 5906    /     PASSCODE:  2020**

***RECYCLING***

You can place your recycling curbside for pickup every Wednesday of each month. Please Recycle in a container (NOT A BAG)

Things to recycle are...Plastic, paper, Amazon boxes, other cardboard. *NO GLASS*

Thank you for doing your part to

Save our Planet!

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***HOA Dues***

Homeowners can now pay association dues with credit cards if they wish.

Simply go to **www.univprop.com** and click on pay credit card payment and follow the link.

Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover Card may be used.

If the homeowner does use the credit card there is a 5% convenience fee the homeowner is charged.

***Lake Heron Contact Information*:**

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University Properties Inc. 813-980-1000

or email her at... ahester@univprop.com

***Website* -** Univprop.com - HOA# "4350"

***Volunteers* *Name***

**Board (President) Sam Gray**

**Board (VP) Max Saus**

**Board (Secretary) Ron Bowman**

**Board (Treasurer) Cyndie Smith**

**Board (Director A.L.) Mike Flanagan**

**Park**

Ron & Lori Bowman Kathy & Sam Gray

Pam Schwebl Ruth Copeland

Don Bushkie Linn Torres

Bonnie Mikulla Maxine Pickert

Susan Hoelseggen Lee Carter

Pam Kelly Sheila King

**Social Committee**

Cyndie and Bram Smith

**Newsletter Delivery**

Vickie Morris Beverly Patterson

Betsy Nehr Sherry Williamson

John Copeland Maria Saldarriaga

Hoke Cash

**Newsletter** Dee Ryder

**Grounds**

Don Bushkie Ruth Copeland (Irrigation)

**Architectural Control** Pam Kelley (Chairperson)

Matt Boisvert

Rachel Powers

Bill Prall

**Finance**

Kathy Gray Cyndie Smith

John Copeland

**RV Park**

Max Saus (Chairperson) Larry Kelly   
Hoke Cash

**Community Center**

John Copeland

**Wright Termite & Pest Control - 813-948-0229**