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

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*Board*

*Meeting*

*will be on*

*Nov 14th, 2022*

 *at 6:30 PM*

*on Zoom*

***President’s Corner***

**Reminder**: **November 14, 2022 - Monday** Board (Zoom) Meeting at 6:30 PM Please join us.

To all Lake Heron Residents,

 A tremendous thank you to all that helped with storm preparation and clean up. It was a great example of our community working together. Some residents offered their help to anyone who needed it. Others kept those who were in other locations updated and informed. Others secured pool chairs and umbrellas, checked storm drains and many helped with cleaning up the debris after the storm. We would also like to thank Green Bandit for their part in removing the debris.

 Residents will be receiving a mailed copy of the 2023 Proposed Lake Heron Budget. Yes, we will see an increase in HOA monthly fees for 2023. There were many factors that the Board struggled with that dictated this.

1. Increased costs of services and materials.
2. Projected Reserve deficit based on future projected replacement costs.
3. The Boards commitment to continue required maintenance and services to the community without reductions.

The Board cannot guarantee cost predictions or cost impacts that may pop up. An example was the 2022 major pool equipment issues and the high cost and wait time of replacement components. We will guarantee to the LH community that we, the Board, will manage in a conservative yet conscientious manner to provide the highest quality services at practical and reasonable costs. Time, good Board management, and inflation rates will determine how successful we will be in 2023 and what impact it will have on the 2024 budget.

The question keeps arising about Board meetings in the Clubhouse. I would like to clarify some misunderstood concepts. Board meetings are for the primary purpose of the five (5) Board Directors to meet with our UPI Property Manager to discuss Property Management issues, review written submitted property proposals, review upcoming and pressing business, track our budget costs, discuss / vote on motions, and to receive the oral or written committee reports

The Board utilizes a Zoom internet meeting structure hosted by our property manager. Board meetings are meant and structured for the convenience and efficiency of the Directors and our Property manager. This allows our Property Manager to have on hand access to records and reports in her office when needed to clarify or be a resource to Director’s discussions. Since the Board Members all have busy lives and other commitments it allows all five (5) Directors to participate regardless of where they may be via computer, phone, or other media. Participation by all elected Directors allows a wider representation of community views and a more diverse input on decisions that affect the community.

The Board meetings are open to the public per Florida statutes. Resident participants are given an opportunity for questions, comments, and concerns. Once this opportunity has

elapsed, usually 15-minute limit, resident’s comments are muted to prevent meeting interruption. Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin boards by the mailboxes and the monthly Banner keeps residents current on decisions, events, and news. I also always post my contact information beneath the Banner’s President’s Corner. Call, text, email, or knock on my door. The Board may not always have the responses that you may want to hear or a have solution, but I always try to respond and listen.

Our LH Community has changed in demographics and we as the Board must accommodate and adapt to different methods and applications for today and the future. Many are afraid of computers, being present on video, or simply lack the understanding of how to participate. Most individuals apply computers and smart phones for shopping, paying bills, Facebook, and communication with loved ones or for work. Maybe a Volunteer or two will step up to show residents how to join on Zoom. Please contact me.

Stay healthy and safe,

Sam Gray

Email: LH.President99@gmail.com

PH: or txt: 607-738-2137



***Announcement!***

I am resigning as Social chairperson after several years of having the  pleasure to serve Lake Heron. Tiffany Wells has agreed to take over for me. I know, with her varied interest and energy, that she will do a fabulous job. She will be putting her own team of helpers together, so if you’re interested, please let her know. You can message her via the Facebook web site.

Thanks for all your support over the years, it’s been fun!

***~Cyndie Smith***

## **Lake Heron Residents**

#### The holiday season is here! Please join us for laughter, fun and good cheer at the

#### Lake Heron annual holiday party.

#### Date: Saturday, December 3rd

#### Time: 5 P.M.

#### Venue: Lake Heron Community Clubhouse

#### Address: 21361 Lake Floyd Drive, Lutz, FL 33549

#### A dinner of Ham, Turkey, sides, salad and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

#### Feel free to BYOB & a fancy glass for your drink of choice.

####  Please bring a dessert to share.

#### We look forward to celebrating with you.

#### Please R.S.V.P. to Tiffany Wells

#### Email: Tiffany.L.Wells@outlook.com

#### Call or Text: 845-532-2434

#### Facebook Messenger: Tiffany Wells

**If you’re interested in decorating or joining the social committee, let me know.**

**Feel free to come in your ugliest, fluffiest, itchiest holiday sweater/tee shirt.**

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

1. There is a community “Yard Sale” planned for November. It is a good time to clean out unwanted items, make some money, and socialize with neighbors and friends.
2. Palms are trimmed once a year usually about January 15, 2023 or February.
3. Soft washing Townhomes, fences, common walkways are scheduled for mid-February 2023.
4. Lighting for after dark Tennis / Pickleball recreation at the pool area Courts is a reality. The timer is a two (2) hour turn to set and located inside the fence. This repaired asset adds a dimension of value to the Homeowners and Community. Players, please, be considerate of the surrounding effects of the bright lights and cost of electricity by setting the timer for only the time you are on the courts.
5. The key lock on the Courts required replacement. It is the type that requires a key to enter or exit. This may be considered an inconvenience. However, this type of lock was utilized on the Courts for many years and appeared to be adequate. Previously a key was glued into the old lock court interior side. The replacement cost of the lock, special keying, and locksmith service calls can be costly. But please DO NOT GLUE a key or other device into the lock or make modifications that may void the integrity or warranty of this lock.
6. It has been reported that some autos have been entered and items removed by unknow persons. Help keep LH safe. Always lock your car, place it in a garage when not used, keep garage doors closed at night, be vigilant of loiterers or strangers hanging around the neighborhood, report suspicious or illegal activity to the local law enforcement.
7. A volunteer is a person who voluntarily agrees to undertake a defined service. LH needs volunteers to do things. However, volunteers are not empowered or have the authority to represent the LH community to vendors, obtain bids, contracts or request services.

***~Sam 10/08/22***

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***How is Covid 19 progressing?***

 The Covid 19 pandemic began almost three years ago. How is our progress?

 Cases and deaths are dramatically reduced compared with two years ago. About 300 people in the US die daily from Covid 19, though  many more are infected. But, contrary to what President Biden said recently, the pandemic is not over, as the above numbers indicate.

 To many people, Covid 19 is either out of sight or out of mind. I expect your experience is similar to mine; the vast majority of people are not masking at all, even  as masking is still recommended for most people over 65 and for people with significant chronic illness, particularly  indoors where others are present.

 What accounts for the apparent drop in interest and concern over the illness?  Several things; often, infection with the omicron virus, our current predominant virus, is mild. Many new, effective treatments are now available. We have multiple vaccines to prevent illness. And people are understandably suffering from “Covid fatigue”; people are tired of the worry, the restrictions on activities, tired of masking, and the like.

 But, it is important to point out that the data has shown that boosting prevents serious illness and death. It is our best tool, at this point, to make people safer.

 Our efforts to prevent Covid 19 have employed vaccines and boosters, masking, and social distancing. But the uptake of these vaccines and boosters continues to drop with every new booster that becomes available. Only 38% of people over 50 have had the second booster, and in those over 65 the number is 45%. Thus far, only about 4% have had the most recent booster, which is directed  against the original virus from Wuhan, China, and variants B4 and B5(the booster has only been available since September).  B5 accounts for about 80% of cases in the US at the moment.

 New variant viruses have been identified, and some demonstrate “ immune evasion”, the ability to elude the bodies defenses. Because of this, some experts are concerned that the latest booster may not be enough to protect us if these viruses get a foothold. At this point, it is impossible to predict whether or not this will happen, and what the behavior and seriousness of new variant viruses will be. The only certainty is that new variants almost certainly will appear.

 In the past, US waves of infection have followed  those of Europe, which currently is experiencing an uptick in cases. If the pattern recurs, the US may be about to see the same.

 Is it possible to design a vaccine which would protect us all year? Maybe. We can’t predict which viruses will predominate in the future, and boosters will, at maximum, protect for 3 to 6 months. As it is, we can at least mask when needed, get available boosters, and  distance when needed. You are the best person to protect yourself.

***~Bram Smith, MD***

***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!



***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.

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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 (Secretary) Ron Bowman**

**Board (Treasurer) Cyndie Smith**

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

**Board (Director A.L.) Max Saus**

**Park**

Ron & Lori Bowman Kathy & Sam Gray

Pam Schwebl Ruth Copeland

Don Bushkie Linn Torres

Bonnie Mikulla Maxine Pickert

Lee Carter Pam Kelly

 Sheila King

**Social Committee**

Cyndie and Bram Smith

Ronnie Martinell

**Newsletter Delivery**

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