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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*

*Dec 12th, 2022*

 *at 6:30 PM*

*on Zoom*

***President’s Corner***

**Reminder**: December **12, 2022 - Monday** Board (Zoom) Meeting at 6:30 PM Please join us.

To all Lake Heron Residents,

Tis the Season of Peace on Earth and Good Will to All. Let all of us be thankful for our family, friends, neighbors, LH community, and living in a great country. These are special times for putting a cheerful greeting on our lips, a spring in our step, and that joyous season’s spirit in our heart and actions. It is a time of giving. A time to show compassion to the less fortunate, lend helping hands, sing joyous songs, and just be the best person that we can be. But the most important thing is making a commitment to be that way all year.

A Very, Very Season’s Greetings to All and a Happy New Year,

Sam Gray

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

1. There is a Lake Heron Holiday Season Party planned for Saturday December 3rd at 5PM in the Clubhouse. See the Banner for details. Come and enjoy the festive Season with your neighbors.
2. Any modification or alteration to the exterior of your Townhouse requires ACC Committee approval. Forms and standards are available on the UPI Lake Heron web site (see Banner for login info). This includes the installation of Solar Panels, roof skylights, and exterior mounted motion lighting. Before residents embark on projects check with the ACC Committee for requirements and approval.
3. The flower garden plots in the common ground park area are under the care of various residents. These residents volunteer as the park committee and periodically trim and clean up other areas of the park and pathways. These plots are cultivated, planted, and maintained at the expense of the assigned resident. No other individuals should rearrange, trim, disrupt, nor cut down any plot plant without the approval of the individual plot caretaker.

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Palm trees are generally trimmed once-a-year in mid-January or into February as historically the trimmers provide LH with good cost savings bids. As the season and heat progresses the price for trimming can increase substantially. In consideration of past and present rising cost, the LH Board weighs many criteria for doing projects.

1. It is also each resident’s right to decline having the palms on the property trimmed at HOA expense. Residents can elect to trim their palms any time they deem necessary. However, this would be at the Homeowners expense. The homeowner would also be responsible for any damage caused to surroundings by vendor equipment and the homeowner should verify that the vendor carries adequate liability / damage insurance coverage.
2. Soft-washing of townhouses is expected to be scheduled in February – March. The vendor uses an ecological friendly solution as not to damage plants and structures. It is the resident’s responsibility to remove any impeding pots, furniture, fixtures, and autos that may be in the range of spray. If not removed, the vendor has the right to by-pass cleaning those areas. Each resident has the right to decline having their townhouse, fence, or other scheduled area cleaned by the LH selected vendor. However, if washing is declined or resident’s items prevent washing, it becomes the resident’s responsibility to wash those skipped areas or their residence at their expense.
3. Driveway and lanai cleaning is generally offered as an option by the vendor and paid directly to the vendor by the homeowner. To contract or schedule these services residents must directly contact the vender NOT UPI or LH Board members.
4. Sprinkler or irrigation issues: Residents need to contact UPI directly as this policy is now a cost reduction scheduling / monitoring program to reduce sprinkler repair cost. If sprinkler repair cost cannot be brought in line with budget, then as per the LH Documents the cost of this service will be turned back to the property owner. Residents be aware that it is your responsibility to irrigate your lawn and shrubbery. If grass and shrubbery die or becomes burned out, it is your responsibility to replace or incur HOA replacement policy.

***~Sam*** 11/28/22

***Courtesy Notice***

A thank you to all residents and their guests that utilized the Clubhouse and other designated official parking areas during the Thanksgiving Holidays instead of on street parking.

As we all are aware, Lake Heron has signage posted for “NO Street Parking” and “NO Parking on the Grass". This is for safety, to keep from promoting auto proliferation, and to protect the sprinkler heads that are installed very close to the road along property lines. Sprinkler repair and the related water usage waste can be very costly to homeowners.

With the Christmas Holidays approaching and family and guests visiting, please remind people to refrain from even short-term street parking and to utilize the authorized Lake Heron parking areas. Let us all be respectful of the homeowners and our Lake Heron community. The downside for some is that parking areas may require a short walk. However, the upside is that the walk is a great way to get one’s daily steps in and walking is great exercise.

Thanks,

***~Sam***

***Christmas Strawberries***

*These are very good and look so pretty on a cookie tray ~ Dee Ryder*

2 (6 ounce) packages strawberry flavored gelatin
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
2 cups flaked coconut
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup red decorator sugar
1/4 cup green decorator sugar
2 ounces slivered almonds

Blend together the gelatin and condensed milk. Add coconut and vanilla; mix well and refrigerate until chilled.

Roll into small balls and shape into strawberries; roll in red sugar crystals. Dip fat end into green sugar crystals. Place an almond sliver into the fat end for a stem.

To prevent hardening, store in an air tight container until ready to serve.

Makes 2 dozen

## **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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***The Emotional Toll of Covid 19***

Covid 19 has lasted for nearly 3 years now, and has been tremendously stressful for many. Numerous studies during this period have shown  any  increase in emotional and psychiatric illness that has resulted. Economic loss, an uncertain future, fear of contracting the illness, the lack of therapeutic resources, prolonged confinement, and mixed messages from health authorities have all been powerful sources of stress. In addition, infringement on personal freedoms, fear of friends, family, and colleagues becoming ill or even dying, and isolation from others have all contributed.

Consequently, a marked increase in depression, anxiety, insomnia, confusion, boredom, and anger, has occurred. The need to seek out family and friends for comfort and support has been too often denied us. For most of us, a pandemic of this scale is a completely novel experience, making coping extremely difficult for many.  And if you feel this way, you are far from alone.  You might be surprised to learn that each of you knows apparently well persons, even friends,  family members, co-workers and others,  who have received psychiatric care. I have done so myself. To quote a psychiatrist friend of mine, seeking mental health care does not mean you’re “crazy”. Illnesses such as depression and anxiety are no less illnesses than are high blood pressure, diabetes, pneumonia, and others, and are treatable.

Mental health professionals, as you know, including psychologists, psychiatrists, and other mental health practitioners, are available to us. If you think you need this type of help, I would suggest reaching out to your primary care professionals first, who can often treat such problems themselves, and can also offer referrals to mental health practitioners if needed. Counseling and medications are available through these professionals if appropriate. I want to strongly emphasize that seeking help of this type is not stigmatizing,  and like any other type of healthcare stays between you and your doctor, or other professional. Don’t be afraid to ask for help.

~***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!

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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.

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**University Properties Inc. 813-980-1000**

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

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

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**Board (Secretary) Ron Bowman**

**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

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