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

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***May***

***Board Meeting will be on***

***May 10, 2021 at***

***6:30 PM on ZOOM. This is a permanent time change***

***President’s Corner***

**Reminder**: May 10, 2021 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM will be a Virtual Meeting on Zoom. Sign in directions are in the Banner.

**It is the anticipation of May flowers and the enjoyment of all their beauty that makes the month of May precious.**

A few notifications.

1. **All future zoom Board meetings will now be at 6:30 PM** to provide more opportunity for residents to easily attend the virtual Board meetings.
2. Power washing and sealing of the Lake Floyd decorative stones and power washing the park area white vinyl fence will soon be complete.
3. A contract was awarded to replace the main electrical panels at the club house. This may require a temporary closure of the pool as this will affect the pumping / filtration system.
4. Repair of a corner post of our white vinyl fence was ordered.
5. Some upgraded lighting will be added to the club house restrooms.
6. A vendor has been found for park Brick engraving. Costs have increased and there is a minimum order requirement. This project will require volunteers to implement.

Like all communities, Lake Heron on occasion experiences some mischief, vandalism, and the non-abidance of our written / verbal rules. We have, in the past, been a close community of similar interests and expectations. In approaching differences, we have looked the other way, been tolerant, justified things as no big deal, experienced not wanting to get involved and even have notified people of infractions requiring compliance.

Few entities elude change. Lake Heron is a community in flux as is many other HOA’s, cities and municipalities throughout the country. Attrition has created opportunities for newer residents, new expectations, new ideas, new wants /needs and possibly new issues. Today the method of “If it is not broken, don’t fix it” has been replaced by the “define requirements and implement solutions” mode. Today’s residents both new and long term seek transparency, better communication, and clearly defined verbal / written rules and procedures. The success or continuum of a community is all perceptions. The support, input, and efforts of the community in blending those perceptions into a transparent definable management system are the responsibility of all residents. If we embrace fragmentation, non-responsive effort and poor communication then degradation and non-compliance slowly creeps in. All of LH’s governing individuals are subject to attrition, Florida’s limits, and must move on. New different residents will, hopefully, enthusiastically take up the tasks of guiding LH to meet the future.

I challenge each resident to step up and be a contributor in LH’s future. Your contribution may seem small or large, but we need your input and help. I ask each resident to email, text, or call me (Sam Gray) with your ideas of needed committees, write a minimum of five (5) community rules you feel we should adopt. Also indicate how you would like to be a part of LH based on your interests and skills. Tell me if you are interested in being a board candidate, committee chair or committee member of areas such as IT support, writer / editor, grounds, park, or a member / monitor of other needed areas. We need to hear from all of our residents. Convey your likes / dislikes, pros and cons. However please keep all correspondence tasteful and respectful.

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There have been suggestions about reading the Banner and communications online (like the Tampa paper) in conjunction to limited paper delivery. This may be preferred by many, be a cost reduction, decrease the number of paper deliveries required. Weigh in with your thoughts.

Stay healthy and safe,

Sam Gray

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***Zoom login information for monthly Board Meetings is now located on page 7***

***Banner Summer Break***

The staff of the Banner, Editor and our wonderful neighbors who deliver the Banner are taking a summer break. We will resume publication again for the September issue. Feel free to send in your articles, recipes and photos over the Summer and they will be added to the next Banner as space is available. If it is urgent information, please contact Sam and it will be taken care of accordingly.

*Have a good summer, stay safe and take good care.*

***Covid 19 Vs. Planet Earth. How Are We Doing?***

We’re now about a year into the Covid 19 pandemic, and vaccine efforts have improved, such that well over President Biden’s goal of 2 million injections per day are being administered. At present, 62% of people over 65 are fully vaccinated, and 29% of the U.S. population is as well. At the time of this writing, the U.S. has over 31 million cases and more than 565,000 deaths, and worldwide, there are more than 138 million cases,  and more than 3 million deaths. After a recent drop in these numbers, they are climbing again, believed to be, in part, due to less adherence to mitigation measures, such as masking and social distancing. Vaccination, it is posited, could be causing the false belief that vaccinated persons don’t need to take precautions any longer. Although vaccinated persons have a very low risk of infection, so called “breakthrough” infections do occur, and infected, already vaccinated persons can infect others. The increase in Covid cases is also believed to be driven by infections with the so called “viral variants”, which can infect both the vaccinated and unvaccinated.

The viral variants of greatest concern include the U.K. virus (a.k.a B.1.1.7), the South African virus (a.k.a. B.1.351), and the Brazilian virus (a.k.a. P.1), all named for their country of origin, and all have been detected in the U.S. These viruses are believed to be more transmissible and possibly more deadly than the original so called “wild” virus, against which the current vaccines are directed. Some recent data suggests that the U.K. virus may be less deadly than originally thought, but this is by no means established. This virus is now the dominant virus in the U.S, having displaced the original wild virus. It is ironic that, just as our vaccination efforts are bearing fruit, the virus these vaccines are intended to prevent is no longer the predominant Covid causing virus in the U.S.  Fortunately, the existing vaccines appear to be uniformly effective against the U.K. virus.                   The existing vaccines, however have performed poorly against the South African virus, including vaccines from Novavax, Johnson&Johnson, and Astra Zenica. The J.&J. vaccine is currently on hold, due to the occurrence of rare blood clots in the brain, known as cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, or CVST, in recipients of this

vaccine. Whether the administration of this vaccine will be resumed is currently the subject of careful scrutiny by the CDC, the FDA, and their european counterparts. Little is known about the Brazilian virus at this point. But in the event of infection with either the Brazilian or South African variants, it is believed that the existing vaccines will, at the least, prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death, due to what is termed the “cushion effect”, which is essentially the robust immune response that these vaccines create. Recent data from Pfizer has shown 91% efficacy of its’ vaccine against the South African virus, but this data has not been peer reviewed nor accepted for publication, and thus the quality of the data is unknown at the moment.

Because of the variants of concern mentioned above, and many other mutated viruses that will almost certainly appear, the pharmaceutical houses involved in the vaccine effort are developing new strategies. Both Moderna and Pfizer are administering a third dose of their vaccines in one study, and Moderna, and others, are preparing “boosters” directed against the existing variant viruses, and which could also be formulated against other viruses that may emerge. It has yet to be determined if, and when, additional vaccines would need to be given. It is noteworthy that there is data showing that both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines still provide robust (90% efficacy) immunity 6 months after administration, and possibly longer. In the future, It is possible that we will need periodic vaccine doses, much like administration of the influenza vaccine is done.

We are involved in what could prove to be the worst public health disaster in modern history. We are also witnessing a race between Covid infections and vaccinations to achieve herd immunity, which could effectively end the pandemic if other nations follow suit.  Each new infection provides an opportunity for virus to replicate and mutate, possibly into a virus which will not be prevented by current vaccines. Therefore, infections must be prevented with mitigation measures such as masking and distancing, and with vaccine administration. Get vaccinated if you have not done so, and take the above precautions, even if you are already vaccinated.

*~Bram Smith, MD*

***How Your Assessment Gets Spent***

Each year I review for our residents how Lake Heron spends your monthly assessment. While

$206 a month isn’t a small sum it is generally at the low end of what other similar size

community associations with a clubhouse, pool and tennis courts spend. When you multiply it

by 163 households times 12 months it is $402,936 and that is a substantial amount of money to

manage.

The largest single expense is the money we dedicate to Reserves to pay for future expenses. This

year it is $162,100 which is 40% of our annual budget. 60% of the budget goes toward our

Operating Budget of $240,836.

The largest cost of operations is keeping our lawns green, healthy and trimmed. That is $129,712.

which is 54% of the Operating budget.

The big expenses are: Lawns $71,560 …. Fertilizer/Pest control $32,852… Plants/Mulch/Trees $25,320

We expect to spend about $29,204 on Building Maintenance, $23,160 on Property Management,

$15,792 on Termite Control and $10,000 on Pool Maintenance. The rest of the

Operating Budget pays for all those other small but necessary expenses like Federal

Income Taxes, legal, insurance, licenses and fees, water, electricity, etc.

If you have a specific question about the association’s budget you can direct it to Cyndie Smith,

Chair of the Finance Committee, or to me.

*~John Copeland*, 948-0854

***Do You Know Your Neighbors?***

We have all realized during COVID,  that socialization is a way to survive.  Living here at Lake Heron are some, fine, caring people.  I have seen neighbors cook and take food to other neighbors, I have seen them take ailing neighbors to their doctor appointments.  I have seen them do nice things for people they hardly know.  Next time you are at the mailbox or out walking get to know someone outside your inner circle.  I have met wonderful new people just volunteering in the park.  Maybe just get to know someone that you have said "hi" too,  for many years, but you don't really know them.

\*As your comfort level increases  & Covid is a little less scary think of inviting a few people over to your driveway, everyone bringing their own folding chair and just socialize for an hour or so.

\*Help an elderly neighbor change a light bulb, or fix something.

\*Walk in the park on your lunch break because you now work from home.

\* Joining Lake Heron Social Musings on Facebook,  this is a great way to meet neighbors.

Enjoy, wave, it's your Neighborhood!

~Linn Torres



***MINUTES***

**April 05, 2021 Lake Heron HOA, BOD Meeting**

Call to order: 4:00 PM (Virtual Meeting in Zoom)

Roll call: ***Sam, Ron, Max, Cyndie, Mike* Quorum Established**

Proof of Due Notice Posted: 48 Hrs.

Motion to forego reading prev. Minutes: Max, 2nd Cyndie **Approved: 5/0**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President: Sam,**

**Finance**: **Cyndie,** see Treas. Report

**Treasurer: Cyndie,** February Revenue, $21,236.21, Expenses $17,635.15, Net Income $3601.06.

**ACC: Pam:** No new submissions to ACC

**Rec. Ctr: Ed:** Suggests video surveillance to quell recent vandalism. Tabled, so UPI can provide legal input on surveillance of pool area.

Motion for electrical repairs.

**RV Park: Max:** 1 space available

**Park Team: Linn,** Park “clean-up” May 01. Security cameras in the park are being discussed.

**Grounds: Ruth:** Proposal to clean/seal brickwork in common areas $2200. Request tabled until 2nd bid received/reviewed.

**Parking Enforce: Linn.** No new problems

**Social: Cyndie:** Possible “Fall Fling” later in 2021

**Old Business**: Covid shots (2nd dose) April 11, 9AM, at Clubhouse. Bring your contact sheet!

**New Business**: McConnie Fence Co., will repair PVC fence for $850.

Street drainage problem on Clubside Loop, temporary repair scheduled.

Discussion of changing HOA meetings to a later hour, poss.6PM.

Discussion about having “town hall” meetings for residents.

**Meeting Adjourn: 5:05**PM, Next Meeting: May 10,2021 4PM (Virtual)

***Motions:***

*(1) Motion by Clubhouse committee for electrical repairs by Himes Electrical Service Inc, for $5,737. Passed 5/0*

***Addendum to April 11 Minutes***

Motion to have Larry Kelly power wash and apply satin sealer to five groups of stone decorative pavers along Lake Floyd Drive, at a total cost of $600. ***Motion approved 5/0***

Motion to have Larry Kelly power wash the white fence that begins at Lake Floyd Road, and extends around the RV park, at a total cost of $600. ***Motion approved 5/0***

Motion to refund Pam Kelly $85.31, for the purchase and installation of six motion activated, solar lights along the park pathway.

Motion approved 5/0

***Directors also voted 5/0, to change the start time of the monthly HOA Board meetings. The new start time will be 6:30 PM. Time change will be in effect for the May 10th meeting.***

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***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**

**CHANGE**

Reservation requests for the Community Center (Clubhouse) **MUST**be by email.

Phone call requests will not be accepted.  Email [clubhouseguy1321@aol.com](mailto:clubhouseguy1321@aol.com)

***RECYCLING BIN***

The Lake Heron recycling bin has been removed.  You can add paper and cardboard to you curbside recycling pickup every Wednesday of each month.

Thank you.

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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*:**

***Property Manager*** - Angela Hester

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**

Sheryl and Ron Spencer Cyndie and Bram Smith

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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**

Ed Martinell

John Copeland

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