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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Susan Whitehead

The first quarter has come to a close and as with every year we usually get quite a bit done during this time. Tree elevation work has been completed in areas along Sunflower and also on Woodlands Drive South. Not only does this enhance the aesthetic appeal of the roads, more importantly, it is done to ensure that all emergency vehicles can

pass with ease. Also completed was a much needed cleanout along East Lake Woodlands Parkway from the club house parking lot to Woodlands Blvd. This is the area that runs in front of the St. Andrews community. There were line of sight issues and a continuing problem with pesky Brazilian Pepper trees encroaching further and further into the road. Additional cutbacks of Brazilian Peppers were done along the curve between Greenhaven 2 and 3. This species continues to be our nemesis within ELW! They grow astoundingly large and if you stop for a couple of minutes you can watch them grow in front of you.

Road work has been done along Woodlands Drive South which runs from the Patio Homes through Cluster IV. I know those communities are especially thankful for the work and the community association is proud to get it done. The next big paving project, scheduled for next year, will be for Woodlands Blvd, which is the road that leads from the ELW clubhouse to the Suntrust exit.

Our semi-annual Drainage Inspection discovered approximately 14 areas needing attention. These inspections and resulting repairs support the maintenance of our overall drainage system. The resulting work for these items was completed in March. The repairs will improve water flow and include ditch & culvert cleaning & and headwall reinforcement.

Finally, I would like to offer a sincere THANK YOU to the CYPRESS 1 CONDO ASSOCIATION. This lovely community has recently renewed their contract with the ELWCA. The residents of Cypress 1 have been active in our association and our board and management team have always appreciated their help and input. We all look forward to continuing our partnership in keeping East Lake Woodlands a beautiful place to live and play!



SPRING IS HERE (HOPEFULLY)

by Keith Crank, Vice President

By the time we get this edition of the Heron hopefully the cold days and nights will be behind us and we can be enjoying some springtime weather before the heat of the summer sets in. Our residents will be walking or riding around the neighborhood. If you are a walker please use the sidewalks

that are available or if you have to walk on the roadways please remember to walk against the flow of traffic. Don't walk with the traffic because you can't see what is behind you. Please wear light colored clothing if you are walking in the early morning before sunrise and in the evening at dusk. Our residents that enjoy riding their bicycles around the neighborhood please observe the traffic laws. Too many of our bicyclists seldom

stop at stop signs and it is just a matter of time before someone is seriously injured. Remember that car/truck is a lot bigger than you. Just be smart and be safe at the same time.

With the change in the weather upcoming, please make sure we as parents and pet owners that we ALWAYS ensure that we have not left our loved ones in a hot car. If you should ever see a child or pet in a locked car please take it upon yourself to notify the authorities and if necessary take steps to rescue the child or pet.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to our controlled access gate and patrol officers. These dedicated officers are doing a great job and I am constantly receiving compliments about the job they are doing. Major Ricky Vargas has stepped up and done a great job in his leadership position.

Thanks to each and every one of you.

As always should you have an emergency always call 911 first, remember time is of the utmost importance. Should you need to get in touch with the Pinellas County Sheriff's office their non-emergency is 727-562-6200. Our patrol officers can be reached at 727-785-7385. Let's all be safe and enjoy our spring season.

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| Nov 20, 2018 | SUNTRUST outbound hit by a non-resident. Claim filed; awaiting invoices. |
| Dec 3, 2018 | SUNTRUST outbound struck by commercial vehicle. Company disputing responsibility; awaiting response. |
| Dec 18, 2018 | SUNTRUST outbound struck by resident. Claim submitted; awaiting payment. |
| Dec 28 2018 | SUNFLOWER outbound struck by resident. Claim submitted. There is no change in the gate status with respect to payments or receipt of invoices needed to file a claim. |

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A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW MANAGER

by Debi Hudrlik, AMS, CMCA



Good day ELW residents, I hope this finds everyone well. I would like to thank all of you who have extended to me a very warm welcome. As most of you know, we are in the process of transitioning management of ELWCA from Jamie Ballard to me, and I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as I become familiar

with your wonderful community. I have some big shoes to fill and will do my very best to provide quality service to your community.

Over the last two months I have noted a few things that I would like to bring to your attention. As members of the Association, we all have a duty to be a Good Neighbor and to follow the guidelines outlined in our Community Documents, as well as to exercise good judgment and common sense on a daily basis.

Disposal of Landscape Debris: Some homeowners are trimming their trees and landscaping and throwing the debris over perimeter walls for the ELWCA landscaper to remove. Additionally, debris is being disposed of in wooded conservation areas throughout the community. Removal of debris by ELWCA costs money outside the scope of our landscape contract. It is the responsibility of each member or sub-association to provide for the prompt removal of landscape debris at their own expense.

Speeding and School Buses: Many residents have received warnings from the PCSO regarding speeding. However, last month we saw a slight increase in the number of actual tickets that were written, warnings issued and vehicles stopped. We will continue to stagger the patrol days and times throughout the month. The volume of traffic throughout the community is very high, and the safety of our residents is of the utmost importance.

We have seen a slight improvement with vehicles stopping for the school buses, but violators still exist. Below are the guidelines in Florida relative to school buses.

You should always stop for a school bus with its lights flashing; except if you are driving on a divided highway in the opposite direction of a bus and there is at least five feet of unpaved space, a raised median, or a physical barrier (concrete abutment) separating the roadway on which you are travelling from the roadway where a bus stopped. Only then you can continue to drive at a legal speed, but should still drive with an increased awareness that children might be around.

In all other situations, you must stop when you see a school bus that has its stop lights blinking and stop signs showing, regardless of whether you are behind a bus or facing a bus, driving in the opposite direction. We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation in this matter.

Parking in the Street & Towing: Parking in the street overnight in some of our sub-associations has become a problem, and we have been advised that some sub-associations will be strictly enforcing their parking policy and may soon begin to tow vehicles. If you are uncertain about the parking guidelines for your particular sub-association, please reach out to your individual community association manager.

Welcome to all New Residents. We would like to welcome all of the new residents who recently moved into the community. Members who need to obtain new barcodes can come into the management office at 720 Brooker Creek Blvd., Suite 206, Oldsmar, FL 34677 on M-F from 8 AM to Noon or from 1 PM to 4PM. Should you have any questions, please contact Mary Hunt at 813-433-2000.

A Message to Sub-Association Presidents: In order to effectively communicate with all sub-associations, it is important that we have current contact information for each President. As Management & Associates does not manage all of the sub-associations within ELWCA, we are sometimes not advised of a change in Board Presidents. On March 6 and 7 we sent out e-mails to all Board Presidents regarding the shooting of a drone video and the trimming of trees. If you are a Board President and did NOT receive those e-mails, please contact Mary Hunt at 813-433-2000 so that we can update our records.

We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation in these matters. Should you have any issues pertinent to the ELWCA, I can be reached at 813-433-2004 or dhudrlik@mgmt-assoc.com.

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HOW TO PREPARE YOUR PATIO FOR SUMMER

by Sally Giar

It's never too early to prepare for summer. The warm temperatures and clear skies will be begging you to spend more time outdoors, so you need to make sure your patio's ready to party. With a few décor tips and advice, you can transform your outdoor space into a getaway that's always within reach.

CONSCIOUSLY CHOOSE THE RIGHT FURNITURE

First, consider how you plan to use your space. Is it for entertainment, or is it for your own personal use? This will help you decide how much furniture you need and what kind of pieces would work best for your patio.

Creating a space for your family and friends to gather is simple. Just imagine you're designing a room in your home - but without walls. Make sure there's a place for lounging and mingling, as well as a space for wining and dining.

If you're focused more on creating your own personal getaway, you'll likely need less furniture, so you need to pick a few statement pieces. We can help you find the ideal set that'll create your dream sanctuary.

There are so many different styles of furniture to choose from based on what you find aesthetically pleasing. We can help you choose the perfect products to match your taste.

DON'T FORGET TO ACCESSORIZE

Beyond choosing furniture, outdoor accessorizing is the key to creating the personalized space of your dreams. Spruce up your chairs with bright, colorful throw pillows that can equally maximize comfort and style. You should also consider an area rug to bring all of your furniture pieces together—this can help ignite the idea that your patio is a room with no walls.

Although you'll be spending most of your time outside while the sun's still shining, you need to prepare for when the sun sets. A simplistic outdoor light fixture can illuminate your space without overwhelming the senses. You may also consider placing candles on your patio tables—this subtle touch will give your space a relaxed and intimate feel.

Create an outdoor sanctuary that no one will want to leave. Your friends will be begging you to throw a summertime soiree every weekend.



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The following guidelines shall be implemented and followed for collection of all funds due the Association effective April 1, 2019:

- All Assessments shall be billed and collected on a monthly or quarterly basis pursuant to the individual sub-association documents, and are due either on the first of each month or the first of each quarter, respectively. Assessments will be considered delinquent if not received by the 15th day of the month when due.
- On the 15th day of the month, or as shortly thereafter as possible, the management company will send a statement that said assessments are delinquent. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late payment fee, or 5% of the delinquent assessment amount, whichever is greater, will be added to the amount due.
- If the assessment and late fees are not received, on the 15th day of the second month, or as shortly thereafter as possible, the Management Company will send a late letter requesting payment within ten (10) days, and the statement will include accrued interest at the rate of 17% per annum. A second twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late fee, or 5% of the delinquent assessment amount, whichever is greater, will be added for those accounts that are due and payable monthly.
- If the assessment, late fees and interest are not received, on the 15th day of the third month, or as shortly thereafter as possible, the statement will be updated to include accrued interest at the rate of 17% per annum. A third twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late fee, or 5% of the delinquent assessment amount, whichever is greater, will be added for those accounts that are due and payable monthly. A 45 day Intent to Lien Notice will be mailed by the Management Company and the Owner's account will be charged a fee of \$35.00 for the pre-lien letter.
- If the funds are not received within the 45 days, the account will be sent to the Attorney and the Association shall proceed with the recording of a Claim of Lien on the home. An additional twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late fee, or 5% of the delinquent assessment amount, whichever is greater, will be added for all accounts, whether due monthly or quarterly. Attorney's fees and recording costs will also be added to the statement.
- The Attorney shall send the homeowner a 45-day Intent to Foreclose letter with a copy of the recorded Claim of Lien.
- If the homeowner still does not bring the account balance current following the Claim of Lien and demand letter, the Attorney may file a foreclosure complaint with the Board of Director's approval. It is in the Board of Directors' discretion to accept a payment plan request from any homeowner.
- The Association reserves the right to also file a deficiency judgment action against any owner for any assessments, attorneys' fees or costs due to the Association.
- A parcel owner is jointly and severally liable with the previous owner for all unpaid assessments, costs, and fees that came due up to the time of transfer of title. This liability is without prejudice to any right the present parcel owner may have to recover any amounts paid by the present owner from the previous owner.
- As funds are received from the delinquent owner, funds shall be applied to the owner's account in the following order: (1) interest (2) late fees, (3) fines, (4) attorney's fees and related costs, (5) any maintenance charges incurred, and (6) the delinquent assessment.
- As a courtesy, the management company shall be permitted to remove only one (1) late fee from an owner's account. Said removal shall be documented in the owner's file. The management company will not be permitted to remove any other charges without Board approval.

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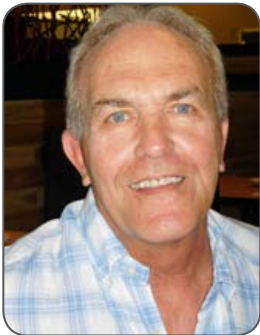
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TAKE A SECOND LOOK AT EAST LAKE WOODLANDS

by Ernie Del Barba

This past week I met with a client in my office, and it turns out she had never visited East Lake Woodlands. We talked a bit about the subdivisions here and she enthusiastically said: "It's beautiful in here!" That it is a desirable community is something probably most residents here take for granted, but as a realtor I never do. If you take a closer look at the neighborhoods as you are driving through, you will be reminded again of all the natural beauty of this well designed and maintained master property that has any type of home you could ask for. Your second look should remind you that the value of your home has a lot to do with your location, and living here will make the sale of your home easier than in other planned communities. For years it has been popular with seasonal renters as well as full time residents. The McCaffery Team at Berkshire Hathaway knows East Lake Woodlands and can help you accurately price your property for a rapid sale. Our team is also proud to be in the top 2% of sales at Berkshire Hathaway.

As you would expect we are still adjusting to the tax changes of 2017 that put limits on mortgage and property deductions. Economists predict that interest rates and inflation will not be as threatening as expected in 2019, so sales should improve. The inventory of homes for sale in Pinellas County is growing and so more competitive, but in East Lake Woodlands the prices realized continue to grow and stay desirable to homebuyers and property investors. Currently in East Lake there are 32 Active listings and 22 Pending Sales. There have been 65 Closed Sales so far this year and are achieving within a few % of asking price, sometimes more. Allow us to help you with any of your real estate needs or questions about our Florida market. We are always available to provide you with a market analysis of your property or help you in your search for a new investment.

We are happy to announce that for the second year there will be a Clay Shoot to benefit the Sunshine Kids. Berkshire Hathaway and their agents are supporters of this Find A Cure event that will be held on April 12, 2019 and will run from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays. Different levels of sponsorship and participation are available for this great cause and local charity. It will be a fun event as well and a chance to get out and enjoy our great spring weather.



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COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS RESPONDS TO EAST LAKE ROAD DITCH ISSUES

by Bruce Berger

For at least two years the ditch south of the Woodlands Blvd entrance on the east side of East Lake Road has been a conduit for stormwater to makes its way into ELWCA.

Rains of an intensity of about one inch/hr for at least 2 - 3 hours would could not be handled. Rather, water would substially fill the ditch, flow north, and turn onto Woodlands Blvd and enter the Quail Forest area.

Assuring our drainage system handles the stormwater runoff from the community is concern enough without having to be assure it's capable of handling extraneous water.

The poor performance of the ditch was obvious over a prolonged time frame of mid-December 2018 to mid-January.

The County was advised by an ELWCA resident of ELWCA through the County SeeClick Fix system at the end of January 2019. Ditches are being regraded along with other project elements to move water south/away from ELWCA.

We can clearly watch the progress on the east side of East Lake Road heading toward the Woodlands Blvd. entrance.

Please remember that water does no know who own's it or where it's supposed to go. it take the path of least resistance.

Residents and the Board should be vigilant inside the community as well in the environs in very close proximity.



DREAD QUERCUS (OAK TREES) LAY SIEGE

by Bruce Berger

There are 12 types of white oaks in Florida. Acorns mature in six months, with sweet or slightly bitter flavor. The inside of their acorn shells are hairless.

Quercus virginiana (Southern Live Oak) leaves stay green year round it is a semi-deciduous evergreen tree. Their leaves are very simple and may stay on the tree throughout the winter until new leaves grow in the spring. Mass "masting", i.e. oak production, may occur when oaks near and afar shed their acorns, with the timing of Olympic synchronized swimmers.

Oak acorn production varies markedly year to year and by species. But every several years, like clockwork, masting oaks somehow synchronize the timing and quantity of seed production. Biologists suspect it may be some evolutionary They aren't exactly sure how and why oaks suddenly shift into acorn overdrive, then go nearly dormant for years. It seems to happen about once every four to seven years, when oaks produce and drop acorns in unison. Some biologists speculate that hurricanes, infestations and drought also can stress oaks, possibly triggering large-scale masting, a sort of a last-ditch response to environmental stress.

One study, found oak acorn productivity is mostly driven by the timing of rain and other weather factors during various reproductive stages in the years leading up to the large masting. White oaks generally produce acorns in roughly 2- to 2½ -year cycles, while red oaks do so every 3½ to 5½ years, they found. They send out new leaves so quickly that they are only leafless for a brief time. Also, not all live oaks are on the same cycle. March is typical for leaves to drop. Quercus hemisphaerica/Swamp Laurel oaks and Sand Laurel Quercus laurifolia/Sand Laurel Oaks are two FL types of Red oaks. The laurel oak is mostly evergreen while swamp laurel oak is mostly "tardily deciduous". Leaves may persist on the tree until gradually falling in early spring. What is "early spring" in west central Florida?



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BIRD OF THE MONTH BOAT-BILLED HERON

by Jake Jacoby

I saw the Boat-billed Heron in August 2018 for the very first time while travelling along the riverbanks of the Cuiaba River. I was in a boat especially equipped for photography in the Pantanal region of Brazil. My brother and I were travelling in the Pantanal on a photographic workshop organized and hosted by www.naturescapes.net.

The Pantanal is part national park and part a UNESCO World Heritage site. And, is the largest tropical wetland in the world, covering over 70,000 square miles; an area the size of Washington State, 10 times larger than our Florida Everglades, and it lies right in the middle of South America. While the Pantanal is often overshadowed by the Amazon rain forest to the north, it quietly boasts the highest concentration of wildlife on the continent.



Resting in the mangroves

The Boat-billed Heron watched us closely with its huge and bulging eyes as we slowed down the boat and stared in wonder at this atypical member of the heron family. The heron sat quietly in the mangroves along the shoreline and carefully watched our approach. This bird is very unique because of its huge, shoe-shaped bill. The bill is massive, broad, scoop-like and reminds me of an upturned keel of a boat, and hence its name. The Boat-billed Heron is found from Mexico south to Peru, Brazil, and northeastern Argentina.

This heron uses its unusual bill to hunt amphibians, small fish, shrimp, other crustaceans, insects, and small vertebrates, while wading through shallow water, and foraging in vegetative streams and lagoons. When hunting from the mangroves, the heron will use low-hanging branches and mangrove roots to stand over the water and watch for its prey.

In order to capture its prey, the Boat-billed Heron will lunge at fish or scoop the surface of the water with its bill which is uniquely shaped for this method of capture. They have also been observed to stand and slowly stalk prey, or disturb the water and then chase prey. They forage nocturnally, and usually leave the roost 30 minutes



Boat-billed Heron

after sundown to feed. They will not feed during daylight, bright moonlight or when an artificial light is introduced.

Courtship display is quite ritualized and includes carefully coordinated bill-touching and false fighting. They also have a crest which is used in mate attraction. This heron, unlike other herons, is very aggressive when defending its nest and young against potential predators, scaring away other species of birds, and vocalizing loudly, even lunging at anything approaching the nest, including humans.

Boat-billed Herons breed during the rainy season, April to August, and will normally produce two clutches during this time. They usually nest in small colonies but will also nest solitary on occasion. The nest is a frail platform of sticks, small for the size of this bird, and placed in the mangroves, on a horizontal fork overhanging the water. The female will lay her first clutch in February during the end of the dry season. The female will lay two to four eggs, pale blue with brown speckles, with more eggs being laid during the first nesting period than the second. Incubation lasts for 20 days and the chicks are born altricial (helpless) but they develop quickly and can move along branches with great agility. The chicks fledge and leave the nest in 6 to 8 weeks after hatching. Both parents will assist in incubation, chick rearing, and feeding the chicks by regurgitation.

The chicks are unique in the way they peck through their shells since they are born with two specialized teeth used for such purposes. Newly hatched nestlings have green-yellow skin, with their upperparts covered in gray down feathers. Juveniles are darker in color than adults and lack a crest until they mature.



Watching me approach



Boat-billed Heron

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TARPON TENNIS & PICKLEBALL NEWS

by Abby Kronk, Director of Tennis & Pickleball

Spring is almost over but we still have tons of opportunities to get you on the courts before the rain and heat set in for summer! USTA tennis leagues will be starting at the end of March and we plan to put together some in-house pickleball league is for both beginner and more advanced player; anyone interested just give us a buzz at the pro shop!

Beyond lead play we will also be having some fun tennis and pickleball social mixer mixer's that are open to everyone, membership is not required to join in the fun! For a full list of our social events please visit www.tarpontennis.com or our Facebook page.

Last but not least, it's never too early to start planning for summer break and we are happy to offer a Pickleball and Tennis Summer Camp on select weeks. Camp will run from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Monday - Thursday (Friday is a rain make up day). No experience, no problem! Plus all kids will get a FREE Pickleball Paddle and a love of these wonderful sports!

Should you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to reach out to me anytime at the tennis pro shop; #727.934.6920 - club@tarpontennis.com and we hope to see you on the courts sometime soon!



NEW PORT RICHEY GARDEN CLUB

by Rosemary Nagy, Vice President

New Port Richey Garden Club will meet Wednesday, April 10th at the New Lakes at Regency Club House, 8330 Civic Dr., Port Richey. Doors open at 12pm, meeting begins at 1pm. This month we will be demonstrating creating a water plant creation. All are welcome. This is our last meeting at New Lakes, our new location will be announced next month.

April 26th and 27th is our spring plant sale, located at 10271 Casey Dr., New Port Richey. We have Ginger, Desert Rose, Cactus, Succulents, Staghorn ferns, Orchid Trees and many varieties of plants and shrubs, very reasonably priced. Open from 9am-3pm.

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GUARD HOUSES

by Paul Burmeister, Editor

I am very pleased to announce the renovations to the East Woodlands Community Association’s Guard Houses at Tampa & East Lake Roads are now complete. As you may be aware, both locations were in dire need of significant work to ensure our community’s “curb appeal” reflected our best foot forward and made a favorable impression to visitors and potential home buyers. Additionally, with the introduction of license plate readers and gate cameras both locations needed electrical upgrades to support the addition of new technology as well as to ensure a professional work environment was being provided for the controlled access personnel to work in.

From the project’s start to completion, significant planning and follow up was done by ELWCA Board Members Susan Whitehead, Keith Crank, Jack Picker and myself in conjunction with Jaime Ballard at Management & Associates to ensure our community received good value for the services and merchandise procured as well as to ensure our costs moving forward are contained both on a short and long-term basis. As insight, some of the features associated with both locations include installation of the following: Impact Resistant Doors and Windows, Upgraded Electrical Systems, High Efficiency Air Conditioning Units, Wear Resistant Furniture, New Floors & Counter Tops, Architectural Stone and Exterior Awnings. The East Lake Road location which by comparison was in much worse condition than the Tampa Road building and needed to be completely “gutted” also received a new roof, gutters, new insulation and moisture resistant sheet rock along with new landscape lighting.

~ Before ~



~ After ~



In addition to installing bollards at each location to protect the controlled access staff and building from being struck by vehicular traffic, each location can now be adequately locked securely in the event a significant weather event mandates evacuation. While in the past locking the buildings with no technology inside and basic furnishings may not have been a concern, the installation of new technology mandates being able to lock doors if the need arises.

In closing, I’d be remiss if the efforts of key vendors associated with the project went unacknowledged and would like to thank them for the professionalism they exemplified. Bill Nobles w/ Affordable Contracting could not have been more of a pleasure to work with. Bill not only corrected and finished another contractor’s work at the East Lake Road location but also did an exceptional job at the Tampa Road site completing the project on an extremely timely basis with minimal traffic disruption to the community. The personnel from Amen Air and Tardiff Electric were also extremely responsive and accommodating to work with. Integrity Finishes did a very professional job painting the interior and exterior of the Tampa Road locations as well as painting the adjacent walls and marquees. I’m sure everyone agrees hiring good contractors makes all the difference.

EAST LAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY PATROL REPORT

Tampa Road Gate 727-785-7384 or North Gate 727-785-1465

FEBRUARY 2019

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Alarm Calls/911 Hang Up | 0 |
| Emergency Calls | 0 |
| Complaint Calls (Noise, speeders, solicitors, domestic disputes, trespass, fireworks, suspicious persons) | 17 |
| Parking Violations | 25 |
| Irrigation Calls | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle/ Pedestrian Accidents | 1 |
| Crimes Reported (Vandalism to mailboxes, gates, grass damage, stolen bikes, dumping, all other criminal activity) | 1 |
| Miscellaneous/Other (Welfare checks, pets, wildlife, all others) | 20 |
| The Sheriff monitored 36 hours during February 2019 | |
| Performed 36 Hours of Presence/Visibility. | |
| Citations 9, Warnings 37, Vehicles Stopped 48 | |

Top Speed:49/30 MPH and 38/20 MPH, There were 14 warnings for speed, 19 for stop signs, 4 for other offenses.



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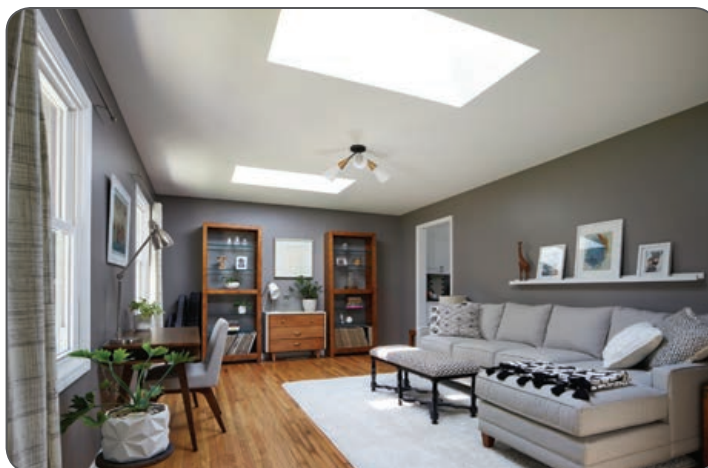
HOME DECOR 101: DECORATING WITH BOLD COLORS

(Family Features) From dark and moody to vibrant and bold, colorful design is gaining favor among homeowners ditching safe, neutral palettes to create more daring, dramatic spaces.

Decorating with deeply saturated colors can be intimidating. Explore these ideas to welcome more bold colors into your home and create inviting spaces for living and entertaining.

WALLS OF COLOR

Say goodbye to beige and embrace the bold color trend by enhancing walls with hues that make a statement. The trick is to avoid making colors so loud that the space loses its stylish appeal. Bold doesn't necessarily mean bright, so look for muted variations of the shades you prefer. Also remember that when it comes to design, there is such a thing as too much. If painting all the walls in a space will close it in or make it feel lost in the dark, try adding color in more subtle ways, such as an accent wall (or two), or painting the ceiling as your accent. Another option for implementing vibrant wall color: stick to smaller rooms, where the bold look is less likely to be overwhelming.



ILLUMINATE COLOR WITH NATURAL LIGHT

When decorating with statement colors, remember that lighting can make a significant difference in the overall aesthetic. In addition to lighting fixtures, be sure to incorporate plenty of natural light to bring out the best in those bold hues.

To bring natural light deeper into the space, consider skylights as an option with a solution such as Velux No Leak Solar Powered Fresh Air Skylights, which can bathe the space in natural light and open to bring in fresh air. Another smart way to capture natural light is by installing an option like Sun Tunnel skylights. With their low-profile design, they create a sleek appearance, and installation is also quick and easy. Learn more at whyskylights.com.

2019 EASTLAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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|----------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| April 16th | 8:00am | Management & Associates |
| May 21st | 6:30pm | East Lake Woodlands Country Club |
| June 18th | 8:00am | Management & Associates |
| July 16th | 6:30pm | East Lake Woodlands Country Club |
| August 20th | 8:00am | Management & Associates |
| September 17th | 6:30pm | East Lake Woodlands Country Club |
| October 15th | 8:00am | Management & Associates |
| November 19th | 6:30pm | East Lake Woodlands Country Club |
| December 17th | 8:00am | Management & Associates |

**Annual meeting and election. Monthly ELWCA Meeting would be held immediately before at 5:30pm.*

*Management & Associates office is located at:
720 Brooker Creek Blvd Suite 206 Oldsmar, FL 34677*

BOLD FURNISHINGS

An often overlooked but essential component of design is the furniture. Creating a colorful, inviting room doesn't stop with the walls and floors; what's in the room can bring the colors to life. Think of the space and all its contents, not just the architectural components, as your canvas for creating the space you envision. If you're hesitant to invest in a pricy couch in a trendy hue, a compromise might come in the form of a richly colored accent table or chair.

CREATIVE CABINETRY

Traditional wood grain cabinetry sometimes gives way to far more creative color schemes in kitchens and bathrooms. While white is still a popular choice, and can even be considered bold in the right setting, true color on cabinets is also gaining traction among homeowners. With the right backsplash, countertops and flooring, you can safely install cabinets in a uniform color throughout the kitchen, but another on-trend option is to reserve the color for an island base or just one

wall of cabinets. You could even mix and match colors on the tops and bottoms. Detail elements like the hardware provide another opportunity for a bold look. You can enhance the room's design with standout pulls that lend extra vibrance to the space.

FABRIC WITH FLAIR

Textiles provide nearly unlimited options to balance a bold design. Using lighter fabrics for elements such as draperies, upholstery, rugs and decorative pillows can soften the feel of a room with bold tones. Look for subtle patterns that pull in hints of the deeper hue to bring the look together, or simply coordinate shades from complementary color families.

UNEXPECTED POPS OF COLOR

Designers often talk about adding pops of color to bring together a palette, but there are no real rules about where those color enhancements can or should be. Introducing vibrant color in unexpected places can be an especially impactful way to stylize a room.

One example is with a skylight blind, which provides a decorative element while also allowing for light control. If you prefer a trendy option like combining dark colors with metallic accents, consider options such as a metallic gold skylight blind from Velux to connect to the room decor below. More than 80 color and pattern choices heighten the drama of a skylight blind, and you can choose from features like room darkening, light filtering and Venetian-style blinds to add function as well.

#14666 Source: Velux





BACK TO COLLECTING OBSOLETE CURRENCY

by Paul J.H. Leaser

Gold certificates, broken bank notes, colonial notes, confederate bills; cannot be spent but make for very valuable collector items.

Some “old money”, such as the 1861 five-dollar notes are legal tender, but worth much more than their “face value”. Believe it or not, during the broken-bank period, there dollar bills were issued. Even more odd, nine dollar bills and the rare thirty-dollar bills were prohibited. To find these today, you would profit highly.

On the contrary, all federal money issued during the Civil War (demand notes, bank notes, legal tender notes, and even fractional currency) are still considered “real” money and id “spendable”.

During the Depression of the 1930’s (when I was “brought up”) banks were closed for a time by federal order. Soap was issued by the government that could be used locally for purchasing.

Look for unusual bills or old paper dollars, etc. Believe it or not, much of it exists today in circulation.



MIXED EMOTIONS

by Paul Burmeister, Editor

I’m writing this article with mixed emotions. On one hand being somewhat intrigued with the thought of being Editor of the Heron, the other being disappointed that Jeff Hunt has decided to step down from the East Lake Woodlands Community Association’s Board of Directors. Most recently, Jeff was the longest serving member of the board and did a tremendous job both as Editor of the Heron and overseeing our web site. Given the opportunity to work with and get to know Jeff over the last 2 years, I’ve always found him to be ardently committed to making our community a better place for all of us to live, very thoughtful in his decision making and fun to laugh with when his wit and humor were un-leashed. One of the reasons East Lake Woodlands is a premiere community to make home is because of people like Jeff who on a volunteer basis work tirelessly on our behalf.

Moving forward and recognizing I have big shoes to fill, I thought it might be fun to share some preliminary ideas on thoughts on my approach to this assignment. The key word is “fun” since we all have enough going on in our lives without me intentionally being provocative.

First and foremost, I’m actually not going to try and fill Jeff’s shoes since it wouldn’t be fair to him, me or our community. Emulating someone else’s style and thought processes doesn’t provide for diversity of thought and doesn’t reflect who you really are if you’re pretending to be someone else. I’ve also always believed that if two people consistently agree on everything and express the same view point then one of them wasn’t thinking (which is not good either).

Next, I won’t be promoting politics, religion or social agendas but will attempt to point out ironies, insert humor and use satire whenever possible. Time will tell but using humor and satire may prove problematic since I’ve consistently been told since I was about 7 years old that I’m the only one who thinks my jokes are funny.

Last, I’ll always try to remain objective, not take myself too serious and insert a dose of self-deprecation whenever possible to stay grounded. I’ll also strive to be humble when I win the first ever Community Association “Pulitzer Prize” associated with the superior writing skills, intellect and investigative reporting I’ll undoubtedly bring to the Heron. If I don’t, please feel to let me know I’m being a pompous doofus. Just be polite and start with: Dear “Mr. Pompous Doofus”. Just kidding!

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EAST LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY MARCH 2019 SPECIAL EVENTS

by Patty Ann Wieczorek, Reference & Marketing Librarian

HAMIL-"TEA"

Sat, April 6, 12-2pm



Are you craving some Hamilton fun? Did you miss the musical in Tampa? This adults-only special event includes tea & goodies, songs from the award-winning musical, trivia games, & Silent Auction gift baskets! We are asking for a \$20 donation to the library. Sign-up at the library. All proceeds go towards the restoration of the ELCL Butterfly Garden.

SUNDAY CONCERT THE MERIGGIARE QUARTET

Sun, April 7, 2-3:30pm



The talented Merigiare Quartet will perform classical shorts. These accomplished international musicians will play familiar & beloved classical selections. Advance tickets are available for a donation of \$15 per concert. Tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds benefit the library. Each concert is followed by a wine and cheese reception.

ORCHID MADNESS

Wed, April 10, 12-2pm



The beautiful & exotic orchid is often considered a mystery, but many kinds are easy to grow. Cindy Gandolfi, owner of Cindy's Secret Place, a garden shop on her farm in Dade City, will demonstrate tips about orchid care, how to choose orchids as well as how to transplant them. Different varieties of orchids will be on display for you to examine up-close & will be available for purchase. Register online or in-person for this free class.

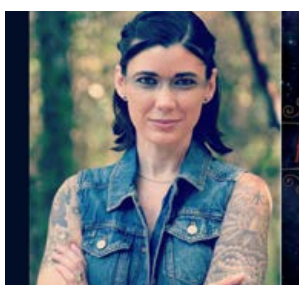
WRITING WEDNESDAY

Wed, April 10, 6:30-7:30pm

Writers in grades 6-8 can join Mrs. Nicky to workshop fiction, essay/memoir, poetry, blogging, script-writing, journalism and more. Writing prompt & notebook provided upon registration. Please register.

ELCL AUTHOR SHOWCASE

Tues, April 16, 6:30-7:45pm



Author & writing coach Steph Post received the Patricia Cornwell Scholarship for creative writing from Davidson College & the Vereen Bell writing award for fiction. She followed her 3 Florida thrillers with January 2019 release of *Miraculum* called "part southern gothic, part noir, part magical realism."

5 TIPS TO MANAGE MONEY SMARTER

(Family Features) There's more to managing your money than paying your bills and successfully avoiding overdraft charges (although those are definitely steps in the right direction). Effectively managing your money takes time and planning, but the payoff may be a stronger financial future.

CREATE A BUDGET. Some people avoid making a monthly budget because they think they don't need one. However, having a clear idea of the money coming in and going out of your bank account each month can help you make better spending decisions. A budget doesn't have to be complicated; it can be as simple as a spreadsheet that lists your monthly income and expenses. Be sure to consider long-term debt, like student loans, and treat your savings account as a payee you owe each month.

TRACK YOUR SPENDING. In a similar vein, it's a good idea to see where your non-bill-related spending goes. For example, you may stop by the grocery store more frequently than you realize, and each of those trips is likely going to cost you more than if you limited it to just once or twice a week. Many banks and credit institutions offer charts and graphs that break down your spending so you can see exactly where your money is going and use that information to make adjustments.

RESEARCH BIG PURCHASES. What constitutes "big" may vary depending on your circumstances and financial status, but regardless of the dollar amount, doing some due diligence before purchases is a good idea. The average millennial will do 4.6 hours of research before buying a big-ticket item like a mattress or car, according to a survey conducted by OnePoll on behalf of Mattress Firm.

Millennials are also likely to seek input from others, with one in five consulting four or more people for their opinions on a purchase.

"Doing research before making a big purchase can make all the difference," said Timothy Mayes, Mattress Firm's senior manager of eCommerce merchandising. "There are several resources available such as online reviews, blogs and even guides on the best time to buy that can help save you money on larger purchases. If you find yourself overwhelmed with too many options, recommendations from friends and family are the best resources to help you narrow down your choices."

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PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES. If a single unexpected event would cripple you financially, it's a good idea to build an emergency fund that could help you weather through a storm. A job loss, accident or illness would substantially alter your income, expenses or both, so having at least a few months of salary stashed in savings could make a major difference in how long that unfortunate scenario affects your life.

FINANCE PURCHASES RESPONSIBLY. Building credit takes time and responsibility, but if you don't ever borrow money, you won't have a chance to earn the rates reserved for exceptional credit holders. Financing a moderately sized purchase, such as a mattress, is a good starting point. It may be out of reach for a cash payment, but the balance you carry could be paid in a reasonably short timeframe. To build good credit, always make payments on time and make monthly payments larger than the minimum payment—

which is usually just the interest—so you're actually paying down the principal.

Following these tips and taking advantage of product sites that offer resources and information on a potential purchase may aid in your long-term financial health. Find more information at MattressFirm.com/blog. (Photo courtesy of Getty Images #14675)
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