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#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** by Susan Whitehead

It always makes me smile to see some of our wonderful residents making a difference in the community. There are a few of you who always take an extra bag on your walks in order to pick up trash along the roadways. Thank you for making East Lake Woodlands a better place to live. Unfortunately, there is a small group

people who have decided to make our area a little dirtier. Some throw their used McDonald's bags and cups out their car window. I usually find some empty beer cans on the side of the road on Sunday morning. I wish I could dump some of these items back in their cars.

On a larger scale, every week or so we find some large items dumped at the park along Sunflower. In the past this has included bags of trash, furniture and even mattresses. A couple of days ago we found an old wicker chair and a small pile of palm fronds. It's confusing because everyone within ELW has trash pickup either at the end of their driveway or within their complex so why bring it to the park? Of course, each time something is dumped we have to arrange for the patrol or another contractor to pick it up which costs us all money. If you happen to be driving along Sunflower

#### EAST LAKE FIRE RESCUE NAMED DISTRICT OF THE YEAR

by Claudia Faiola, Fire & Life Safety Educator / East Lake Fire Rescue

East Lake Fire Rescue Named District of The Year by Florida Association of Special District



East Lake Fire Rescue was named Florida's 2019 District of the Year by the Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD). This award is presented to a District which works in a team effort to achieve and surpass all priority goals while staying within budget guidelines, and meeting and / or exceeding expectations. East Lake Fire Rescue's Fire Chief, Tom Jamison said of the award, "I could not be more proud of the members of the East Lake Fire District that helped us earn this recognition. I believe we truly are an excellent organization staffed with dedicated and motivated people who embrace our core values of Excellence, Leadership, Family and Respect."

There are over 1,600 special districts in the state of Florida, including 55 fire districts. Special Districts are units of local special-purpose government providing local specialized governmental services, such as fire control, library, port and inlet, mosquito, water control and more. ELWCA Board Meeting to adopt the 2020 OPERATING BUDGET AND ASSESSMENTS

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:00am | Offices of Management & Associates

> Please refer to the article from the Community Manager for more details.

and notice anything unusual please make a note of the vehicle and let us know.

Funny however, last week in the same area I came across an abandoned motorized scooter. Ah, but not just any old scooter, a Tampa Uber Scooter that can be rented downtown. My first vision was of a tipsy someone riding down I-275 hoping that the charge would last until they made it home to Oldsmar! I figured that someone simply put the scooter in their car and then dumped it when they realized that each scooter is equipped with GPS making their theft a pretty stupid idea.

Thanks again to all of you who do your small bit to make our community a little better each day. Whether it's picking up trash or simply giving a smile and a wave, it's lovely to call you neighbors!

#### EAST LAKE FIRE RESCUE'S CHIEF AWARDED CHIEF FIRE OFFICER CREDENTIAL

by Claudia Faiola, Fire & Life Safety Educator / East Lake Fire Rescue



The Center for Public Excellence's Safety Commission Professional on Credentialing (CPC) has given Fire Chief the Tom Jamison Officer Chief Fire (CFO) designation. CPC credentialing professional is а designation model that recognizes career excellence, professional development and technical competence.

Chief Jamison has over 27 years of experience in the Fire and EMS field,

and has served as the Fire Chief for East Lake Fire Rescue since 2011.

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by Ernie Del Barba, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services

The McCaffery Team at Berkshire Hathaway East Lake Office supports and contributes to The Metropolitan Ministries, a local charity organization.

We are especially proud of the results that Sharon Greenfield, Grace Rudawski and Fonda Dillard were able to achieve for the Backpacks for Hope Drive. With the help of Lynne Radice, Beth Frederick and Bob McCaffery they were able to collect supplies and donations from over 950 residences in East Lake Woodlands. Fonda, Sharon and Grace pooled their organizational skills in planning and executing every detail of this collection, and their hard work paid off. The East Lake Woodlands residents showed a great generosity, and they are the reason the Backpacks for Hope drive was such a huge success. AND a big thank you goes to Sean Swauger, for his time, his muscle, and the use of his truck to haul all these donations from the East Lake office to our Countryside office for Metropolitan Ministry to pick up! Our Berkshire Hathaway



Countryside office also had successful results to add to the hope that the kids have everything they need to start the 2019-2020 school year off right. They will be prepared to learn and achieve success in their school year.

The McCaffery Team puts the same enthusiasm toward knowing the East Lake Woodlands real estate market and helping you with any of your real estate needs. Stop by our office or visit our website at www.mccafferyteam.com. We look forward to meeting you!



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# BACK TO SCHOOL

by Keith Crank, Vice President

With school back in session for approximately a month, I'd like to relate to our residents that the sheriff's office deputies who patrol East Lake Woodlands have been assigned certain times during the days of the week to be on the lookout for vehicles that pass buses and especially those that are stopped to either pick up or let off children. We have asked them to be very aggressive and issue tickets rather give out warnings and they

have agreed to do so.

This initiative was discussed in the Controlled Access Committee Meetings in July and August. The deputies we are working with feel the same as we do when it comes to issuing tickets to those who pass school buses and especially when the buses are stopped and their flashing lights are displayed. Let's all just take a few extra minutes as we head off for our daily routines and make sure we stop for the buses that are picking up or letting off our school children.

Next I would like to say a few words about the use of golf carts and

low speed vehicles in our community. In November of last year the rules for these vehicles were published in The Heron. If you missed the article in The Heron, I suggest that



# **HOW TO DECORATE AROUND THE POOL** *by Sally Giar*

The pool makes a lovely focal point in your backyard, especially during the summer. This spot is often the center of attention when guests come over, encouraging them to make a splash and relax near the water. With this in mind, it's important to create a space that makes it easy for family and friends to get comfortable. The right furniture, accessories and decor can elevate your pool area to the next level, allowing you to create your own backyard oasis.

Need a little help decorating around the swimming spot this summer? Consider these tips:

#### **1. CHOOSE COMFORTABLE SEATING**

Beyond the pool, your guests will be most concerned with where they can relax after a nice swim. Provide various seating arrangements in the backyard to encourage family and friends to gather and converse, such as lounge chairs and sectional outdoor sofas. You can also hang a hammock between a few trees for those looking for some peace and quiet to themselves.

"The party doesn't necessarily have to end when the sun goes down."

#### 2. LIGHT THE WAY FOR NIGHTTIME SWIMMING

The party doesn't necessarily have to end when the sun goes down. If you want your guests to stick around for a while, hanging string lights around the patio space can encourage a late-night affair. You can also place citronella candles around the border of the patio area or deck to keep the mosquitos away. These small touches of light will illuminate the space and give it a cool and intimate vibe on those warm summer nights.

#### **3. SET UP A RESORT-STYLE CABANA**

When you need a break from the sun and don't want to go inside, a cabana saves the day. This space offers shade and privacy after a swim and makes a stylish resort-like statement in the backyard. For additional flare and seclusion, drape sheer window treatments over the sides.

#### 4. DON'T FORGET THE OUTDOOR BAR

What's a pool party without a couple of fresh seasonal cocktails – or mocktails – in hand? Wow your guests by dishing out customized

you go to our website (www.eastlakewoodlands.com) click on the tab Community Association (Documents) and take a look at the Golf Cart Rules.

As I'm sure you're aware, we have several residents who own and use golf cart or low speed vehicles (LSV's) in the community. Subsequently, we have seen or heard from concerned residents about children driving these vehicles and would like to remind everyone that to be able to drive a golf cart or LSV in East Lake Woodlands you must possess a valid driver's license. Home owners that allow inexperienced, under aged drivers without licenses to operate golf carts and LSVs are putting people at risk of being harmed as well as exposing themselves to potentially significant financial liability.

And while on the subject another concern is the overloading of golf carts and LSVs. Although most of the golf carts in use within the community have the capacity of four individuals, I have personally seen parents and three children on a golf cart. Worse yet I saw seven teenagers on a cart hanging on to anything they could grab a hold off. Not really smart.

For the sake of personal safety, please take a few minutes and look at the golf cart rules on our website and please adhere to them. We really don't want to report that someone has been seriously hurt in an accident involving a golf cart or LSV.

As always please call 911 for all emergencies. Remember time is of the essence. To contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's non-emergency number call (727)592-6200. To contact the East Lake Woodlands Community Association Controlled Access patrol officer please call (813)-462-8971.

Let's all take a few extra minutes and ALWAYS STOP for our children's school buses. Be safe.

drinks at your own outdoor bar. You can do something as simple as using a bar cart filled with cute beverage accessories, glasses and your favorite drinks.

#### **5. ACCESSORIZE AROUND A THEME**

It's always easier to design an outdoor layout when you have a theme in mind. One easy outdoor option is beach style, decorating with soft blue, white and sandy neutrals. Or you can follow a modern outdoor theme with sleek lines and monochromatic decor. Once you have a theme, you may find it easier to pick out throw pillows, outdoor area rugs and tabletop accessories that make the space feel cozier and more inviting.

Summer's end will be here before you know it. Contact a personal decorator from Decorating Den today to give your backyard the update it needs.





#### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ELWCA MANAGER By Debi Hudrlik, AMS, CMCA

Hello everyone, I hope you enjoyed your summer vacations and made a lot of great memories with family and friends.

This past month we have received a number of kind e-mails and letters from members expressing their appreciation for the assistance they received, either from

the Board, Management Company or Security Personnel. We thank you for taking the time to express your appreciation. I can't tell you what a difference it makes to hear positive feedback and to know we have brightened someone's day.

In as much as we would like to answer all non-emergency phone calls and e-mails within a 24 hour period, unfortunately there are instances when we are unable to meet that time frame. If you have phoned or e-mailed us and do not receive a response within that time frame, we ask the favor of your patience until we can reach out to you and address your concerns. Additionally, we also have an answering service that will accept emergency calls after normal business hours. Just dial the main office number at 813-433-2000 and if after hours, your call will be directed to the Answering Service.

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING TO ADOPT THE 2020 OPERATING BUDGET. Last month we notified everyone about the Board of Director's Meeting scheduled for **September 17th** regarding the adoption of revised rules, regulations, policies and procedures. If revisions are approved by the Board and once the recorded documents have been returned from the Pinellas County Clerk's office, they will be posted to the ELWCA website.

The following board meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 15** and will take place at 8:00 AM at the offices of Management & Associates, 720 Brooker Creek Blvd., Suite 206, Oldsmar, FL 34677. During this meeting, the Board of Directors will be adopting the 2020 budget and setting assessment rates. As always, notice of this meeting will be posted at least 48 hours in advance on the reader boards in the community. Once the budget has been adopted, it will be posted to the website.

Speaking of the website, the Chair of the Communications Committee has announced we are launching a new ELWCA website. Among many changes, a new feature of the website will be creation of a member "password" for the portion of the website allowing members to review the Association's proprietary information, such as financials, meeting minutes, etc. We plan to send the password out to all ELWCA members in a letter that will be included with the 2020 assessment coupons. Documentation that we want to remain available to the general public, such as our HOA Documents and rules and regulations, will not require a password. Please watch carefully for the letter containing this password when you receive your coupons. The website domain will not change and will remain the same; www. eastlakewoodlands.com.

The Chairmen of the Communications and Access Control Committees, in conjunction with your Board President, have been working on a Welcome Letter/Packet for all new residents. This letter will be provided as new residents move in and come to the Management & Associate's office to purchase bar codes. We are also revising our bar code forms and information to better assist you and collect the information that is needed by ELWCA. We should have this paperwork completed soon and will make it available on the website. As always, thanks to those of you who come to our management office prepared and have all of the paperwork filled out with the appropriate documentation. We appreciate your support, as it allows us to assist you more efficiently.

We are also pleased to report that with all of the rain the last few months, we have received relatively few calls regarding drainage issues. The Drainage Committee has completed over \$178,000 worth of maintenance in 2019 thus far, the fact that we are not experiencing flooding despite heavy rains should be considered a validation of their work! Should you note a drainage problem, please report it to either your neighborhood HOA or the ELWCA. We are very fortunate to have great contractors to rely upon, and more importantly, great committee and board members who work tirelessly on a volunteer basis to address the needs of the community.

The Landscape Committee has also been extremely busy with irrigation and landscape maintenance projects including but not limited to: tree trimming and dead tree removal, sod and plant replacement, removal of Brazilian Peppers as well collaboration with the Drainage Committee on the installation of additional drainage ditches.

As you may also be aware, the Roads & Sidewalks Committee recently completed a \$70,000 repaying project on South Woodlands Drive and will embark upon a \$5,000 sidewalk replacement project.

We periodically receive telephone calls about pond maintenance and what is perceived as "weeds" in the pond. In some instances, the material reported is indeed an invasive plant that we can address. However, we have many plants within our ponds that are native and are good plants to retain. As insight, please note that both ELWCA and ClubCorp are separately contracted with Aquatic Systems to treat the ponds that are owned respectively by each. A map of all of the ponds, as well as a list of ownership, can be found on the community website. If you have questions about a lake or pond, this information will assist you in contacting the appropriate entity.

With students back in school, my sense is the remainder of this year is going to go very quickly with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas merchandise starting to appear on-line and throughout the stores. I don't know about you, but I both love and hate this time of year. I love it because of the decorating and all of the time spent with friends and family. I hate it because of all of the extra calories. If anyone has any extra willpower they can spare, please send it my way!

Thanks for allowing me to share my community over view with you. Please reach out to me or the Board of Directors with questions or comments.

2019 EASTLAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE							
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					

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#### BIRD OF THE MONTH MOUNTAIN GOAT

by Jake Jacoby, ELW Resident

In July, 2019 I had the opportunity to observe and photograph Mountain Goats atop Mount Evans, Colorado at an elevation of 14,130 feet. The road to the top of Mount Evans opened in 1931 and is the highest

paved road in North America. While it was cold with scattered thunderstorms and rain, and even some light snow, it was truly a wonderful experience. I did experience some lightheadedness and had some difficulty breathing normally because of the extreme altitude.

Mount Evans, Colorado is about 30 miles West of Denver and entails a narrow, winding shelf road with sheer vertical drops to one side. There are also sections of the road that are deeply buckled by freezing and thawing. Before reaching the mountain top, I was able to visit the Mount Goliath Research Natural area at 11,540 feet, which contains 160 acres set aside for the protection, study, interpretation and enjoyment of the Rocky Mountain Bristlecone Pine. These remarkable trees are the oldest single living organisms on earth, capable of living for thousands of years. The conditions in which they live are harsh, with cold temperatures, a short growing season and high winds. One species of the Bristlecone Pine in the White Mountains of California is over 5,000 years old.

Small herds of wild Mountain Goats that have been habituated to humans roam the crags on top of Mt. Evans. These goats are hoofed mammals endemic to North America. Both Billy (male) and Nanny (female) mountain goats have beards, short tails, and long black horns that range from 6 to 11 inches in length and contain yearly growth rings. They weigh between 100 and 300 pounds with the males having longer horns and beards and are also larger than the females.

These goats are protected from the elements by their woolly white double coats. The fine, dense wool of their undercoat is covered by an outer layer of longer, hollow hairs. The goats molt in the spring by rubbing against rocks and trees, with the adult males shedding their extra wool first and the pregnant females shedding last.

The Mountain Goat's feet are well-suited for climbing steep, rocky slopes because they have inner pads that provide traction and cloven hooves that can spread apart. Also, the tips of their feet have sharp dewclaws that keep them from slipping. They also have powerful shoulder and neck muscles that help propel them up steep slopes.

Mountain Goats are herbivores and spend most of their time grazing. Their diets include grasses, herbs, sedges, ferns, mosses, lichens, and twigs and leaves from the low-growing shrubs and conifers of their high-altitude habitat. In the wild, they usually live 12 to 15 years, with their lifespans limited by the wearing down of their teeth. They reach sexual maturity at about 30 months and both males and females will mate with multiple individuals during breeding season which runs from October until early December. After the breeding season males and females move away from each other; males breaking up into small bands of two or three individuals while the females form loose-knit nursery groups of up to 50 animals.

Kids are born in the spring after a 6 month gestation period and begin to run and jump within hours of their birth. Although they are weaned in about a month, they will stay with their mother for about 1 year.

While predators include wolves, wolverines, lynxes, and bears, the primary predator is the cougar. The cougar is powerful enough to overwhelm the largest adults and uniquely nimble enough to navigate the rocky habitat of the goats.

Mountain Goats have never been domesticated and commercialized for their wool. However, the pre-Columbian indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest coast did incorporate their wool into their weaving by collecting spring molted wool left by the wild goats after shedding.



Young Mountain Goat



Mountain Goats

Adult Mountain Goat

Mountain Goats

#### **EAST LAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - SEPTEMBER 2019**



MY LIBRARY

by Paul Burmeister, Editor

*Editor's Note:* At some point I may consider writing an article with literary value. In the interim you're unfortunately stuck with this one. I hope you enjoy it.

Not that I'm counting but as Editor of The Heron I've now written 5 incredibly amusing articles and with more to come I believe it's time to start planning my library. Keep in mind that not only will the library store my

memoirs but it will also be a place for aspiring writers to study my works in addition to housing the many gifts I expect to receive from world leaders acknowledging my literary contributions to mankind. While I haven't seen anything yet, I'm certain the gifts are on their way along with a nationally syndicated deal to write a monthly column for home owners associations across the fruited plain.

Now before you start thinking; you "self-absorbed, dunderheaded nit wit", you've only written 5 lame articles that you alone are the only one who thinks are entertaining and it's premature to start planning a library", you should also be aware of the advice my close personal friend and high school classmate "Earl Lee" once offered me which was "you can never start too early". Ironically, the funny thing about Earl's advice is he's the same guy who could never get to class on time but somehow managed to show up at the bar an hour and 15 minutes before our reunion started. Go figure. Setting aside the irony of Earl's comments, I actually believe he may be right for once and have started to outline some thoughts on appropriate venues:

When I initially starting thinking about a library the possibility of a wing at the **Pinellas County Humane Society** came to mind and seemed to make sense. The reality is while I may not have a dog of my own I always enjoy feeding cookies to the faithful companions in my neighborhood. That said I thought it'd be really cool to have visitors stop at the shelter to read my memoirs and maybe if they were inspired (as I know they would be) they might conceivably make a donation, volunteer or even decide to adopt a pet. While very high minded of me, it also occurs to me that the down side to this scenario is someone might inadvertently use my papers to line the bottom of animal cages. Since I'm too vain to potentially have a Great Dane leaving mountains of poop requiring a backhoe to remove from my articles and there's no guarantee the volunteers would place my picture face down, I've decided to scratch the Humane Society off the list.

My next thought was to consider a tie-in with my favorite Mexican restaurant. On the surface I have to admit this was an idea that when combined with tequila made a lot of sense and when encouraged by the owner "Juan Moore" to have more tequila made even more sense. Unfortunately though, when I thought further about the idea it dawned on me that there are far too many Mexican restaurants that don't wipe splattered salsa and guacamole off their menus before handing them out to guests. Rationalizing if that's how a document important to their business is treated then not only am I certain to have my papers stinking like fajitas but I'm also guaranteed to have all sorts of refried beans and ranchero sauce slobbered all over my beloved memoirs. The tequila connection is the only reason I kept this option on the list even though I admittedly have "reservations".

Another option considered was my favorite Italian restaurant but I quickly nixed the idea. Call me selfish but if everyone knew the name of the place and experienced how good their food is combined with having my insipid memoirs to read while dining at the place they'd be overwhelmed and I'd never get in. Sorry, I'm keeping LaTrattoria at 2152 Main Street in Dunedin, Florida off the list and you can call them at 727-733-5664 to make a reservation in advance if you don't believe me.

Other venues to consider might include hotels with the thought being a high end resort where guests would come for an extended stay, thoroughly enjoy themselves reading my inane memoirs and return home both physically rejuvenated and emotionally psychotic. Keep in mind I'm not trying to be snobby by affiliating with a high end hotel but let's be honest with each other, we all know the guests at low end "no tell motels" where the rooms are rented by the hour aren't there for the reading.

At one point I was considering a tie-in with the Lightning, Rays, Rowdies or Buccaneers. Unfortunately for me, the Lightning seem like they're already doing extremely well and if I were them wouldn't take my own phone call. The Rays could be a possibility. They're a well-run organization that sadly doesn't do very well attendance wise. The good thing about the Rays is the stadium is always empty so parking will never be a concern. The downside about affiliating with them is I may have to translate  $\frac{1}{2}$  of my memoirs into French and ship them to Montreal. While I may call the Rowdies and let them kick the idea around, the last option is the Bucs who unfortunately only seem to draw interest when they're having a winning season and with no clue as to when that will happen will nix the idea.

The last location I was considering before actually making a selection was the Suncoast Primate Sanctuary on Alt 19 in Tarpon Springs but was encouraged to drop the idea for two reasons. The first reason to select another site from what I was told is; "being a primate sanctuary doesn't mean you have to give sanctuary to primitive writing". The second reason I was given was; "we already house baboons, why on earth would we need a buffoon hanging around". Between us, I thought both reasons were based on jealousy and very un-called for.

So without wasting everybody's time any further, I've decided there is really only one logical place to move forward with and have decided to go with "self-storage"!



#### FINDING CIVIL WAR AND OTHER MILITARY RECORDS - GENEALOGY LECTURE

by Bonnie Bratby-Carey, Publicity Chairman, West Pasco County Genealogical Society

# GENEALOGY LECTURE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

The West Pasco County Genealogical Society (WPCGS) will resume its monthly meetings with a genealogy lecture on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the CARES Rao Musunuru M.D. Enrichment Center, in the Activities Center building, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Hudson FL 34667.

Attendees will learn about researching military service and war records from the Civil War and other wars in which the United States was involved.

The event is open to the public. Cost of the seminar is \$7.00 for non-members; \$5.00 for members. Following the lecture and presentation, the Society member meeting will be held. Non-members are invited to also attend the meeting.

To ensure seating and handout material, please register for the seminar via text to: 727-271-0770 or email: debbehagner@ yahoo.com.

#### **ABOUT WPCGS:**

The West Pasco Genealogy Society (WPCGS) was founded in 1983 as a non-profit educational organization of amateur and professional family historians, genealogists and archivists. The Society strives to encourage the research, publication, and preservation of genealogical and historical material; to instruct and lend assistance to the membership and the public in modern methods of research. These objectives are accomplished through regular meetings and Society-sponsored workshops, lectures, field trips, socials and other educational activities. The Society offers many opportunities for the public to attend seminars and classes in genealogy-related subjects. There is something for everyone at Society meetings from the novice to the more experienced genealogist. For more information, contact Society president debbehagner@yahoo.com or call 727-271-0770.

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TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS Wed., Sept. 4, 11, 18, 10-11am

Improve your energy, coordination & effectiveness by embracing the

movements, culture & philosophy of this ancient Chinese practice. For ages 16+.

EAST LAKE PAINTS Wed., Sept. 4, 2-4pm



On the first Wed. of the month from Sept-Dec from 2-4pm, we will be painting different

subjects on canvas. At this first class, we will be painting "Life's A Beach, Enjoy the Waves"! Local artist Shawn Dell Joyce will be guiding us as we unleash our inner artist! Register & pay for all 4 sessions (\$40) at once or pay as you go. Register by phone or in-person at the library, & a nonrefundable \$10 mat. fee is required. Ages 16+.



#### COMMUNITY HELPERS Fri., Sept. 6, 13, 20, 10:30-11:30am

Join us for stories and meet our

guests, whose important jobs help our community! These programs are intended for those under 5 not yet in kindergarten. Our guests will include Deputies from the Pinellas County Sheriff, ELFR and a local dentist.

#### HONEY BEE TEA Sat., Sept. 7, 11am-4pm

You are invited to a tea

You are invited to a tea party celebrating our friend the honey bee! Come &

share a delightful spread of homemade foods & fragrant teas made by staff & volunteers, & enjoy delicious honey from our wonderful sponsor: Pat's Apiaries! Ages 12+. Registration & a \$20 donation are required to hold your seat. All proceeds go to the ELCL butterfly garden.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL CUPCAKE WARS**

Fri., Sept. 27, 6-7:30pm

Show off your cupcake decorating skills in ELCL's High School Cupcake Wars! All supplies will be provided!

#### GETTIN' CRAFTY: WINE BOTTLE PLANTERS

Sat., Sept. 28, 11am-1pm

You will be able to pick out the type of wine bottle planter you want to make, will be given guidance & instruction on how to paint it, & will also be provided with a plant to put in it! Ages 16+. Non-refundable mat. fee is \$5. Call or register in person!

# WE WANT A "WASTE-FREE" COMMUNITY!

by www.myhoa.com

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, your liable to step in one such reminder!

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!



# EAST LAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY PATROL REPORT

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

## **JULY 2019**

EMERGENCY CALLS	2	
ALARM CALLS/911 HANG UP	1	
<b>COMPLAINT CALLS</b> (Noise, speeders, solicitors, domestic disputes, trespass, fireworks, suspicious persons)	27	
PARKING VIOLATIONS	11	
IRRIGATION CALLS	8	
MOTOR VEHICLE/ PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	2	
<b>CRIMES REPORTED</b> (Vandalism to mailboxes, gates, grass damage, stolen bikes, dumping, all other criminal activity)	3	
MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER (Welfare checks, pets, wildlife, all others)	26	
The Sheriff monitored 36 hours during May 2019		
Performed 36 Hours of Presence/Visibility.		
CITATIONS 3, WARNINGS 28, VEHICLES STOPPED 28		

**Top Speed:56/30 MPH.** There were 23 warnings/citations for speed, 1 warnings for stop signs, 5 warnings/citations for other offenses, i.e. seat belts, driving while license is suspended/ revoked, equipment and tailgating, no insurance.



## **BACK TO COLLECTING** EMBLEM OF THE

by Paul J.H Leaser, ELW Resident

The eagle, big and strong and beautiful: a fit symbol of our country.

In collecting, the eagle is found in many guises: mine leaving the military. Hardly a decoration excludes an eagle.

Coins, dishes, signs, furniture, drums, cut glass, bottles, flags, etc., etc., all adorned by our national bird.

REPUBLIC

I personally have been fortunate to have collected items

adorning the national eagle. In littiz, PA, I found a Civil War drum unappreciated in a house auction and took it home for less than five dollars. Swords, badges, and medals were dominate with the American Eagle.

Even today, an appreciative collection could be achieved sporting the eagle and a line display could be made sporting "our bird".



#### **CANINE ESTATES CASINO NIGHT**

by Karen Ullestad, Volunteer

Canine Estates is a nonprofit dedicated to saving the lives of abandoned, abused and neglected dogs from high kill shelters or owner surrenders.

Our Casino Night will be held at **CYPRESS RUN GOLF CLUB**, 2669 St.Andrews Blvd., Tarpon Springs on **SATURDAY**, NOV. 2 FROM 7 TO 10. Professional games, silent auction, raffle baskets, DJ, & more.

This fundraising event is critical to helping dogs find their furever homes. All proceeds go directly to the dogs. Thanks for helping "Save One Tail At A Time". www.canineestates.com





#### WHY IS YOUR DOG SO SCARED OF THUNDERSTORMS?

By Renee Plescia, Owner, ELWags Pet Care

Does this sound familiar? The skies are darkening & your dog starts acting funny. That first crack of lightning and boom of thunder & he is on your lap, shaking like a leaf, and with Tampa summers, this can be a daily occurrence!

As the owner of ELWags Pet Care & a dog who has storm phobia, I am all too familiar with this scenario. So, why is this so common with dogs & what can we do to help?

Dog senses are much more astute than ours and they can sense when the pressure is dropping, the static is building & even the smell associated with an approaching storm. Then the bright flashes & window rattling booms are enough to scare man or beast!

But, there are things we can do to help. First, let your dog choose to go where he or she feels safe & make that area comfortable. Also, act normal & "ignore" the fearful behavior, & try distractions such as turning the TV or music up or pulling out your dog's favorite toy or chew. There are also other things to try such as desensitization by repeatedly playing storm sounds or snug fitting wraps to make them feel safer & more secure. Finally, if your dog has severe storm phobia, your veterinarian may recommend anti-anxiety medication as well.

We all love our dogs as members of the family so alleviating their fears can make everyone's life a little easier & better.



#### **GATOR** by Nick Rine, ELW Resident

A gator was removed in a pond located in Hunters Crossing. The reason for the removal was due to the landscaping company being harassed when cutting the grass around the pond.

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#### **CLUBCORP CHARITY CLASSIC 2019**

Please join East Lake Woodlands Country Club, alongside its many area members, families, business partners, sponsors and leaders from the community for the 2019 ClubCorp Charity Classic, an annual philanthropic OPEN TO THE PUBLIC event in Oldsmar September 21-28, 2019. Around the country, over 200 private clubs will open their doors for a nationwide charity golf, tennis, fitness and dining event to support many great causes. This year's Charity Classic



event will benefit three outstanding non-profit organizations:



**K9 PARTNERS FOR PATRIOTS** – Their mission is to assist veterans and active military diagnosed with PTSD/TBI reintegrate back into society and regain their independence through service animal training.



AUGIE'S QUEST / ALSTDI – ALS is a disease of the motor neurons, musclecontrolling nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control voluntary muscle movement. The vision of ALSTDI is one urgently important goal: TO END ALS!



**E.P.C.F.** – The goal of the Employee Partners Care Foundation is getting their Employee Partners back on their feet in the midst of crisis. They are available to assist with hardships with regards to illness, injury, death, fire or other catastrophic events.

This year's Charity Classic Events are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and will include:

- **TENNIS TOURNAMENT-DAVIS CUP STYLE** Saturday, September 21st Matches begin 4pm
- 5K RUN/WALK & KID'S FUN RUN Sunday, September 22nd 7am
- DAYS OF GOLF September 23rd & September 27th 10am-3pm
- A NIGHT OF DUELING PIANOS, DINNER, LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS Saturday, September 28th 6:00pm







There are so many ways to participate! As a neighbor in our community, we invite you to attend, make an In-Kind donation for our silent auction or become an Event Sponsor. Not only will your contribution benefit three wonderful non-profit charities, but it will also benefit your business through the marketing value you will receive. Our silent auction is very well attended and is supported throughout the Tampa Bay area. You will also receive promotional value through our online presence (Website, Social Media, etc.) and the promoting done within our club & community.

I sincerely hope you will be able to join us in our fundraising efforts for K9 Partners for Patriots, ALS & E.P.C.F. If you have any questions regarding East Lake Woodlands' ClubCorp Charity Classic or need any further information, please feel free to contact Pam Ziarkoski at 727.784.8576 x3876 or pam.ziarkoski@clubcorp.com. Thank you for your support!

TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT OR BECOME A SPONSOR: www.bit.ly/charityclassic2019



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