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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Susan Whitehead

All of us who run a household know the challenges of managing a budget. We scrutinize our paychecks while trying to balance paying for what we consume every day with the general upkeep of our home, the inevitable repairs that must be made and the safety of ourselves and our family. We do it carefully not only because we want a full and beautiful life, but because we want to safeguard and hopefully increase our home's

value.

The ELWCA Board approaches the budget with much the same feeling. We have a responsibility to help us all live in a community that not only gives pleasure and comfort, but one that helps provide safety and aims to help raise the value of perhaps our biggest assets, our homes.

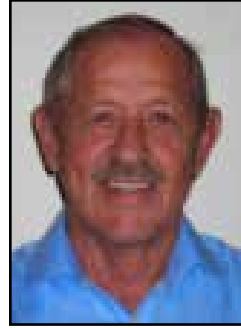
The budget process starts during the summer with requests for proposals (RFP's) for our largest expenditures, security and grounds, if those contracts are up for renewal (generally every 1-3 years). The RFP's are sent to local companies that fit the criteria and bids received, reviewed, and contractors called for interviews. After the interview process, a recommendation is made by that committee head to the board for approval. Because of the size of the contracts, these, along with the new contract for our management company, were sent to our local attorney for review. They eventually became part of our 2018 budget. These three contracts make up approximately 60% of our annual budget.

During a budget workshop last month, the board spent almost 3 hours reviewing every line item of the proposed budget. Our goal was to maintain or increase the level of service in each area without raising the cost if possible. Not always easy as each of you must know! We analyzed the trends from past year's budgets, debated ways of changing cost structures, discussed new ways of managing expenses; all items were on the table. In the end, we were very pleased with the level of service that we were able to maintain, and in many cases raise, with a 6.5% increase.

The most notable and exciting change I believe was through the security contract. Allied Universal will remain our security partner. In addition to their excellent service, they will be installing cameras at each of the manned gates. These cameras not only will automatically record all license plates entering, they have the ability to tie into the Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept system to immediately notify them if a vehicle that they are looking for has entered East Lake Woodlands. This is a significant security enhancement for our community.

Liberty Land Management was awarded the grounds contract. Pam Brown has been working closely with their management to continually improve their service for the coming year. If you haven't already, please take a look at the area across from the ELW Country Club parking lot to see how a previously overgrown area was recently rehabbed by their grounds crew.

Your ELW Board of Directors is very excited about the coming year and all the wonderful things it has in store for all of us!



WELCOME BACK

by Keith Crank, Vice President

I want to take this opportunity to welcome back our residents who have been up north for the summer. We did have a little excitement when hurricane Irma decided to drop by. Fortunately as many have said, we dodged a bullet when the hurricane was not as strong as expected and we did not take a direct hit. Hope, as you return, your residences were not damaged and you can enjoy the upcoming cooler (hopefully) weather. Many of our

communities did not lose power and, believe it or not, I did not lose my Direct TV the entire time.

Last month your Board of Directors approved our budget for 2018. Allied Universal will continue as our controlled access company. We were able to bring the annual cost down and at the same time make some improvements to the services we will receive. We will be adding cameras at both of the manned gates to record each car that enters through the visitor's lanes. One other service we hope to get is that the data we collect from the cameras will eventually be linked to the Pinellas County Sheriff's office. Another benefit from the new contract with Allied Universal is that during the second year of the contract the cost will be decreased. In the future we are hoping to eventually add cameras at each of the unmanned gates but this could take some time because of the cost per gate.

As you can see in the East Lake Community report, traffic citations are once again on the upswing, basically due to drivers speeding in the community. One driver felt that driving 51 mph in a 30 mph zone was okay. As throughout Pinellas County, anyone driving 10 mph over the speed limit is in jeopardy of receiving a citation. PLEASE LET'S SLOW DOWN in our community and be extra careful when we approach school buses picking up or dropping off our children.

Remember should you have an emergency always call 911. If you are in need of assistance from the controlled access patrol officer please call them at 727-785-7384. To contact the Sheriff's non-emergency line the number is 727-582-6200/6900. Be safe and take care.



DRAINAGE/2018 BUDGET

by Jaime L. Soderland-Ballard, PCAM

Project Complete!!

By the time you receive this edition of The Heron the drainage project will be complete. The Committee is now working on the ongoing maintenance plan for the drainage. The East Lake Woodlands Board of Directors adopted the 2018 Budget. A copy is enclosed for your review. If you have any questions

regarding this please feel free to contact me.

For members that pay directly to the Community Association, please note that Management & Associates will be using coupon booklets this year in lieu of the sheet of coupons that you are used to receiving. These booklets are issued by South Data. There will be a brief explanation sheet inside the coupon booklet and if you have any questions regarding this you may contact Debbie Reith at Dreith@mgmt-assoc.com

Again, I am out at East Lake Woodlands three times a week. Please contact me if you need me to look at anything specific.

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(Noise, speeders, solicitors, domestic disputes, trespass, fireworks, suspicious persons)**Parking Violations 45****Irrigation Calls 1****Motor Vehicle/ Pedestrian Accidents 4****Crimes Reported 21**
(Vandalism to mailboxes, gates, grass damage, stolen bikes, dumping, all other criminal activity)**Miscellaneous/Other 42**
(Welfare checks, pets, wildlife, all others)**The Sheriff monitored 30 hours during
September 2017****Performed 0 Hours of Presence/Visibility.****Citations 6, Warnings 36****Top speed: 51/30 MPH.****AROUND THE NIGHBOHOOD -
CELEBRATING IRMA**

by Diane Mongiello

Condominium Five Association residents are thankful for the minimal damage they experienced during Hurricane Irma: three (3) large trees downed, one (1) carport with minor damage and one (1) carport totally destroyed – but not a car or building touched! Their biggest challenge was 5 days without power.

To celebrate this, the Association Board decided to have a community BBQ!

So, On Saturday, October 14, all residents (owners and renters alike) were invited to the pool to eat, drink and share their hurricane stories with their neighbors. ‘Chef’ Steve did a masterful job of cooking the burgers and dogs to perfection (despite a short, typical Florida rain which had the effect of cooling everyone off and did not deter the merriment one bit!).

Neighbors who are here intermittently, as well as full time residents, got to meet each other (either for the first time or again) and talk, laugh, and express their thanks for our good fortune! It is hoped that this is the first of many such social events here at Condo V.

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SKIP AND BILL'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (PARTS III A AND B)

by Jeff L Hunt

This past summer the dynamic duo of ELW residents Skip Holmes and Bill Brown were at it again. If you remember, they attended a weekend series of baseball in Boston in the summer of 2015 with the Tampa Bay Rays visiting the Red Sox courtesy of Skip's wife Brenda. Then in the Summer of 2016 they invited me along to their zip-lining adventure in Oldsmar. Well Summer of 2017 saw them striking out again on a new two part adventure.

The impetus for this year's adventure was Bill's idea to go flying in a glider over the Grand Tetons Mountain Range. Skip has a sister that lives in Jackson, Wyoming and he enjoys camping and bicycling. So putting the two together resulted in a plan by the duo to embark on May 31st by driving to Wyoming with a detailed itinerary of pit stops and overnight stays along the way. Once they reached Jackson and Bill soared over the Tetons, the plan called for Bill to fly home and for Skip to spend several weeks camping, biking and driving his way back to Florida.

The first stop on the way out West was an overnight stay at Black River State Park just northeast of Pensacola, Florida. The next stop was an evening stay at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, Louisiana which was preceded by a pit stop in Port Allen, LA for a meal at Cou-Yon's restaurant that Bill swears has the best shrimp etouffe and fried okra he's ever tasted. Some other stops along the planned path included a camping mishap in Kansas where Bill's tent flooded in the middle of an overnight rainstorm (Skip still thinks it is hilarious) and another meal at a restaurant called Auntie Em's in the middle of nowhere. Other stops on what I'm calling the "On the Road Again" tour included a visit with friends in Oklahoma City and a final overnight stay at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, WY on June 5th.

After Bill's flight of courage went off without any hitches, Skip sent Bill back to Florida, with his aforementioned plan calling for 8 weeks before his return to East Lake Woodlands. But, Mother Nature had a different plan than the one Skip had written down. Record snowfall earlier in the year made many of Skip's camping sites in the Jackson area flooded and/or inaccessible. The huge amount of water from melting snow also cut down on biking trail options for him. He was able to fish a little and got to spend a lot of quality time with his sister and nephew taking many great pictures.

With his original plan foiled by the weather, Skip decided to start for home on July 10th. The return planned stops in Moab, Utah and Santa Fe, New Mexico that were again axed by Mother Nature with the wildfires that were burning across the Western U.S. at the time. After a stay in Cabellas, Nebraska where the temperature reached 106 degrees that day, Skip was ready for home, convinced he had somehow angered the travel gods and should just return and begin planning next year's adventure.

So what does the Summer of 2018 have in store for the Navy veteran skip and the Air Force veteran Bill? Mums the word currently but I'd like to see them embark on some kind of water adventure. Maybe kayaking (in Bill's wheelhouse) and camping along one of America's great waterways? Might I suggest whitewater rafting in the Blue Ridge

or Smokey Mountains? Or go old school and float down the Mississippi River on a raft like Huckleberry Finn? Whatever the adventure might be, I look forward to finding out the plan for 2018 and hope that these two good friends might inspire you to strike out on your own exciting and fun adventure very soon.

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad/Roughing It*

FALL INSPIRED COLOR THEMES FOR YOUR DINING ROOM

by Sally Giar

Fall has officially arrived and with it comes some of the most gorgeous colors nature can provide. Rustic shades of orange, brown, yellow and red found in the changing leaves, pumpkin patches and apple orchards often encourage a fall-inspired color theme in your home, but there are other vibrant colors that flow with the changing season as well. If you plan on throwing this year's Thanksgiving get-together and want to spruce up your dining room just in time for the holiday, now's a great time to think about changing up the color scheme!

1. BRONZE

Create an elegant and endearing atmosphere in the dining room with bronze hues. Bronze window treatments and embellishments in the lighting fixtures make a calm yet formal touch. Complete the space with orange and red accents.

2. AMETHYST

A touch of purple goes a long way, and amethyst is a rustic approach at using the vibrant color. Whether you're interested in completely transforming the room by painting the walls, or you're just looking for a fun color for the throw pillows, lamp shade and area rug, amethyst makes an interesting twist on the traditional take of fall colors.

3. YELLOW

Deep mustard is another rural and toned-down way to make use of a vibrant and inviting color. Take things up a notch by creating a yellow accent floor instead of an accent wall. Of course, you can simply emphasize shades of yellow in decor throughout the room if you're not interested in replacing the foundation's color.

4. GRAY

Soothing shades of gray creates a glorious backdrop to the gleams of changing autumn light. It's also a neutral route to take, perfect for redesigning the room for the entire year. Bouncing off of the gray, you can accent with deep shades of blue and saffron in your accessories and pieces of wall art.

Just because autumn has already arrived, doesn't mean you can't get a late start on decorating! Now's the perfect time to think about which fall-inspired color theme you'd like to use in the dining room to prepare for the Thanksgiving festivities.



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THIS & THAT - ARIZONA

by Pat Buono

When I mention the Grand Canyon to people, often their reply is 'it's just a big hole in the ground!' Indeed it is. However, it is also layered bands of red rock, revealing a cross-section of millions of years of geological history. The beautiful shades of rock on each layer are quite an amazing site with each band reflecting beautiful colors at sunset. A must see!

The Grand Canyon measures 10 miles across, a mile deep and 277 miles in length.

We visited Sedona, which is in Northern Arizona, making it much lush with vegetation, mountains and red rocks, which add beautiful color to the landscape!

While in Sedona, we took the Pink Jeep Tour. The tour guide navigates a Pink Jeep up a rocky mountain which would be an impossible feat for the average person!

There were screams and squeals as we maneuvered our way up the mountain, over, under and around boulders almost tipping over at every turn!

A tour well worth experiencing!



DO YOU KNOW YOUR HOME'S VALUE?

by Paul & Denise Virgadamo

The latest edition of CoreLogic's Home Price Index shows that nationally, home prices have appreciated 6.7% over the last year and 0.9% month-over-month. The release of the report included this headline, "National Home Prices Now 50% Above March 2011 Bottom."

The real estate market has come a long way since 2011, which is great news for homeowners!

Nearly 79% of homeowners with a mortgage in the US now have significant equity in their homes (defined as over 20%), according to the latest Equity Report. The challenge is that not every homeowner knows how much their home's value has appreciated.

Homeowners in Denver, CO lead the way with 8.7% appreciation over the last year, while owners in Washington and Utah have experienced a 3% increase in values since the start of this year!

Nationally, CoreLogic forecasts that home values will increase another 5.0% by this time next year. Bill Banfield, VP of Capital Markets at Quicken Loans, recently explained the importance of knowing the conditions in your area, "With home values constantly changing, and the rates of change varying across the country, this is one more way to show how important it is for homeowners to stay aware of their local housing market."

Bottom Line: Do you know what your house is worth? Have you stayed put because you are nervous you won't have enough equity to buy your dream home? Let's get together to perform an equity analysis and give you the freedom to achieve your dreams.

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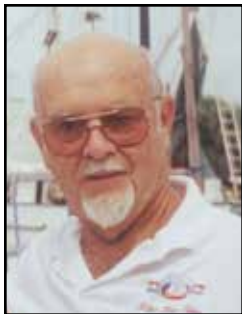
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HISTORICAL BITS AND PIECES

by Paul Leaser

COMIC BOOKS

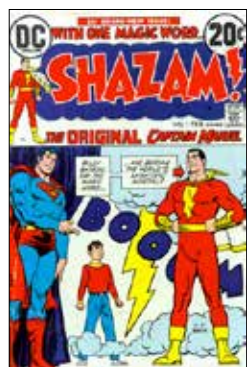
Perhaps, nostalgia fuels the monetary rise in the comic book. The earliest comic books, such as a Familiar Funnies, Tip Top, etc., actually were recycled comic strips from the newspaper

of the 1930's. In 1938, Action Comics #1 introduced Superman; it spared a plethora of super heroes to the reader.

Now those early copies, which can still be found, bring unbelievable prices at auction. Once again, basements and garages have become possible storage houses of these "gold strikes".

Keep looking; they are still being discovered.

A recent auction sold at No.1 Action Comic for more than 1,000,000 dollars!



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OUTSIDE THE GATES

by Richard Corrigan

Well, it looks like Tampa Bay dodged a bullet originally aimed at it by Hurricane Irma. When we saw reports that a lot of the water had been sucked out of Tampa Bay, a lot of us held our breath expecting the worst as those waters plus more from the Gulf came rushing back into the bay. What impact that event might have had on Tampa and the rest of the area is still, thankfully, an unknown. So most of the destruction here in North County was limited to tree damage and a few damaged houses as far as initial reports indicate.

So now is a good time to take stock of what went right, what went wrong and what we as citizens of Pinellas County can do to prepare for the next major catastrophic event. East Lake Woodlands Community Association's Emergency Operations Plan seems to have held up pretty well and a lot of credit goes to the team for anticipating the possible damage to some dead pine trees, which were cut down before the storm, and to the retention of crews to come back in to clean up the major thoroughfares as quickly after the storm as possible. Even the controlled access staff was back in place after a couple of days despite their having to commute to the community. But thinking about how we might do better and ensuring we have both plans for preparation and recovery, as well as sufficient insurance coverage to cover major damage claims should be uppermost in our minds now. As the Boy Scouts say "Be Prepared".

Post storm cleanup was a major topic and those of us who have looked up at the canopy of the trees that shade East Lake Woodlands can certainly notice a lot more light coming through than before Hurricane Irma. With a few exceptions the falling branches were not destructive although a few houses have leaners and we will be getting rid of "widow maker" (dangling limbs) for a couple of months I expect.

It appears most of the fallen debris has been picked up in ELW and there is a story behind that. Because we have private roads the county was reluctant to come on our property and other gated communities with similar situations. This was due to an event of several years ago where debris removal from private property after a similar storm resulted in a lawsuit that cost the county a significant sum and resulted in the dismissal of several county employees. However, based on an assurance from the County Commissioners that they would pick up debris in private communities, the Council of North County Neighborhoods (CNCN) was able to overcome lower level bureaucracy to get debris pickup started and most was picked up from ELW within 7 to 10 days after Irma left the area. Gated communities and private road owners had to sign a release allowing county contractors to come on the property.

If there are still problems with pickup of debris or similar let CNCN know and we will take it up with the commissioners as part of our post storm debriefing. Other issues like adequate number of shelters, communications (NextDoor got high marks during the storm event and we know about 1/3 of ELW uses that tool) etc. can also be brought to our attention. Senator Jack Latvala has already begun the charge on getting power cables placed underground rather than overhead although funding for that will be an issue. We may discuss that with Duke and Teco at a future date as part of the overall discussion on energy reliability and renewable energy sources. Thankfully enough power remained on to support the water pumps in Tarpon Springs so potable water did not appear to be an issue (Just look at the situation in Puerto Rico and be thankful for that). All in all we survived pretty well but next time (and there will be a next time) we can do better. As you think about what we can do better, let us know but don't forget to take a few minutes to think about (and pray for) our fellow citizens in Houston, South and Central Florida and Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin islands, as well as their Caribbean neighbors, who are still recovering from a very significant hurricane season.





**BIRD OF THE MONTH
LILAC-BREASTED ROLLER**

by Jake Jacoby

I recently returned from a trip to Africa, visiting both South Africa and Botswana. While photographing birds and animals within the MalaMala Game Reserve in the Sabi Sands region of South Africa, I was very fortunate to observe and photograph the beautiful Lilac-breasted Roller. The name Roller comes from its flying courtship ritual where the birds dive with a rolling motion. They are highly acrobatic and agile when flying and sometimes even breed while in flight.



Lilac-breasted Roller with lunch

This Roller, about the same size as a Crow, prefers open woodland and savanna areas and is largely absent from treeless places. Except during breeding season, the Lilac-breasted Roller is usually found alone. It normally perches conspicuously at the tops of trees, especially sparsely distributed Acacia trees, or other high vantage points from where it can spot insects, lizards, scorpions, snails, small birds and rodents moving around at ground level. After dropping onto a victim, Rollers will beat their prey against a rock or on the ground to kill it before swallowing it whole. Their two inner front toes are connected, but not the outer one.



Lilac-breasted Roller

Nesting takes place in a natural hole in a tree where a clutch of 2-to-4 plain white eggs are laid, and incubated by both parents for about 3-weeks. Both parents are extremely aggressive in defense of their nest, taking on much larger raptors and other predators if need be. During the breeding season, the male will rise to great heights, descending in swoops and dives, while uttering harsh, discordant cries.

Lilac-breasted Rollers breed at various times of the year,



Lilac-breasted Roller

depending on the location and season. They are monogamous and will build flat nests of grass in dead baobab, coconut, or a casuarina trees, or in hallowed out tree cavities as stated above. They do not create these cavities themselves; as they will usually take over nesting sites that have been previously hollowed out by woodpeckers or kingfishers.

Hatchlings are born altricial, naked, blind and helpless – and are incapable of moving around on their own and wholly dependent on their parents for care and feeding. The chicks will become fully feathered after about 19 days and then fledge about a month later. Once the chicks have fledged, they continue to rely on parental care for up to another month before they strike out on their own.

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FLOWERING PLANTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

by Pam Brown (ELW resident)

The most common flowering plant for fall and the Thanksgiving holiday is Chrysanthemum, but I have seen some lovely baskets of hybrid Black-eyed Susan's with very large yellow blooms that would make a great display in the landscape or on the front porch or lanai. Also for outdoors, you might consider the containers planted with several blooming plants that are sold at the box stores. They usually contain perennials that will last from fall into winter.

While poinsettias are the most purchased plant for the December holidays, you might also consider amaryllis, holiday cactus, cyclamen, kalanchoe, red or white begonias and impatiens, or even some bright red Geraniums.

When choosing plants with blooms, look for those with only a few blooms open and plenty of buds (on poinsettias the blooms are the small yellow center flowers), healthy foliage and a compact form. For amaryllis, look for plants with the bloom stalk just emerging from the bulb and the bud well formed. Beware of amaryllis in the pre-packaged boxes. The bulb may have already sprouted a bloom stalk that is twisted inside the box. These stalks will not straighten, so open the box and only choose those with bulbs that are just beginning to sprout.

The most crucial tip for keeping these plants looking good is proper watering. The pot containing the plant must have bottom drainage holes. Plants can dry out quickly whether they are located outside or inside, so check them daily. Water if the top inch of soil is dry. Over watering is just as bad. Plants do not like to sit in water. Remove any decorative foil or plastic wrappers covering



Amaryllis



Chrysanthemum



Geranium

the pot or punch holes in the bottom of them. Let water drain well before placing plants on a water proof container to protect where they are setting. High temperatures and drying out can cause buds and flowers to drop on holiday cactus.

Cooler temperatures will preserve blooms longer. Cyclamen especially prefer very cool temperatures, so if you place them in a protected area outside over night when no frost is predicted, the blooms will last longer. Bring plants inside in the morning before any sun reaches them. Poinsettias and holiday cactus prefer to have a constant temperature, so don't move them outside. All of these plants listed appreciate being near windows with high levels of bright light but no direct sun. Also, keep plants out of drafts.

After the holidays, all of the mentioned plants except cyclamen can be maintained in pots or added to your landscape. Chrysanthemums and Black-eyed Susans usually decline when the weather warms and it is hard to get a good bloom display the next fall, so I consider them annuals. I call amaryllis the Florida tulip; the bulbs will thrive and multiply in well drained soil in a site with morning sun and some dappled afternoon shade. Bulbs forced to bloom at Christmas will not bloom the first spring after planting but should reward you in March or April for years afterwards. For more information about growing Amaryllis, see the University of Florida publication on the

Internet at: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep060>

Begonias and impatiens do very well in our fall and winter landscapes. Impatiens need some frost protection and can become deer candy, so protected pots may be the best option. Kalanchoe is perennial in our area and enjoys full sun and well drained soil. Holiday cactus can be grown as a house plant or on a protected lanai for years. Place it outside in a non-lighted area that is deer proof in the fall as the nights begin to cool and bring it back inside when you see buds forming. Keep soil barely moist. Shriveled, limp stems are a sign that the cactus is too dry.



Herbs in a pot

While poinsettias can be planted outside after the holidays, I find that they are very prone to insects and disease and you must provide 14 – 16 hours of absolute darkness from October 1 to December 1 in order to get them to bloom again. They are not overly expensive, so I personally prefer to buy new ones each year. If you want to try planting them in the landscape after the holidays, this University of Florida web site has lots of information: <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep349>

NOVEMBER LANDSCAPE CHORES:

Now is the time to control winter weeds in the lawn. Watch for night time temperatures that are 55 – 60 degrees for several nights in a row, and then apply a pre-emergent herbicide. Be sure that the herbicide you choose is labeled for your type of grass. For more information consult Weed Management in Home Lawns on the Internet at: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep141>

The fall and winter months are also good for growing herbs. Many herbs that succumb to our hot steamy summers will thrive during the cooler months. If you don't have a lot of space, herbs grow well in containers. More information on growing herbs in Florida is available on the Internet: Herbs in the Florida Garden <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh020>

Now is a good time to add bulbs to your landscape. Amaryllis bulbs (*Hippeastrum* spp.) were discussed earlier. They make a striking bloom show in the spring when planted in groups of 10 or more in landscape beds. You might also consider planting Crinum or Swamp Lily bulbs (*Crinum americanum*) for spring and summer bloom. They are well suited to hot, dry, locations and grow from what are among the largest true bulbs. Some bulbs weigh over 40-pounds and the plants are very large, so give them plenty of room. Crinums will recover quickly from killing frosts in our area. For more information on growing bulbs in Florida, visit these University of Florida publications on the Internet at: http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/hot_topics/lawn_and_garden/bulbs.shtml and <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FP/FP15500.pdf>



Hydrangea and Verbena



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by Ernie DelBarba

We have moved the clocks back and are adjusting to the idea that there are Holidays approaching, and Thanksgiving reminds us to have gratitude for many things in our lives. At this time of year, I know I can give thanks that I won't be facing snowstorms, but instead will be enjoying the beautiful winter weather that we have in Florida. It is also the time to take advantage of the miles of walkways through East Lake Woodlands to enjoy the outdoors.

I am also thankful that I am a sales associate on an effective and knowledgeable real estate team at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services East Lake Woodlands Office. Our Florida Group has received the Unity Award in 2017 from Metropolitan Ministries for donations and time spent collecting for this cause.

Founded in 1972, the Metropolitan Ministries provides food, shelter, resources, counselling, education and job training services that alleviate suffering, instill self-sufficiency and promote dignity for low-income and homeless families in the area. The donation receptacles are in all 22 of our offices all year long, and it is important to know that there are Metropolitan Ministries locations in Tampa and Pasco Counties that directly aid the Tampa Bay communities. Visit www.metromin.org to see the benefits they are providing and to receive information on how you may be of help.

For our company the energy to promote gets even more enthusiastic during the holidays, and the efforts at Christmas time and include the company goal to "fill the Cabernet Sleigh", a U-Haul driven by our Owners, to pick up donations, nicknamed after our signature BHHS colors of Cabernet and Cream.

On November 16, 2017 there will be a Charity Fashion Show at Heritage Springs Clubhouse to benefit Gulfside Hospice. It will be an entertaining event for a worthy cause, so buy your tickets now and tell your friends. Metropolitan Ministries also partners with the Sunshine Kids Foundation, a national non-profit organization, benefitting children with cancer. Our Florida Properties Group has also been a longtime supporter of the Sunshine Kids and is involved in their charity raising events throughout the year.

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Wednesday, November 15, 5:30-7:30pm

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