

## PARDON OUR DUST

by Keith Crank, Vice President

By the time you receive this edition of the Heron the renovation of the guardhouses at the Tampa Road gate and the East Lake Road gate should be well underway unless some unforeseen circumstance causes a delay in the start date. The renovation project for both of the manned gates will take approximately two to two and a half months to complete. The renovation will have started at the East

Lake Road (north) gate first. Our reasoning for this was that we would not have to totally shut down this exit during construction because of the number of exit lanes leading to East Lake Road. But this being said, ALL drivers must use extra caution when approaching the exit to East Lake Road. At times the exit will be restricted to perhaps only one lane due to the construction that is being done or the placement of a construction dumpster. The dumpsters that are being used are on wheels and will be removed when they are not needed at the project site.

The renovation of the Tampa Road guardhouse is going to be a totally different situation. There will be times when the exit to Tampa Road will be shut down to all traffic. Our plan is to have cones set up at the intersection of East Lake Woodlands Pkwy and Woodlands Parkway so as to divert traffic to the SunTrust gate exit. We will also have cones at the intersection of East Lake Woodlands Pkwy and Woodlands Drive so those who normally use the Tampa Road gate will also be diverted to the SunTrust gate when necessary. During the morning rush hour the SunTrust gate will be left in the open position to accommodate the heavy morning traffic and then closed after the morning rush hour. The blockades will be removed as soon as possible, but they will remain during the time that contractors are working on the Tampa Road gate. Construction at both sites will start at approximately 7:30 AM and run until approximately 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. Our patrol officers could possibly be directing traffic when necessary so please watch for them and follow their directions. The patrol officers will also

ensure that all the cones and/or barricades are removed when they are not needed.

The board realizes that this will be an inconvenience to our entire community but would like for everyone to have a little extra patience and we ask for your cooperation while this project is ongoing. Thank you in advance and I am sure that everyone will be happy with the result of this renovation project.

I am happy to say that the month of February was a quiet month throughout the community. We had a couple of incidents with drivers who thought Woodlands Boulevard was the newest drag strip in Pinellas County. We have asked the sheriff deputies who patrol the community to pay more attention to Woodlands Boulevard. It simply amazes me that drivers like this don't seem to realize the dangerous position they are putting themselves and the public in. If you want to see what your car will do why not take to the Showtime Speedway and have at it. Also it seems more and more drivers are ignoring the stop signs in the community. Please take that 3 or 4 seconds to come to a complete



stop and eliminate the possibility of a horrible accident. There have been several gate malfunctions ranging from remaining open due to the emergency key lock system locked in the open position after the entry of an emergency vehicle and the gates being knocked off their tracks after being bumped. Normally the patrol officers are able to replace the gate on it's track and the gate will then function properly. Unfortunately we have to wait for emergency services to return to the

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Susan Whitehead

It's hard to believe that spring is upon us and the cold that we cursed last month is a distant memory. Soon we will be cursing the heat and humidity! At least our plants are much happier with warmer weather.

By the time you read this we will have two new board members. Janet Peterson, Treasurer, retired after a number of years on the ELWCA. As a former accountant, she used her knowledge to update our procedures thereby leaving us with a rigorous system in place. Janet was also invaluable in securing the loan that allowed us to complete the recent drainage project as well. Taking Janet's place will be Connie Hillman, former treasurer for Cross Creek.

Another change occurred when Pam Brown, Director of Landscaping, decided to reduce her work load by retiring from the board. As a certified horticulturist, Pam brought her extensive knowledge of native Florida plants to our community and brightened our days by providing a lovely landscape for all residents to enjoy. Good news however, Pam will continue to serve on the landscaping committee! Replacing Pam on the board is Lee Scharrer, a past board member of both Hunters Crossing and Deerpath. In addition, Susie Freeman of Woodridge Green was also appointed to the landscaping committee.

I'd like to thank both Janet and Pam for their years of dedicated service to our community. They are lovely strong women who have always been gracious with their talents and it has been a pleasure to serve with them. I look forward to working with our new board members and continuing our work within the community.

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Alarm Calls/911 Hang Up	0	
Emergency Calls	0	
Complaint Calls (Noise, speeders, solicitors, domestic disputes, trespass, fireworks, suspicious persons)	17	
Parking Violations	33	
Irrigation Calls	1	
Motor Vehicle/ Pedestrian Accidents	3	
Crimes Reported  (Vandalism to mailboxes, gates, grass damage, stolen bikes, dumping, all other criminal activity)	2	
Miscellaneous/Other (Welfare checks, pets, wildlife, all others)	12	
The Sheriff monitored 33 hours during February 2017		

Performed 0 Hours of Presence/Visibility.

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Citations 2, Warnings 62, Vehicles Stopped 58

# 2018 EASTLAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

April 10th 8:00am	Management & Associates	
May 8th 6:30pm	East Lake Woodlands Country Club	
June 12th. 8:00am	Management & Associates	
July 10th. 6:30pm	East Lake Woodlands Country Club	
August 14th 8:00am	Management & Associates	
September 11th 6:30pm	East Lake Woodlands Country Club	
October 9th 8:00am	Management & Associates	
November 13th 6:30pm	East Lake Woodlands Country Club	
December 11th 8:00am	Management & Associates	
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# HOW WINDOW TREATMENTS CAN COMPLETE A ROOM

by Sally Giar

Using blinds in your windows may offer a sense of privacy from your neighborhood, but window treatments can provide extra comfort and bring style and sophistication into your home. Not only a functional factor, window treatments are an accessory that can completely transform a room, giving it more depth, character and coziness. Window treatments offer the perfect opportunity to express your personal style and make a room feel more complete.

But choosing the right option for your windows takes time, thought and effort. You can't just throw throw sheers into any room, and you certainly shouldn't opt for honeycomb shades as your only option around the house. To complete each room with a set of window treatments, you need to consider each room's theme, purpose, style and level of acquired privacy.

Before you dress your windows in any standard option, consider the following tips for choosing the perfect treatments:

#### KEEP THE PURPOSE OF EACH ROOM IN MIND

You can't just rush to the store and purchase a set of window treatments solely by the way they look. You first need to assess all windows in your house and make treatment decisions based on the purpose of each room. All of the spaces in your home are meant for something different, and that means you'll need to explore different types of window treatments as well.

For instance, you likely want the bedroom to be dark and dimly lit since it's mostly made for resting, so a set of room-darkening curtains make most sense here. A room that thrives off of natural light, such as the home office or living room, can use a beautiful set of sheers. In the bathroom – where you need privacy and solitude – you can get away with honeycomb shades, which block little light but offer total privacy.

Be mindful of the type of window treatments you want based on each room's purpose. Be mindful of the type of window treatments you want based on each room's purpose.

#### **CHOOSE COLOR AND STYLE WISELY**

Just like you need to consider the purpose of your rooms before purchasing your window treatments, the style and color should complement the room's existing theme. If you're a fan of pattern and texture, this is your opportunity to go wild and make a statement. On the opposite side of the spectrum, you can choose a neutrally toned set of window treatments that balance the room out.

Keep in mind that you also need to purchase curtain rods and must to be mindful of style here as well. This is a simple task that can make or break the flow and character you're trying to achieve.

#### HIRE A PERSONAL DECORATOR FOR HELP

While choosing a set of window treatments based on the purpose and character of each room in your home seems like a simple task, it can be difficult to complement your space correctly if you're feeling lost. Have no fear, however – you don't have to take care of this simple yet statement-making task on your own. A personal decorator from Decorating Den Interiors can lend a helping hand.

Window treatments can certainly complete a room, but only when executed in the right way. If you're ready to give your windows a much-needed makeover, contact Decorating Den Interiors today.



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affected gate and turn the key lock back to the closed position. Because the key that locks the gates in an open position can also open all the gates in other communities countywide, we are not allowed to have a key. Makes sense when you think about it.



# RESIDENTS PLEASE BE EXTRA CAREFUL WITH A LITTLE MORE PATIENCE AND WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS CONSTRUCTION PERIOD SAFE AND SOUND.

The finished product will be well worth our inconvenience during this time period.

As a reminder should you have an emergency always call 911 first. Should you need to get in touch with the Pinellas County Sheriff's office for a non-emergency the number is 727-582-6200/6900. To contact the controlled access patrol office please call 727-785-7384.

Again, there will be times that entrances and exits may be blocked and traffic diverted. PLEASE, during the construction period, be EXTRA ALERT as traffic situations could change on a daily basis. With a little patience and cooperation, we will get through the construction and our gatehouses will look much nicer and afford our gate officers much better working conditions.

As always, in an emergency call 911 immediately. Remember in an emergency time is a critical factor, which could save someone's life.

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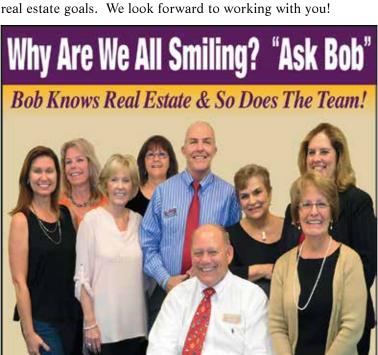
# REAL ESTATE AWARENESS AND YOUR TAXES

by Ernie DelBarba

Fifty years ago, in April of 1963 a pharmacist named William Byron Rumford Sr. from California introduced a housing bill that passed in both houses that made it illegal to deny people the opportunity to rent or buy a home because of their race and several other classifications. Proposition

14 was then introduced and passed to allow property owners the right to use their own discretion in who they sell or rent to. In 1966 the California Supreme Court ruled this discretion as unconstitutional and confirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967. In 1974 discrimination based on sex was added and is a protected classification. This evolution for our American belief system will hopefully continue and never again regress to the idea that discrimination is acceptable or a right of the individual. Realtors are schooled to guard against unfairness early on by learning about the protected classes referred to in The Fair Housing Act and are warned against the activities that are prohibited to be used by realtors such as "steering" and "blockbusting", while financial institutions and insurers are restricted from "redlining". The McCaffery Team (Bob McCaffery, Joan Daly, Ann Galatro, Fonda Dillard, Claudia Preisig and myself) at Berkshire Hathaway is proud to follow these clear rules that have helped make America the great country that it is.

An area that is not completely clear to realtors at this time is how the recent tax overhaul will affect the real estate market and home sales. There have been predictions made that we can use to be prepared for what lies ahead. While existing home sales are to remain similar, the growth of home prices are not to be as strong as the annual 6% growth per year we have experienced over the past several years. The growth this year is only expected to be between 1 and 3%, a significant reduction to what we are used to. Hardest hit will be the luxury home marketplace. Homeowners in this market have been accustomed to deducting all their property taxes and are now capped at \$10,000, and demand for these higher end homes is expected to fall. This softer market is expected to affect the next tier of home values and therefore possible drop in demand for these properties. The low end valued homes will still be in strong demand but still face a shrinking inventory. The McCaffery Team located in the East Lake Community is committed to helping you navigate through this changing marketplace so that you can still realize all of your



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## 2018 SUMMER'S ALMOST HERE

by Jaime L. Soderland-Ballard, MBA, PCAM

A breath of fresh air and a sense of serenity is what I feel when I drive through East Lake Woodlands. The drainage project is complete and the Annual Meeting has concluded. Although projects are in the works, the entire essence of what is East Lake is pleasantly calm.

Your Association Board of Directors will continue to keep all members updated during their regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings. If you have any topics that you feel need to be discussed please reach out to me so I can see about getting them on the agenda.

I am not sure if most folks know that being kind is a selfish act. When one is kind it is the most rewarding feeling anyone can give themselves. It is also one of the only self-serving acts wherein the giver and the recipient both win. Best of all it is absolutely free.

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by Patty Ann Wieczorek, Reference & Marketing Librarian

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Thurs., April 5, 12, 19, 26, 12-1pm

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#### **GENEALOGY LOCK-IN**

Fri., April 6, 5:30-9pm

If you're into family history or know a genealogist, you know the passion for finding ancestral roots—and the disappointment when you're on a roll and the library is about to close! Well, here's a chance to dig to your heart's content. Family history researchers will take over ELCL after hours for research, sharing and light refreshments. Library



staff will be available to help with your brick wall questions and offer research assistance. The library closes at 5pm and we will open the doors for our lock in at 5:30pm. Registration required. Call today or register online.

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### **MY EARTH DAY SALUTE**

by Jeff Hunt, Editor

Elon Musk is concerned about A.I. (Artificial Intelligence). The recently departed Stephen Hawking was afraid that mankind may only have as little as 100 years left on planet Earth. While others in the scientific community are worried about things like biohacking, climate change and loss of reality. There is even an organization named CSER (Centre for the Study of Existential Risk)

that was formed at Cambridge University to assess the top risks to our species survival.

While there is plenty to worry about in today's world, I think we all share a responsibility to current and future generations to keep our Earth, our one home in the cosmos, as free from man-made threats as possible. And in that spirit, I would like to recognize two things in our world that I am grateful for but worried about. Bees and phytoplankton.

So, rather than drone on and on and drown you in my fears and statistics, I've decided to share two articles with you that I've recently read about the objects of my concerns. Also I'd like to ask everyone to celebrate Earth Day (April 22nd) this year by getting involved in the stewardship of our planet. Pick a cause you feel passionately about and act. We've only got about 100 years to prove Stephen Hawking wrong.

"I believe alien life is quite common in the universe, although intelligent life is less so. Some say it has yet to appear on planet Earth."

--- Stephen Hawking ---



# WHY BEES ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR PLANET

Jessica Tucker, onegreenplanet.org June 17,2014

Bees are some of the hardest working creatures on the planet, and because of their laborious work ethic, we owe many thanks to this amazing yet often under appreciated insect.

Our lives – and the world as a whole – would be a much different place if bees didn't exist. To illustrate this fact, consider these numbers: bees are responsible for pollinating about one-sixth of the flowering plant species worldwide and approximately 400 different agricultural types of plant.

Honeybees and the other pollinators and the invaluable pollinating



services they provide us with helped produce approximately \$19 billion worth of agricultural crops in the U.S. alone in 2010; that's estimated to be one-third of everything we eat! The other animal pollinators such as bats, moths, butterflies, hummingbirds, ants, and beetles contributed to an estimated \$10 billion in 2010! To say we rely on the pollination

efforts of bees (and other animals) to sustain our modern food system is an understatement.

Let's take a look at the amazing world of bees and acknowledge all they do for us:

## Different Types of Bees

Worldwide, there are around 25,000 different types of bee species (around 4,000 in the U.S.). This huge number is divided into over 4,000 genera of bees, which are then further subdivided into just nine families of bees. The Apidae family is perhaps the most well known family, with familiar members such as the honeybee, carpenter bee, and bumblebee.

All of these species dutifully serve as pollinators of our agricultural world. And they are all excellent at what they do. For example, all bees have stiff hairs and pockets on their legs, allowing them to collect more pollen and be more efficient transporters of it between plants. Not only that, bumblebees appear to be even more successful at pollinating certain crops due to their larger sizes and more vigorous vibrations. This helps to better disperse pollen amongst the flowers and fruits it visits.

## Pollination - How it Works & Why it's Important

What is pollination? Simply put, it is the transfer of pollen from the male part of the flower, the anther, to the stigma, which is the female part of the flower. Upon the two's meeting, a plant's seed, nut, or fruit is then formed.

Some plants rely on animals to assist with their pollination process, while others can pollinate themselves or rely on the wind to do it for them.

Bees also tend to focus their energies on one species of plant at a time. By visiting the same flowers of a particular species in one outing, much higher quality pollination occurs – rather than spreading many different pollens to different plants which are not being pollinated, all plants of one species are getting an even distribution of vital pollen from others of its same species.

Pollination is essentially plant reproduction. Without help from animal pollinators, our everyday food supply would look much different — at least one third of our staples we've come to rely on would no longer be available.

### **Bees Provide Sources of Food**

A few examples of the foods that would no longer be available to us if bees ceased pollinating our agricultural goods are: broccoli, asparagus, cantaloupes, cucumbers, pumpkins, blueberries, watermelons, almonds, apples, cranberries, and cherries.

Honey is a food product created by bees and is not to be forgotten. Made by bees regurgitating nectar and passing it back and forth in their mouths to one another before depositing and sealing it in a honeycomb, its intended use is for the bees' winter food stores. Humans are quite fond of this amber liquid as well – the 2013 honey crop was valued at \$317.1 million.

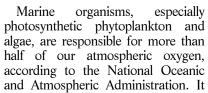
### Bees Beautify the Planet

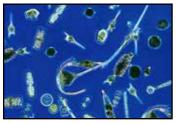
Pollinating flowers and contributing to the beautification of the planet's floral landscapes may be the bees' perhaps simplest and least economically important actions, but it's certainly its most aesthetically pleasing one.

By keeping flowers pollinated, bees perpetuate floral growth and provide attractive habitats for other animals such as insects and birds.

Bees are easily amongst the most important insects to humans on Earth. These humble, buzzing bugs deserve a huge thanks – for helping provide us with our favorite fruits and vegetables, their delicious honey, and beautiful, flowery gardens!

# THE OCEAN BREATHES SO WE CAN, TOO





was the buildup of atmospheric oxygen produced by marine life like primitive cyanobacteria that made life possible for terrestrial animals, most scientists believe. The atmosphere (and oceans as well) were mostly oxygen-starved for almost 90 percent of Earth's history. Less than 1 million years ago, a series of chemical and biological changes culminated in an increase in the percentage of oxygen in the atmosphere to today's 21 percent from a longtime level of about 5 percent, but thank ocean life, not terrestrial plants, for more than half it. Humans require a minimum concentration of about 19.5 percent.

-C. Claiborne Ray, New York Times



# BIRD OF THE MONTH HUMMINGBIRD

by Jake Jacoby

There are more than 325 unique hummingbird species in the world. Only eight species regularly breed in the United States, though up to two dozen species may visit us. The rest of the hummingbirds are primarily tropical species and do not normally migrate.

These Hummingbirds are found in Central and South America as well as throughout the Caribbean. No hummers are found in Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia or Antarctica.

A hummingbird's brilliant throat color is called it's "gorget" and is not caused by feather pigmentation, but rather by iridescence in the arrangement of the feathers. The term comes from the days of old, when a Knight-in-armor wore a metallic collar – or gorget – to protect his throat. Light level, moisture, angle of viewing, wear and tear and other factors all influence just how bright and colorful the throat may appear. The hummingbird's brain is 4.2% of its body weight, the largest proportion in the bird kingdom.

Hummingbirds cannot walk or hop, though their feet can be used to scoot sideways while they are perched. These birds have evolved smaller feet to be lighter for more efficient flying. They will use their feet for itching and preening, however!

Hummingbirds have 1,000 to 1,500 feathers, the fewest number of feathers of any bird species in the world. Not only do they not need as many feathers because of their tiny size, but fewer feathers also keeps them more lightweight for easier flight. The average hummingbird weighs 3 grams (or 0.1 ounces). In comparison, a nickel weighs 1.6 ounces. It would take more than 150 average sized hummingbirds to weigh one pound.

A hummingbird's maximum forward flight speed is 30 miles per hour. They can reach up to 60 miles per hour in a dive and have many adaptations for unique flight. A hummingbird must consume approximately one-half of its weight in sugar daily, and routinely feeds 5 to 8 times per hour. In addition to nectar, they will also eat small insects and spiders, and may sip tree sap or juice from broken fruits. Their wings beat between 50 and 200 flaps per second depending on the direction of flight, the purpose of their flight and the surrounding air conditions. They are the only birds in the world that can fly both forward and backwards.

The Rufous Hummingbird (see the first photograph which was taken in Tampa, Florida) has the longest migration of any hummingbird species. These hummers fly more than 3,000 miles from their nesting grounds in Alaska and Canada to their winter habitat in Mexico. Hummingbirds do not suck nectar through their long bills, but they lick it with fringed, forked tongues.

Despite their small size, hummingbirds are one of the most aggressive bird species. They will regularly attack jays, crows and hawks that infringe on their territory.

Female hummers are normally larger than the males and do all of the nest building. The nest consists of a tiny cup of plant fibers, spider webs, lichens and moss that is attached to a branch, a forked twig, a large leaf, or a rock ledge. The female will usually lay a clutch of two eggs and raise the young by themselves. A hummingbird baby is generally smaller than a penny and cannot fly at birth. The



Rufous Hummingbird



Ruby-throated Hummingbird



Magnificent Hummingbird

babies will remain in the nest for three weeks, will start to fly in 3 to 4 weeks, and will have a lifespan of about 5 years. But, unfortunately, most hummers will die in the first year of their life.

Hummingbirds do not mate for life and get their name from the humming sound produced by their wings when flying (averaging about 80 times per second). I took all the above photographs in Tampa, Florida and Costa Rica.

Please see my favorite

photographs at www.flickr.com/jake\_jacoby



Volcano Hummingbird

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## APRIL-SPRING!

by Pam Brown (ELW resident)

#### EARTH DAY

In April each year more than 193 countries celebrate Earth Day on April 22. This annual event is held to promote and demonstrate environmental awareness and calls for renewed protection measures for our planet.

Plastic pollution is a focus of this year's celebration. It is threatening our planet's survival, from poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones. So much plastic litters our beaches and landscapes and clogs our streams and landfills. Let's all try to reduce the amount of plastic we use daily.



The Earth Day Celebration that I found listed for Pinellas County is St Pete Earth Day on April 21, 2018, 10 AM - 5 PM at Historic Williams Park St. Petersburg, Florida 33701. For more information, visit: http://www.earthdaysp.com/event-information.

#### LANDSCAPE REPLACEMENT PLANT IDEAS:

If you are thinking of replacing any of the plants that were damaged in our brief freeze in January, here are some good alternatives that are cold hardy.

Shrubs:

'JACK FROST' LIGUSTRUM has variegated green accented with creamy yellow foliage that is not be damaged by frost or freeze. This shrub makes a good alternative to Gold Mound Duranta and can be planted in part shade to full sun.

'MRS. SCHILLER'S DELIGHT' DWARF WALTER'S VIBURNUM is a dense native shrub with small dark green leaves that naturally grows to form a four foot ball of foliage that does not require frequent pruning. It is covered with small white flowers nearly all year and is very freeze tolerant. It grows well in full sun and shade, but will bloom best grown in the



Dwarf Walter's Viburnum

'PURPLE PIXIE' LOROPETALUM has small burgundy leaves on

branches with a weeping habit. It grows about two feet tall and 4 feet wide with bright pink ribbon-like flowers in the early spring. Planted in full sun or part shade, Loropetalum can make a good substitute for Crotons if you need some color in the landscape.

PODOCARPUS TOPIARY is a good alternative to the Eugenia topiaries that are readily available for sale, but always seem to be damaged by frosts and freezes. Podocarpus is very cold hardy and takes pruning and shaping well. Topiaries of Podocarpus are harder to find, but worth



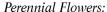
Euro fan palm

the search. I have one in my yard that has never shown any cold damage.

Palms:

EUROPEAN FAN PALM is a small slowgrowing palm that will form clumps of new palms as it ages. They grow to about 15 feet tall and would make a good alternative to the Pigmy Date Palms. There are multiple trunks and the fan shaped fronds are either blue-green or

PINDO PALM is a single-trunked palm with a rounded canopy of blue-grey fronds which curve in toward the trunk. The stocky trunks are covered with persistent leaf bases. The fruit, ripening in summer, can be messy on sidewalks or patios, so you may want to plant 10 feet away from any hardscape. This slowgrowing palm eventually will reach 20 feet tall.



AFRICAN BUSH DAISY is a small shrub that grows in a mound-like bush up to three feet tall and wide. It has dark glossy-green, lacy leaves. It has yellow flowers with peak flowering in autumn, winter, and spring. This lovely flowering plant is evergreen and tolerates light frost and moderate freezing temperatures.

**BULBINE** is also called Jelly Burn Plant because it is similar to Aloe. It contains the same glycoprotiens that can ease burns. This plant has either orange or yellow blooms nearly year round and is hardy down to 20 degrees. Bulbine is a succulent and very drought tolerant. It appreciates a hot, dry location.



Pindo palm



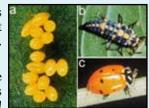
African bush daisy



Bulbine

#### APRIL LANDSCAPE CHORES

- LAWNS: Apply fertilizer after new growth has started which is usually early April in our area. Choose a fertilizer (not a "weed and feed") with little or no phosphorus unless a soil test indicates the need for it. A fertilizer with controlled-release nitrogen yields longer-lasting results. See Lawn Fertilizer: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic lawn fertilization
- LAWN INSECTS: Rule out cultural problems, such as lack of water, that resemble insect damage before applying a pesticide. See Turfgrass Pest Insects: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic turf pest insects
- **PESTS**: Monitor landscape plants weekly for aphids on all the tender new growth. See Landscape Insect and Mite Pests: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\_landscape\_insect\_pests\_by\_type and Landscape Pest Management: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ topic landscape pests
- CHECK FOR THRIPS if leaves and/ or flowers of gardenias and roses are damaged. See Landscape Pest Management: http://edis.ifas.ufl. edu/topic\_landscape\_pests
- **BENEFICIALS**: Identify and conserve beneficial insects. Some insects should be encouraged in your yard! See Beneficial Insects: http://edis. Ladybug: a) eggs. b) larva. ifas.ufl.edu/topic beneficial insects



### CRUSIN' THE PARK AND HEALTY KIDS DAY

by Emily Shollenberger

by the Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise and in conjunction with the YMCA of North Pinellas' Healthy Kids Day, promises to be fun for the entire family. The event will again include DJs, live music, exhibitions by Pinellas County Sheriff's Office & East Lake Fire & Rescue, food tent, and numerous activities for the kids throughout the day.

Show hours are 9:00AM-3:00PM, with vehicle registration ending at 11:00 am. It is open to all show cars and trucks. Car show registration is \$20, and pre-registration only \$15 if paid by April 16. Goodie bags & dash plaques while supplies last. Over 60 trophies will be awarded. All proceeds raised go to local charities.

Visit www.EastLakeRotary.org for more information, registration forms, and secure on-line registration, or e-mail us at INFO@EASTLAKEROTARY. **ORG**. Sponsorship opportunities are also available and listed on our web site. We are once again anticipating a fantastic crowd and approximately 250 show

The Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise is a volunteer service organization that meets Thursday mornings at 7:30 am at Daddy's Grill, 3682 Tampa Rd., Oldsmar. If interested in learning more about the club or to attend a meeting, e-mail us at INFO@EASTLAKESUNRISE.ORG.

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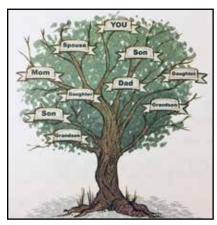
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### "HOW TO FIND MISSING VITAL RECORDS"

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



The West Pasco County Genealogical Society (WPCGS) will host a genealogy WEDNESDAY, seminar on APRIL 18, 2018 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. The Society has moved its monthly seminars and meetings to a new location at the CARES Enrichment Center, in the Activity Center Building, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Hudson FL 34667.

Attendees will learn of ways to locate vital records in performing ancestry research. This is particularly helpful when one has had difficulty

finding such records as birth, marriage and death certificates. The presentation will offer insights on what information can be found both on and off-line, where to find it, and what records can be used in lieu of vital records when one or more may be unavailable.

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

Please register for the seminar by e-mail to: **DEBBEHAGNER@YAHOO**. **COM** or via text message to 727-271-0770.

#### **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

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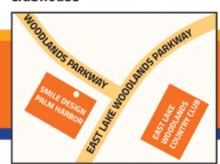
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