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LOWHA NEWS

Director's Corner

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CRITTER EXTERMINATION IN YOUR HOUSE

As a clarification, should you have critters in your house, as with any private home, it is the homeowner's responsibility to have the critters removed by a Professional Licensed Exterminator. The LOW Association is not in the critter exterminating business.

Should the LOW homeowner contract an exterminating company paying them to rid their home of critters, and the homeowner obtains a guarantee/warranty of the work from the exterminator predicated on the sealing of any entrance holes the exterminator finds during the extermination, it is the job of the exterminator to seal any said entrance holes they see/find under the terms of their guarantee/warranty to the homeowner. It is not the responsibility of the Association to seal any critter holes found as a part of any extermination and/or warranty. The LOW Association is not in the home critter warranty business.

The LOW Association will however, take care of the exterior of the homes as part of the Association's ongoing maintenance program as provided in the Seminole County Book 1048, Page 1579 of the LOW CC&Rs, Article IV, Section 2., Exterior Maintenance, Page 18.
A LOW Community Service Announcement

August 2016

BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2016

7pm



MONEY MATTERS - Jo Elmblad

Our Balance Sheet and Income Expense statements summarized as of the end of June, 2016 reflected the following: Assessments Receivables \$17,935.24 compared to \$20,082.55 at the end of May; Late Fee Receivables \$1,500; Legal Receivables \$1,436.13 and Owner Interest Receivables \$94.51. Our receivables amount decreased slightly compared to last month with payment of one of our larger delinquent accounts. We have approximately 8 delinquent accounts at our attorney's office for legal collection follow-up.

A down payment of \$17,040.29 was made during the month of May for upgrading of our Hoover irrigation pump. The work is expected to be done by the end of August. The new pump system is being built off site and will then be transitioned into place. The Board has approved this upgrade with its expense not to exceed \$50,000. This will be funded from our R&R Reserve Fund.

A comparison of our operating budget vs. actual for the month of June showed actual monthly expense of \$82,727.15 vs. budget of \$73,737.31 for difference of \$8,989.84. As of the end of June, our actual YTD expense was \$428,890.91 vs budget of \$456,793.56 for a difference of \$27,902.65.

Budget planning for next year will begin soon. This will include review and development of our operating budget as well as planned spending and evaluation of our reserve accounts. Committees and residents are encouraged to offer suggestions for community improvements that could be incorporated into our planning process.

Total operating funds as of June 30th came to \$481,924.47. Our Reserve fund total was \$1,130,787.26; Total fund balance was \$1,612,711.73.

As most of you probably know by now, Rafael will not be returning any time soon as our manager due to his health situation. Andra is pursuing getting her license and will be considered for our property manager position along with other qualified candidates who may apply.

Collection Services & Re



Recycle

Recycling helps make the environment a cleaner place, conserves materials, saves energy and reduces the amount of garbage in landfills. An unlimited amount of approved recycle items may be placed for collection. Recycle bins are provided by the County and items must be placed within the bins. Please rinse all containers and discard lids in household garbage.

Approved items collected weekly:

- aluminum/steel/tin household cans (such as food/drink cans)
- glass bottles/jars (clear, green or brown) without lids
- pasteboard (such as paper towels/toilet rolls, or cereal, soda, beer, tissue, gift, and pizza boxes)
- corrugated cardboard (flattened and cut to fit inside bin)
- magazines/catalogs
- newspapers & supplements
- brown paper bags (no wax/wet strength material or liners)
- phone books
- box board
- carrier stock
- white/colored paper
- plastic containers #1-7 (# on bottom of container) with lids removed

NEED A RECYCLE BIN?
Bins are provided and delivered at no charge to property owners. Order online or call 407-665-2260.



Items not collected curbside for recycle: Plastic cups/bags, wax lined paper cups/plates, drinking glassware, Styrofoam trays/egg cartons, light bulbs, shredded paper, aluminum foil/pie plates, and paint/pesticide/motor oil containers.



Yard Waste

Vegetation such as tree branches, grass clippings and palm fronds are collected once a week on Wednesday. There is a weekly limit of 15 containers - any combination of bags, cans or tied bundles. The following conditions must be met for yard waste to be collected:

- Material is in container (bags or cans) or tied bundles
- Each container or tied bundle does not exceed 50 gallons in size or 50 pounds in weight
- Bundles do not exceed 4 feet in length
- Branches do not exceed 4 inches in diameter
- Property has service Option 1 or 3

Wheelbarrows, buckets, & recycle bins are not proper containers for household garbage or yard waste collection!





Exercise

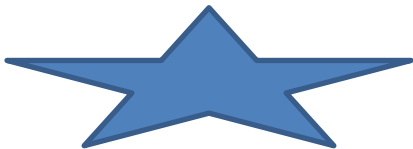
Improve your health and well-being by moving to videos.

Come to the clubhouse at 9 AM Monday and Friday for chair exercises Wednesday for standing exercises.



Enjoy coloring pictures like Colorama?

Join us on Tuesday night, August 30th, in the clubhouse at 6:30 PM. If you don't have your own patterns or colored pencils, there will be some there to share.



Bunco

August 13 Time: 12:45 pm

Cost: \$3.00 Per Person

(exact change would be appreciated)

Drinks Provided! - It's an easy game to learn.

18 & over only – Thank you!



My Neighbor's Table

"My Neighbor's Table"..where you don't have to dine alone!

Because many of us travel during the summer months or entertain family and friends on vacation we decided to take a short hiatus. So... "My Neighbor's Table" will NOT be meeting during July nor August.

We'll begin again Thursday, September 8th, at the usual time of 5:30. Cost is still only \$2.00 for a simple meal and a chance to socialize with your neighbors. Please join us-and have a safe and healthy summer!



Bingo

Tuesday, August 9th

PLAY STARTS AT 6 P.M. SHARP

COME EARLY AND GET A GOOD SEAT!!

ALWAYS 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

\$5.00 FOR 10 GAME PACKAGE

\$2.00 FOR FINAL 2 IN 1 JACKPOT GAME

DABBERS, DRINKS & SWEETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Attention Homeowners

The Landscape Committee Schedule for August is as follows:

Meadowood Blvd. Units 440 to 468 the landscapers will clean out the beds and do proper cutbacks and also add mulch.

On the N. Carolwood side, we will be installing sod on Pickwood Ave and on Pylewood St. after Tree Tech trims the trees. The trimming will allow more sunlight giving the sod a better chance of survival.


Once all the painting is done on Goodridge Lane we will proceed with landscape enhancements.

Landscape Committee

GARDEN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Ron Nowfel at 445 Meadowood for winning the August Garden of the Month award. What a nice addition to our neighborhood to see the landscapes improve as people take interest in their landscape.





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CARING FOR ST. AUGUSTINE

Due to the extreme weather conditions that exist in Florida, it is your responsibility to take care of your sod - particularly in the rainy season (June - October)

New sod should be watered before sunrise every day for 14 days, and then every other day for another 14 days (30 - 45 minutes per zone). After 28 days, cut back to water management schedules. NEVER water the sod in the hot Florida sun, and NEVER water in the evenings. DO NOT apply fertilizer during the hot summer months.

IMPORTANT: Chinch bugs, web worms (white grubs), and mole crickets can destroy your sod during the spring and summer months. An insecticide **MUST** be applied after the sod has been installed within 48 - 72 hours. To protect your St. Augustine from fungus and root rot, a granular fungicide **MUST** be applied within 24 - 36 hours and repeated every 3 - 4 weeks during the rainy summer season. If you use a lawn spray company, then they are responsible for the maintenance of your sod.



LAKE OF THE WOODS **ANNUAL FLEA MARKET SEPTEMBER 17TH**

Located at the L.O.W. Clubhouse
Starting at 8:00 a.m. and going to 1:00 p.m.

Your Social/Sunshine Committee will have their own table again this year to raise money to fund our community social events. If you have a few nice things around the house that you no longer have a use for or slightly used and gently cared for clothing, please consider donating them. We would appreciate anything. Donations can be brought to the clubhouse and put in the card room starting August 19th.

We will also accept furniture donations. Please do not bring these to the clubhouse until after September 3rd. Small furniture items can be brought to the clubhouse and put in the card room starting August 19th.

If you have questions or need help please contact me, Linda Lopez, @ 407-831-0669 or 407-353-6892.

Attention Attention Attention

The ladies Bible study will vacation the whole month of August. We will resume Thursday morning at 10 AM September 8th. The good news is GOD will not take this time off and continue to keep the universe running. This study is open to all ladies so put this on your Fall calendar. Looking forward to some new faces.

HELP WANTED!

Volunteers for English Estates Elementary School

Responsibilities include your choice of

- Assisting in classrooms
- Assisting in reading program
- Assisting in Media Center (library)

Help Needed for Bags of Hope once a week. Work with kids in transition.

Distribute bags of food, mentor, help kids choose books and more. Training starts in August.

For information:

Call Alice Friedman (407-260-6786)

Joyce Haggerty (321-422-0080)

LOW FLEA MARKET

SAT. SEPT. 17TH

8:00am – 1:00pm

Our community flea market is fast approaching. The tables will go on sale Saturday, August 6th from 10:00am – 12:00 noon in the clubhouse lobby.

FULL SIZE TABLES \$10.00

CARD SIZE TABLES \$5.00

If you have any questions, please contact Victoria Frost (407) 260-0410

ALL AROUND LOW

Doris Huskey

When you see Ted and Rosie Sloan, be sure to congratulate them on 59 years of wedded bliss. That's a milestone in anyone's life.

Summer vacations are still going strong. Leslie Macaulay and three of her close friends just returned from a trip to Northern California. I heard there was lots of wine tasting going on in the Napa Valley, and since the Culinary Institute is there, a lot of good eating too. She said San Francisco was simply fran-tastic.

Terry Brown, one of our Board Members, went on two Mexican Cruises. The 1st was with her 50th class reunion from Bishop Moore and the 2nd was to Cancun.

Josh Huskey and 5 of his friends had a fantastic trip to Costa Rica, and of course, he wants to go back. He said the country is beautiful and the people were just great.

Carol Prescott and several of her friends celebrated life on an Alaskan tour that was the highlight of their lives. She said Denali National Park was her favorite due to the spectacular views and wild life.

We all want to thank Joanne Terry for all the work she has done to make LOW beautiful. She can often be seen picking up trash along LOW Blvd. and the streets here in Lake of the Woods, and it's due to her effort and perseverance that the grass was cut along the 17-92 and LOW Blvd. intersection.

She also called everyone in Seminole County about the "homeless" people begging at the same entrance. The beggars have been told to stay away but they keep showing up. Joanne has picked up their trash several times, finding Bibles, clothes, food, bedding and worse in big piles. The police finally told her not to go up there by herself anymore because those people may be on drugs and it can be very dangerous when you are alone. Anyone want to join her?

To end on a less serious subject, 93 year old Kelly MacLaurin went to dinner with friends and left her medical alert bracelet laying on her end table. Her dog Jake, a beautiful little Yorkie, came along, thought it was a new toy, and started chewing on it. He sent 27 signals for help! When Kelly got home, there was a SCSO Deputy, ambulance, fire truck and the whole neighborhood waiting for her!!