



From the Lighthouse . . .

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News & Notes for Lighthouse Cove Residents

Issue 24

Earth Day

April 22

How will you celebrate Earth Day? Consider planting a TREE in your backyard. A palm, flowering dogwood, oak, ash, tulip poplar, or (see below) crepe myrtle, which comes in reds and pinks, blues and other pretty spring colors.



. . . on nature

"and this, our life, exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything."

~William Shakespeare

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! HAPPY EASTER



HERITAGE HARBOUR'S WEBSITE

LHC has officially joined Heritage Harbour's new website!

heritageharbourcommunity.com

This site offers residents of LHC, River Strand and Stoneybrook an online resource for both functional and social aspects of our communities. Check in NOW to read . . .

* Association news (statutes, laws that apply to associations, deed restrictions)

*Community news (recent newsletters, restaurant info., calendars, services)

*Our HH Master Association 2010 Budget. Find out where your dues go.

* Local events, resident interviews, topical articles (i.e., gang activity in Manatee County)



* Pet Owner Rules (LOVE the reference to flushpuppies.com)

Since LHC has only recently come aboard, it will take a few weeks to post its specifics. Let's toast to finally feeling a bit like we're part of HH's family!

Bradenton's Field of Dreams

Bradenton's South Florida Museum presents The History of McKechnie Field.



Explore the historic photographs and baseball memorabilia from Manatee County's own McKechnie Field, built in 1923 and home to several national teams over the years. Museum open M-Sat. 10-5 and Sunday noon-5.

While you're there, enjoy a Bishop Planetarium show and visit Snooty in the Parker Manatee Aquarium. Exhibit closes April 18. South Florida Museum in Bradenton 201 10th Street West.

Call Suzanne White (746-4131, x37) or see South Florida Museum.org.

Property Manager's Notes

Property Manager Monique Toler reminds owners that fees are due on April 1, 2010. You can send in your payment with the coupons she provided recently.

Along those lines, LHC will be switching to Superior Bank for its banking, which offers automatic debit for those who prefer online banking. Letters explaining the new system will be mailed to owners soon.

Screen Scene

Time to replace that backdoor screen? Ace

Hardware can assist you (and they have the Ace Rewards Program to help you earn points and \$ back). Or look into Universal Windows Solutions, whose guys can come and install a new one quickly and rather inexpensively (universalwindow solutions.com).



Next Board Meeting

When: Mon., April 26

Where: The Church at Braden River (across from Bright House) 6:30

Good Stuff

* Mypunchbowl.com This party-savvy website helps interested parties (☺) plan that perfect party.

Think Victorian Tea Party Shower or "Totally Boss 80's Party." Awesome tips on finding vendors, rentals, caterers, venues in your area. Plus lots of e-cards and invitation ideas.



* A Reader's Digest note: To speed thawing, make an indentation in the middle of a package of ground beef before you freeze it.

Wanted: Ads

Want to promote your wares, services, and specialties? Consider placing an ad in *FTL* (which, by the way, also appears on Heritage Harbour's new website).

LHC residents – we'll include your business card-sized ad for FREE (offer valid for first month of ad's run only). For details, contact . . . LHCADS@yahoo.com

Doggie Rx



Dear Mom -
Concerned about my recent lethargy?
Excessive barking?
Odd fascination with blue marbles? Sniff out pets.webmd.com for some helpful info.
Yours,
Fido

DIY, LHC!

According to one blogger on Curbly.com, we can help save the earth by making our own dryer sheets. These sheets we buy often take years to decompose. Try this!

Put liquid fabric softener into an old, cleaned spray bottle.

Spray
4 to 6
sprays

on a rag and tumble with clothes in dryer as usual.



Aquaterra News

What is Aquaterra? This company controls LHC's lawn and landscaping irrigation system. This system is connected to a main irrigation water supply line, originally installed by the Developer.



Unfortunately, it has been discovered that the original Services Agreement Contract may have been signed by an unauthorized individual. The contract's duration (over twenty years) is also in question.

Apt Applause

I am blessed to have friends and family to help with the production and delivery of the newsletter. Thanks to pal Savanna D. for helping "stuff" and deliver our March issue. And, as always, thanks to Debra Alvis-Greenwald; Rick & Barb Cerullo; and Bob W.



Crime Prevention Tip

Deputy Steve Oglie of the Manatee Sheriff's Office asks residents: Did someone rummage through your car that was left unlocked? Did somebody hit your mailbox with a bat?

If these or any variation has occurred, REPORT IT. Why? You may have physical evidence that could help law enforcement identify and catch the subject who committed the crime.

You might think



what happened is minor and may never be solved, but what are the chances of stopping the bad guy if you don't report it? Besides, how can we justify asking for more law enforcement if there are no statistics to show there's a problem with crime in our development?

By reporting a crime, you are doing LHC a great service as we try hard to keep our homes and streets safe.

(Latest) Board Meeting Update

At its Monday, March 15 meeting, the Board of Directors discussed the following:



Good news – seven home closings since Jan.

Sixteen violations involving lawn/property maintenance (i.e., unmowed lawns, vehicle oil leaks in driveway). Do you realize your LHC dues pay to mow these violators' lawns?



Late and outstanding homeowners' association fees.

Annual Meeting

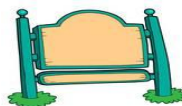
We need you! The Board of Directors **Annual Meeting** will be held on Monday April 26 at The Church at Braden River. At this time, nine members will be elected/ re-elected to the board.

We NEED board members, Fining and ARC committee members. And we really need you now!



A Good Sign

Tony Burdett, Lennar's Dir. of Community Development, has agreed to replace the missing letters on our Port Harbour Parkway entrance sign. He will also give extra letters to our property manager for any future issues.



Stinky Sock Syndrome

Several LHC homes have been diagnosed as having Stinky Sock Syndrome. Their AC coils created bacteria, emitting an unpleasant smell into the air.



Apparently, when these homes were gutted for Chinese drywall, the original wires were not replaced. These coils will now have construction grade parts.

Readers Ask

Q: I know parking in LHC can become a safety issue. Where exactly can my guests park so they won't block other neighbors or risk being ticketed or towed?

A: Guests are welcome to park on the street near your house so long as they move within a reasonable amount of hours. It isn't safe, fair, or considerate to take advantage and allow cars to remain all day or overnight.

And please help LHC keep up appearances by not parking on sidewalks, lawns or other grassy areas.

If you notice someone repeatedly parking illegally, please call the Manatee Sheriff.

Note: The soccer field offers additional spaces.

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