



# From the Lighthouse . . .

November 2010

News & Notes for Lighthouse Cove Residents

Issue 31

## Special Board Meeting

Without a quorum of owners at the Special Meeting on October 18, no LHC Restrictions or Covenants could be revised.

## E-Watch

This excellent community service by the Manatee County Sheriff's Office is easy to sign up for, free, and more than informative. The reports and updates of crimes often arrive within minutes of a burglary or break-in. And E-Watch will send helpful hints on how to protect our homes and families (i.e., internet bullying, when to call 911). To register, see [manateesheriff.com](http://manateesheriff.com).

## Voting Time



**Don't forget to vote on November 2. Most LHC residents can vote at the Stoneybrook Clubhouse. Check your sample ballot for information on candidates and voting times.**



## LHC, Happy Thanksgiving!

## Nifty Thanks



Need a hospitality gift? Be unique. Think eco-friendly coasters, a fun apron, gourmet truffles, or kitchen herb garden.

How about a calming "mood" CD (or a CD of holiday songs); spa/movie gift card; blackberry wine. Floral arrangements are always nice. Maybe a creatively-covered photo album to record Turkey Day events?

## Back in Time



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 7. Remember to turn your clocks back, and be sure to replace all smoke-detector batteries.

## Property Management Company

Unfortunately, effective November 30, 2010, Allure Property Management will be terminating its management services with Lighthouse Cove.

**"On Thanksgiving Day, all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment – halftime."**



~ Author Unknown

## Thanksgiving Buffet



Do you need a reprieve from making the grand turkey to-do this year? Stonybrook Golf Club Restaurant will host its annual Thanksgiving Buffet on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25.

Guests have a choice of three seatings: 11am, 1:30pm, or 3:30pm. Price: Adults/\$19.99; Kids 12-under/\$9.99; Under three/free

Call for reservations. 941-749-1842

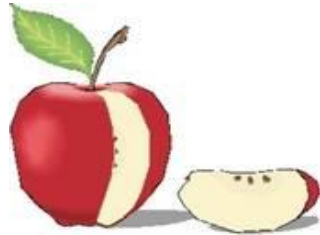
## Are You Connected?

Do you have a copy of LHC's **Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions**? You **MUST** have this to understand the rules in our deed-restricted community.

**PLEASE** contact our Property Manager at [mtoler@m&mt-allure.com](mailto:mtoler@m&mt-allure.com) for a copy. **Renters**, you live here. You need to know the rules, too - ask your landlord for a copy!

## Apple it Up

MMMmmm . . . peak apple season! Take a moment to introduce kids to the different varieties. Have an apple taste test.



Slice three or four kinds (Gala, Fuji, Honey crisp, Granny Smith). Compare, enjoy, learn. Sweet!

## Fancy Fidos on Parade!



Bet you don't know what a Leonberger is. A Cane Corso?

Just two new breeds entered into Purina's National Dog Show on November 20-21 (check local listings). Dog breeds include these groups: Terrier, Toy, Working, Sporting, Non Sporting, Hound and Herding.

Watch this pawsatively delightful event, but remember, we proud LHC pooches who cuddle closest to our Moms and Dads are always the **Best** in Show.



## Deals for Vets?



You bet! Veterans can enjoy many discounts on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 (and beyond): a free meal at Applebee's; Golden Corral (Mon. 15); a Bloomin' Onion and drink at Outback Steakhouse; one-day admission to Sea World or Busch Gardens; Home Depot; Call before you go just to confirm the deal and bring military ID. See [Military.com/deals](http://Military.com/deals).

## Readers Ask

**Q:** Do I need to schedule a special trash pickup for furniture such as a couch, chair, desk, mattress?

**A:** Furniture is categorized as "special items," and can be placed out with the regular household garbage, free of charge. However, please do not exceed two items per collection day.



## Old-Fashioned Ginger Bread



For stronger ginger flavor, replace the dried ginger with three tablespoons of grated and peeled fresh gingerroot and three tablespoons minced crystallized ginger.

If you prefer a lighter ginger bread, cover loosely with aluminum foil during the last fifteen-twenty minutes of baking.

2 ¼ cups sifted flour  
½ tsp. baking soda  
½ tsp. salt  
2 tsp. ground dried ginger  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
½ tsp. cloves  
½ tsp. nutmeg  
½ tsp. allspice  
1 tsp. Dutch cocoa  
8 Tbs. unsalted butter,  
melted, then cooled  
to room temp.  
¾ cup light unsulphured  
molasses  
¾ cup sugar  
½ cup buttermilk  
½ cup milk  
1 large egg

Adjust oven rack to center position and heat to 350 degrees.



In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, allspice and cocoa. Beat butter, molasses, sugar, buttermilk, milk, and egg in large bowl with electric mixer.

Add dry ingredients to liquid, beat on medium speed about 1 min. until batter is smooth and thick, scraping sides as needed. Do not over mix.

Working quickly, pour batter into a non-stick 11-by-7-by 1 ½ inch rectangular metal baking pan and smooth the surface.

Bake about 35-45 min. until top springs back when lightly touched and the edges have pulled away from the sides.

Cool on wire cake rack. Eat hot, warm, or room temp. Dee-lish.

## Come to the Next Board Meeting

LHC's next Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on Nov. 15 at 6:30 at The Church at Braden River. The 2011 Budget is expected to be adopted at that time.

## Good Stuff



\*According to their website, FPL has recently cleaned the vegetation from local power lines and inspected them.



\*Those cinnamon-scented

branch brooms from Publix last a long while.

## Smart Usage

Which sentence is grammatically correct? A or B?

- A. **It's** sunny today.
- B. **Its** sunny today.



This simple rule seems easy, but it is actually used incorrectly way too often.

**Its** = a pronoun that shows possession, as in "A cat will groom its coat several times a day." ("its" refers back to cat to tell us whose coat is groomed)

**It's** = a contraction of "it" and "is" as in "A keen cat knows when it's dinner-time."

## Clean Chats

This month, before you put Junior on the phone with Grandma, take time to clean your phones.



Dampen a cloth or lint-free paper towel with rubbing alcohol (the less linty, the better).

Open the phone and clean its face – the part where all that grimy sweat and makeup build up. Then, clean the outer shell.

Pour an ounce or two of alcohol into a small dish or cup. Dip a cotton swab into the alcohol, and let the excess drip off.



Carefully navigate the swab through hard-to-get-to spaces (in between numbers and nooks where germs hang out).

Take care! Do NOT spray window cleaner or any other liquid directly on any part of the phone.

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Vendors who have paid for their ads will continue to see their ads posted until the end of their contracted dates.

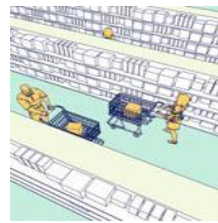
The Ad Page will then be discontinued.

Questions? Contact Monique at [mtoler@mgmt-allure.com](mailto:mtoler@mgmt-allure.com).

## Festival Fitness

(Publix Family Style Magazine)

1. When grocery shopping, push the cart up and down every aisle even if you don't need something in that section.
2. Take the stairs.
3. **Walk in** instead of driving through the drive-throughs.



## Take the Showerhead Test

Here's an easy way to determine if your showerhead is water efficient.



1. Get a bucket and a watch or clock that counts seconds.
2. Place the bucket underneath the showerhead.
3. Turn the shower on all the way using cold water.
4. Time how long it takes for one gallon of water to fill the bucket.

If your time is . . .

\* less than 24 seconds to fill a gallon of water, then you don't have the most efficient shower-head because its flow exceeds the recommended 2.5 gallons per minute.

\*more than 24 seconds to fill a gallon, your shower-head is efficient!

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