

THE R.O.L.L.



Thanksgiving

Report of Leisure Lake

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THE PRESIDENT'S POINT

Hurricane past, roofs repaired and debris gone, headed to holidays and a new year. Before you get busy, make note of the annual homeowner's meeting on **January 26th 2021**. Due to the pandemic, reports will be emailed prior to cut down on paper handling. Call or email questions and I will get you an answer. The meeting will be scaled down from past years, but I'll do my best to provide a thorough review. I believe the success of Leisure Lake is a constant work in progress, and for the rest of my term, I will continue to do my part to build a better community. I am still on the



hunt for owners to serve on next year's board. **Please seriously consider giving me a hand at pulling our wagon.**
Pres. Chuck Gentry

"12-12" HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



It's your board's pleasure to host a come-and-go open house on

12-12 (that's December 12th)

There will be light refreshments and Christmas presents from Santa to register for (no potluck brunch). Don't miss a chance to catch up with long-lost neighbors in a social-distanced

environment. The Invitations will be sent out later this month. Hope you can drop by!

BOARD APPOINTS NEW MEMBER

Congratulations to Mrs. Bud Strahla, who was appointed to a vacated board position. Sherry has good experience working with people and getting the job done. The Board of Directors welcomes her and appreciates her willingness to help direct the community in a positive direction. Make an opportunity to introduce yourself to Sherry and Bud - they live at 22759 Respite.

ACTIVITIES

As soon as volunteers step up to get them started, Bunko and Dominoes can start. Four per table should be adequate social-distancing, using masks and hand sanitizer. Ready? Leave your name on the HelpLine to get them going.

Meanwhile, it's pickleball time, and folks are learning to play. Could you use some outdoor fun and exercise? Call volunteer Bill King at 769-257-8851 and he'll help you give a try hitting balls. Players are on court most mornings if you want to watch a game.

Monthly potlucks are coming after the first of the year.

HELP RESOURCE AVAILABLE

Thanks to those who sent info for the repair and help list, now posted in the library at your fingertips with a variety of services. It can be emailed to you on request.

CAT COALITION PROGRESSING

Susan Barbian is making progress with the feral cat program, trapping 19 cats around our neighborhood. As this continues, do not feed the feral so they are easier to trap. If you want to know more about the Trap & Neuter program, call the Helpline and Susan will call you.

POOL

The pool didn't survive the hurricane so well. In addition to filling with dirt and debris, there was damage to the structure. Because the water table was high, the pool contractor recommended postponing repairs a while. Although the October sun was shining, board members agreed to close the pool early for the season. The contractor will begin repairs soon; extent of damage and costs unknown. There was also wind damage to the pool storage building, and repairs have been made on it.

OUR BEAUTIFUL LAKE



Since the storm, the lake has returned to a more normal state. Our Lake committee is moving ahead on dredging; however, the contractor is behind due to Hurricane Sally. Dredging is the removal of accumulated lake bottom sediments ("muck") and improves lake health.

Now is a good time to try your luck at fishing. No license is required, and the lake's gamefish have been biting really good the past few weeks. Try casting off the dock at the gazebo. It's free, and social-distanced!

Lake Committee Chairman, Ryland

NEXTDOOR SOCIAL SITE

Many neighbors enjoy sharing information on www.nextdoor.com, the social site for Leisure Lake. It is a resource for comments, recommendations, lost and found and items for sale. If you're not a subscriber and need help getting set up, call the HelpLine. Unfortunately, recently there were negative comments posted about your Board (fact-checking, untrue.) Rather than complain, be part of the solution helping with a project, join a committee or be a board member. Opportunity awaits to make a difference. Be nice to one another and set a positive example.

MEET A VOLUNTEER



Hats off to Leah Wilson, volunteer on the Yard of the Month selection team. Leah is our famous neighborhood AVON LADY! She works at school, bikes, and plays pickleball with her husband, Steve. "I volunteered because I love pretty yards and enjoy the smiles of neighbors when they're surprised with the Yard of the Month sign in their yard!"

PET CUDDLING

Feeling lonesome staying indoors? Cuddling with a cat or dog boosts happiness and eases stress, welcomed as we endure lock-down from Covid. The human-pet bond is powerful; they calm (who can't resist a purring, soft meow) – and motivate us (exercising a dog makes us move, a natural mood booster). Dogs are welcome (on leash) in all common areas. The speed limit is 25 mph in our neighborhood, relatively safe to walk a pet along the curb,

and dog waste stations are on several corners. There is a dog park in Foley, with people seating while dogs to play.



AFTER THE STORM

Along with the pool damage, flying debris hit and damaged the clubhouse turbine ventilators, and water leaked through the roof. Tree and shrub damage/loss were significant in common areas.

Work is underway to get everything back to normal. Curbside debris has been picked up, and neighbors are raking and planting grass seed and sod. The city returned to the old pickup schedule: Tuesday, regular trash – Wednesday, recyclables – Thursday yard and bulky pickup. Noticed a "stinky smell" recently? It's from the sewage spill into Wolf Creek due to flooding after the storm - near a million gallons spilled into the creek so far. Equipment repair is ongoing.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Your Board of Directors wishes you blessed Thanksgiving. It's a time when many travel, but staying home is the best way to protect yourself. **To those who will be in Leisure Lake on**

Thanksgiving Day, take a mid-afternoon stroll and see how many neighbors you can wish a good day. If you can't bear missing traditions, enjoy them safely.

"DID YOU KNOW"

The celebration of Thanksgiving originated from the so-called **harvest-home ceremony**. During such ceremonies certain days were reserved to thank God for blessing the people with plentiful crops and bountiful harvest. There's no connection to "pilgrims".

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 1 – Daylight Savings time ends
- November 3 – Election Day (VOTE!)
- November 5 – Donut Appreciation Day
- November 11 – Veterans Day
- November 26 – Thanksgiving

December 12, Holiday Open House / January 26 – Annual Meeting