

LAKE FOREST

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2010



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

An important date to remember is the budget meeting to be held at the clubhouse on Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00pm.

Due to Thanksgiving being the last Thursday in November, there will be no Board of Directors meeting at the clubhouse for November due to the holiday.

We have recently signed a new contract with Comcast. Under the new contract, **you will be able to get from Comcast a digital set top box which will enable you to have access to "on demand" and the music channels.** There is no charge for the box and remote. If you already have a box, the fee for renting the box will be removed from your bill. You will also receive two digital adapters for other TVs. You will need the digital adapters to receive channels 23-67.

If you chose not to get any type

of box, the only channels you will receive when Comcast switches to an all digital system are 2-22. If you have questions you should call Comcast at 1-800-COMCAST (1 800 266 2278), not the Lake Forest office.

Now that the cooler weather is here, we will be cleaning up and replanting areas around the community. One area that will definitely be replanted is the corner lot on North Shore Boulevard. The irrigation for this area can now be repaired **thanks to the Porter's allowing us to install an irrigation clock on their house. Thank you Mr & Mrs Porter.**

Remember... Saturday, November 13th is Volunteer Appreciation Day at the clubhouse from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

In closing, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Board of Directors

Jack, Jane, Jim, Maria and Frank



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

NOVEMBER 2nd

AND...



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TREASURERS REPORT For the Month Ending September 30, 2010

HOA Funds are held in the following accounts:

\$ 129,210.00 in our Operating Account
\$ 431,001.00 invested in various CD's and CDAR's
\$ 249,241.00 in Reserve Accounts

\$ 149,833.00 is owed to the HOA by residents.

There are sixty-four (64) homes in the community with pending legal action. There are one-hundred-sixteen (116) known rental properties. Two (2) homes were sold last month for a total of thirty-one (31) homes sold in Lake Forest to date this year.

Regards

Jim Russello, Treasurer

TREE TRIMMING

My neighbor just talked to me about the grounds crew having just cut back an Oleander on the side of his home. It seems he had manicured the shrub to a shape he desired. **To say the least, this shrub is no longer a manicured or pampered bush.** My neighbor asked why no one had asked him before hand about the trim effort.

If you consider the cost and difficulty of providing a customized landscaping package for each of 689 homes, not to mention communication difficulties, it is readily apparent that this would be an unaffordable and unmanageable program.

If you choose to customize your home landscaping via your own efforts, you can readily communicate your do-it-yourself wishes with two conspicuous, plastic driveway reflectors to the front sides of your home plantings.

Reflectors are available at Lowe's or Home Depot. I place one at both sides of my driveway during the winter months while I'm in Florida. I remove both during the summer while I'm away. **As it turns out, it is easy to get the crew to skip my home,** leaving me to fuss over each plant.

**Doug Duckett,
Chair, Landscape Committee**

... he asked why no one had asked him before hand about the trim effort

PLANT PURCHASES

Everyone within the community should be aware that they may purchase plants from the same nursery as the community landscape committee. The purchase price at Greenland Nursery is about 35% of the price at local big box stores. Greenland Nurseries is located just off Midway Road on the Fort Pierce side. From St James heading toward Fort Pierce, cross over Midway Road and take the first left. Greenland is located about 200 yards down the road, just around the first corner.

Anyone planning the purchase of a large plant, palm or large number of plants may get their plants delivered with the next landscape delivery without charge.

In order to facilitate delivery timing, contact Doug Duckett at 340 7567.

CLUBHOUSE SCHEDULE

Monday	November 1	9:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Water Aerobics* Knitting and Crocheting Mah Jongg
Tuesday	November 2	1:00pm 6:30pm	Poker International Food Club
Wednesday	November 3	9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg Relay for Life Poker
Thursday	November 4	1:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Poker Architectural Committee Mah Jongg
Friday	November 5	9:30am 12:30pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg
Monday	November 8	9:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Water Aerobics Knitting and Crocheting Mah Jongg
Tuesday	November 9	9:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Board of Directors Workshop Poker Covenants and Restrictions
Wednesday	November 10	9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg Poker
Thursday	November 11	1:00pm 7:00pm 9:00am	Poker Mah Jongg COP Meeting**
Friday	November 12	9:30am 12:30pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg
Monday	November 15	9:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Water Aerobics Knitting and Crocheting Mah Jongg
Tuesday	November 16	1:00pm	Poker
Wednesday	November 17	9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg Poker
Thursday	November 18	1:00pm 7:00pm	Poker Architectural Committee
Friday	November 19	9:30am 12:30pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg
Monday	November 22	9:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Water Aerobics Knitting and Crocheting Mah Jongg
Tuesday	November 23	9:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Board of Directors Workshop Poker Covenants and Restrictions
Wednesday	November 24	9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg Poker
Thursday	November 25	Closed	Thanksgiving
Friday	November 26	9:30am 12:30pm	Water Aerobics Mah Jongg
Monday	November 29	9:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Water Aerobics Knitting and Crocheting Mah Jongg
Tuesday	November 30	1:00pm	Poker



**VETERANS
DAY**
November 11th

Thanksgiving



November 25th

*Note change of time
**Note change of day

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, November 13, 2010
3:00pm to 7:00pm

The Lake Forest Community would like to thank all of its volunteers for their hard work in keeping Lake Forest as beautiful as it is.

Everyone is invited to attend. There will be food and beverages along with DJ Brian Lemen.

A HALLOWEEN EVENT

Larry and Angela Tartaglino, who live at 494 SW Talquin Lane, are decorating their home for Halloween on Sunday night October 31st. Everyone is welcome to have some fun. You will enjoy this night so come on down. All this is for a good cause. They are doing this for the Dogs and Cats No Kill Animal Shelter. Larry and Angela will give all donations received that night to the Shelter.



It's simple and FREE! Every phone you donate will help increase the amount of talk time we're able to provide to our troops!

When donating your cell phone(s) please keep in mind:

- **You can help the charity even more by applying your own postage.**
If you pay for the postage, we can put more money toward calling cards for our troops!
- **Donated cell phones are sold to a company that recycles them.**
The money we receive from recycling cell phones is used to purchase calling cards that we sent to troops in need.
- **Minimize weight and save on postage by mailing cell phones only.**
Batteries, chargers and accessories are not required but gladly accepted.

HAPPY HOUR

Cocktail Party and Fun Evening

SPONSORED BY THE
LAKE FOREST
RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 at 7:00pm

HOSTED BY
Pamela Milazzo
836 SW Rocky Bayou Terrace

FOR INFORMATION CALL
871 1572

\$3.00 per person donation. BYOB and an
appetizer. Raffles, 50/50, Treasure Table

*SNACK A LITTLE. LAUGH A LITTLE
MAKE NEW FRIENDS... HELP A WORTHY CAUSE*



All Proceeds Benefit the
American Cancer Society's
Relay For Life!

NIGHT DOG WALKERS (NO BAG)

Since I returned to Lake Forest a couple of weeks ago, I have picked up curbside dog waste in front of my home three times. I'm betting it is someone walking their dog during the evening hours when no one can see that they are not picking up after their dog. It puzzles me a bit to imagine **what kind of individual would make a practice of soiling our community in this manner.** To the clandestine folk who choose to degrade our community in this manner, we need to remind them that there is \$100.00 fine for this community violation.

Doug Duckett

SOME REMINDERS

You are reminded that when you walk your dog, **it is your responsibility to clean up after it**. If you see someone not adhering to this policy, you should report the offender by calling 911 and reporting it to the office (878 1944). Without knowledge of who is breaking this policy, we cannot do anything about the problem. If you do not recognize the offender, you should follow them to their home (at a safe distance), report the address, the time of day and the date the offense occurred.

The posted speed limit is **25 mph** on all streets. Tickets and/or special assessments for noncompliance may be imposed for speeding.

There is **NO Parking** on all streets from 1:00am to 6:00am, 365 days per year.

Parking on any grass is **NOT allowed**. Violators can be towed and be liable for repair to grass and sprinkler heads.

AN INTERESTING HISTORY LESSON

Railroad Tracks

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8 1/2 inches, an exceedingly odd number. That gauge was used because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US railroads.

Why did the English build them that way? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did they use that gauge? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that were used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? If they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that was the spacing of the wheel ruts.

Who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore the United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8 1/2 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

The next time you are handed a Specification/Procedure/Process and wonder who came up with it? You have good reason to wonder. Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses (two horses' rear ends).

Now, the twist to the story:

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRB's. The SRB's are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. **The engineers who designed the SRB's would have preferred to make them a bit fatter**, but the SRB's have to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory runs through a tunnel in the mountains, and the SRB's have to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' rear ends.

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system, was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of two horse's rear ends.

the first
rail lines
were built
by the same
people who
built the
pre-railroad
tramways

The railroad
line from
the factory
runs thru
a tunnel
in the
mountains

OBSOLETE TECHNOLOGY

Nothing ages like technology, especially in the eyes of people who lined up to buy Sony's first Walkman. Things average Americans used daily in times past, like rotary phones and floppy disks, are now found almost exclusively on old T-shirts.

Stroll down techie memory lane to remember the gadgets of yesterday, and what made them obsolete.

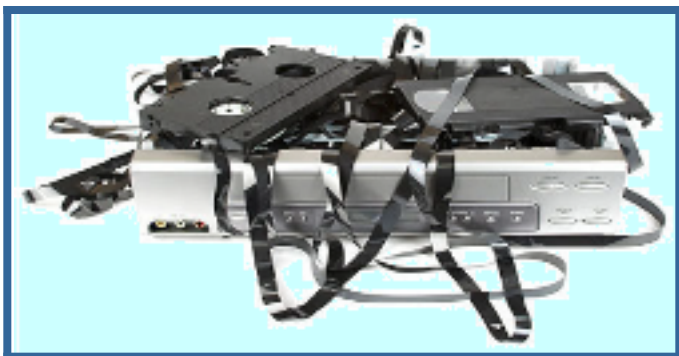
Analog Televisions

The federal government cut off all analog service in 2009 to lower costs and free up airwaves for new projects. Older TVs now need a digital converter box to pick up over-the-air signals. Also long-gone are tube televisions, which were about ten times as thick (and half as clear) as the new LCD screens.



The Sony Walkman

Three decades and 220 million sold units after the Walkman was first released, Sony officially announced it is retiring the cassette player in Japan. The formerly cutting-edge device, the first portable, personal music player, was long ago eclipsed by CD and MP3 players.



The VCR

Back in the 1980s, VHS and Betamax were battling for domination in the video camera market. VHS won and clunky black tapes became the norm in American living rooms. More recently, Blu-Ray trumped HD DVD in the latest installment of format wars. Still, some people swear by their LaserDiscs.

The Floppy Disk

Floppy disks, slim and portable, were once the storage method of choice for carrying information between computers. Each floppy carried just over one megabyte -- enough for about one *New Kids on the Block* song. Today's thumb drives are smaller and can easily store eight gigabytes, enough for the New Kids' entire discography and much more.



The Atari

Long before Rock Band and Super Mario Bros., there were Pong and Pac-Man. Atari helped bring electronic games out of arcades and into living rooms in the early 1980s. Now it's a brand many recall with nostalgia. The device recently got a high-profile shout-out in singer *Cee-Lo Green's* single "Forget You," where Green said his ex-girlfriend's new, wealthy beau is like an Xbox, and he's more of an Atari.

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**Articles for the December Newsletter are due
Wednesday, November 24th**

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