

Leisure Beach Newsletter

January 2009

prepared by Brenda Parham

Leisure Beach Civic Association met January 5th, 2009. Chuck Drago, President, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. There was no speaker for the month. Next month at the February meeting on February 2nd there will be a speaker, then at the March meeting on March 2nd Jack Mariano will be our speaker.

The subject of recycling was brought up. If you are not recycling with your garbage, please be advised that you can take your papers and cans behind the Methodist Church. Go thru 1st Isle to the end and make a right up the block on your right. You can also take all recyclables behind the Pasco times next to Dunkin Donuts on Rte. 19. Please Recycle.

Water samples are to be taken by Debbie Rogers.

Rich Galli stated that 1 sunken boat on 3rd Isle has been removed from the water and the one from 2nd Isle is considered illegal and has been turned over to the sheriff's department.

Carmen mentioned that 3 men had broken into Dingus Realty but were apprehended. He also asked that we start looking into a new security car.

Chuck gave a personal thank you to the people who are picking up trash on the median during their walks. He said some people are still not picking up after their dogs. If you see anyone not picking up after their animals please say something to them. The landscapers do not like mowing the grass if people aren't picking up after their dogs.

Beverlee Stabile mentioned that Steve Jacobson has a stump grinder and has done all the stumps on the median. Everything looks good.

Dues are now due. Checks to be made payable to Leisure Beach Civic Association. Dues remain at \$40.00. Let's get them in early!

Tau Marcia

The President's Corner

2009 Wow! Another New Year. I hope yours is filled with good health and happiness. At our last meeting John Passa brought up the possibility of having a Leisure Beach meet your neighbor party. What a great way to start a new year. We are looking at mid March for a probable date.

What we need is to hear from you. We would like to have everyone come and since many of us still work we need to know if a weekday evening around 7 p.m. Or if a weekend is better. The tentative location would be the Moose Lodge where we have our meetings. We need to hear from you as quickly as possible since we will be serving snack foods, and we need to know how much to purchase.

Please call Terry Gedan, Chuck Drago, Carol or John Passa or any of the officers so we can make this happen and start 2009, meeting new and not so new neighbors.

Many of us are concerned with the large amount of people making u-turns at the entrance of Beach Blvd. It is a dangerous situation since many of the drivers come into our merge lane on US 19. I urge you all to e-mail Jack Mariano at jmariano@pascocountyfl.net.

Please get back to us as quickly as possible about the March get together as we would love to start making plans.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Chuck Drago

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Dates to remember

- Birthday Luncheon**
Blue Dolphin Jan. 14, 2009
- 2nd Hand Rose Fashion Show**
Feb. 5, 2009
- Birthday Luncheon**
Royal Buffet Feb. 11, 2009
- February Meeting Feb 2, 2009**

Item for sale(with corrected phone #)

Oak Computer Center \$75.00

If interested Call Eileen Larsen 863-2108

President's Corner

Many of us know Carmon Martin. He can usually be seen driving the security car around Leisure Beach. Of course many times when he is driving we are asleep so some of us may not see him, but he is there. Security has a few people working with Carmon who also look out for us. We thank you all, but most especially Carmon for putting in the extra hours for us. If anyone is interested in helping Carmon please give him or me a call. Carmon, thank you again.

Diane Davies from Swiftmud was our guest speaker this month. She gave us a lot of good information on how to conserve water. One of the largest amounts of water used by us is in watering our lawns. In the winter, watering once every other week will give your lawn enough water. There is also no watering between the hours of 8AM and 6PM. If code enforcement sees anyone watering at that time they will issue you a ticket.

Everyone must also pick up after their dogs. Since we are a waterfront community it is even more important. The waste can go into the canals and the aquifer and foul our water supply.

The next meeting will be on the first Monday of March on the 2nd at 7 PM. We will have Jack Mariano, our county commissioner as our guest speaker. We will have a meet and greet party starting at 6PM, before the meeting. There will be snacks, soft drinks and nibble foods to have while getting to know your neighbors. We will be accepting nominations for next year's officers. We look forward to seeing you then.

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Leisure Beach Civic Association met March 2, 2009 with Chuck Drago, President calling the meeting to order.

A getting to know your neighbor social was held prior to the meeting. Thanks to Terry Gedan and Marilyn Galli for the snacks and to Carol, Lena, and others for the cakes. A nice time was had by all.

Rich Galli reported that Tom from Code Enforcement issued a couple of summons and the issues have been resolved. Rich also stated that the Sheriff's Department has issued tickets for CARS PARKED ON THE STREETS. Tickets WILL BE ISSUED even if the car is ½ on the lawn and ½ on the street.

Carmen reported all had been quiet in Leisure Beach.

Beverlee Stabile reported that the median is in good shape. There are still some families not picking up after their dogs.

Jack Mariano, Pasco County Commissioner, was our guest speaker. He mentioned that if you install a new low flow toilet at a cost of about \$100 you could get a rebate from the county of up to \$80. Your water bill will also be lower because of less water use. You must apply to the county before installing. He also mentioned that there would be a meeting at the Government Center on April 9th at 10 a.m. Regarding Wal Mart and the traffic problems. The Metropolitan Planning Board, DOT chief engineer and commissioners will be there. He advised that we have representation there and also to e-mail him with our concerns, a no-u-turn sign at Beach Blvd., a possible light at Tower and 19. His e-mail address is jmariano@pascocountyfl.net. The subject of recycling newspapers by the county is also being considered. Regarding the 2 new hotels on Route 19, no amusement park is being built. Pasco has had record revenue on taxes relating to tourism. Several other topics were covered.

Steve Byle stated that the County Attorney closed the case on 5th Isle regarding the dock situation. Jack Mariano is following through. He is looking to have another meeting with Leisure Beach, Steve, and Chuck. Elections will be held on April 6th. Anyone interested in holding a Board seat please see one of the officers. There are still some outstanding dues. Please send them in as soon as possible.

Dates to Remember

March 11 Birthday luncheon at Tarpon Turtle 12:30

March 13 and 14 Leisure Beach Community Garage Sale 9-3

March 19 Chinese Auction and Luncheon at the Moose \$6.00 doors open at 11:30

April Civic Meeting April 6 7:00

April 8 Birthday luncheon Snookers Tarpon Springs 12:30

May 13 Birthday Luncheon Cristos NPR 12:30

Please do not throw cigarettes, rocks, grass clippings in the canals (per Code Enforcement). Owners pick up after your pets. When walking walk facing traffic, bike riding with traffic.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It was a very good night. The meeting had Jack Mariano, our county supervisor as a speaker and he kept everyone's attention with a lively question and answer period. A meeting has been scheduled on April 9th at the Government building on Little Road with the DOT and others to discuss the Wal Mart traffic problems.

In addition we had a really great 'meet your neighbor party' before the meeting. Sorry if you could not make it but it was a lot of fun.

\$30.00. That is what it will cost you for the first ticket if you water on the wrong day or the wrong time. You must be finished by 8AM. There will not be any warnings, a ticket will be issued.

The Sheriff has been through and **those** who were parked on the street have been issued a ticket. Remember there is NO PARKING on our streets to allow for EMERGENCY VEHICLES to get thru.

Our next meeting is April 6th at 7 PM. We will have Supervisor Smith from Code Enforcement and Tom Pirozzi, our local code officer, as speakers. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. The April meeting will be our last meeting until November and I hope to see you.

Almost all of our dog owners are very considerate of others by picking up after their dogs. Thank you. With the warmer weather coming it would really be nice if the few who do not pick up would start to. It will be a lot better for our water and it is against the law not to.

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Correction No cans are recycled at the Methodist church as stated in last newsletter.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE: THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION IS ADVERTISING FOR THE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON MARCH 13TH AND 14TH 9AM-3PM. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS AND LETS ALL PARTICIPATE.

LEISURE BEACH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2009

PREPARED BY BRENDA PARHAM

Meeting date April 6, 2009.

New officers were sworn in by Dale Mapstone.

Chuck Drago, President opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The speakers were Pauline Smith, Supervisor and Tom Perozi, Code Enforcement Officers

Several topics were covered regarding Pasco County Codes:

1. Watering hours effective April 3, 2009: All lawn watering remains limited to the same once-per-week schedule on their day. For lawns with sprinkler systems Midnight to 4 a.m. For properties less than one acre in size, using an in0ground irrigation system. 6-8 a.m. And 6-10 p.m. For properties of any size, using sprinkling cans, hand held hose equipped with automatic shut-off nozzle, or using a hose equipped with a portable hand sprinkler. Note: The same lawn area may not be watered by multiple means, in other words, persons may not use and irrigation system and a hand held hose to water the same area twice on their day. New fines to be imposed: \$143.00 1st offense, \$263.00 2nd offense \$500.00 3rd offense.
2. House numbers shall be placed on a visible site from the street for emergency purpose. Numbers at least 3" high.
3. Parking on street overnight is not allowed. Unregistered cars must be in garage must be tagged if in front of house or there will be a fine.
4. When walking pets, they must be picked up after. Code violation.
5. Fences on waterfront property cannot be higher than 4 ft. and only chain link fences are allowed within 15 ft. of the mean high water line. For further restrictions contact code enforcement.

Several other subjects were discussed re: commercial vehicles, corner lot debris, docks, swimming pools, sunken boats and tall weeds. The question of barking dogs was brought up. It was stated that after 15 minutes of continuous barking it becomes a violation and Animal Control should be called.

Carmen said that all was going well as far as security goes.

The Community Garage Sale was a huge success for all participating.

Doris Mapstone said that dues are still coming in. If you have not paid yours NOW is the time.

Dates to remember:

Birthday luncheon for May on May 13th at Cristos Italian Restaurant on Little Rd. at 54.

Meeting on Variance for park in Leisure Beach April 24th at 1:30 p.m. At County Building on Little Rd.

Next Civic Meeting on November 2nd.

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Thank you to all of our members that voted to re-elect and install your New Board and Officers. All positions and phone numbers will be the same as last year.

Thank you to each of the Board and Officers for your continued service to our community.

We had a very good meeting with Pasco County Code Supervisor Smith and Code Offices Tom Pirozzi. Supervisor Smith explained the new water restrictions that will affect all of us. The new watering times on your watering day are 12:01 AM to 4AM. You can hand water from 6AM to 8AM or 6PM to 10PM on your watering days only. The fines will escalate from \$130.00 for the first offense, \$260.00 for the second to \$500.00 for the third. This does not include any court costs. So it pays to change your timers. The new code also eliminates power and car washing by individuals.

We just found out that permits are now required for all new docks even floating docks.

Questions about watering or other codes can be answered by Pasco County Code Compliance Dept. at 727 847 8171. Or you can call 800 836 0797 ext 2298. Or look on the website at www.watmatters.org.

The testing of our water quality in the canals is back. The quality is very good. The two locations for the tests were Bear Creek at the end of Leaside and Fifth Isle at the end of Nautical.

THERE IS A MEETING AT THE COUNTY BUILDING ON LITTLE ROAD ON THURSDAY APRIL 24TH AT 1:30. THIS MEETING IS TO GRANT A VARIANCE TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIRED ONE ACRE PARK AT THE PROPOSED LEISURE BEACH TOWN HOMES ON FIRST ISLE. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT WITH NO OTHER PLACE TO PLAY, CHILDREN WOULD BE PLAYING ON THE STREET, WHICH IS DANGEROUS TO ALL. PLEASE ATTEND IF YOU CAN. STEVE BYLE WILL SPEAK FOR US.

We have some new signs on the medium, "PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG IT'S THE LAW". More signs will be here in June for the rest of the medium. Thank you to Steve Main, a new owner to Leisure Beach who is donating the signs.

Two of our members have volunteered their services for boat rescue. Since they have airboats they can get almost anywhere. They are Robert Clements and Tyler Clasen who can be reached at 352 279 3256. If they are called by you please remember that a donation towards gas money would be appreciated since they pay for everything out of their own pockets.

Thank you very much Robert and Tyler for your generous offer.

Have a safe summer everyone and we will see you at our next meeting on Nov.2, 2009.



LEISURE BEACH NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2009

Prepared by Marcia LaManna

December

Meeting date: December 7, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll call: Chuck Drago, Terry Gedan, Rich Galli, Doris Mapstone, Leanne Driscoll, Beverlee Stabile present.

Treasurers report was read by Doris. A motion to accept was passed.

Withlacoochee will be trimming trees around power lines in the next few weeks. The crews will have green trucks marked "Davey Tree Service" and the supervisor will have an ID badge.

Water use is still restricted in Pasco county. Please make sure your sprinklers are off by 8:00 AM. During the winter months watering is only needed once every two weeks.

Someone illegally dumped hazardous waste into our sewer system which built up a dangerous amount of gasses. This required the county to flush out the system because of the danger of possible explosion. THIS WAS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS and almost caused an evacuation of Leisure Beach. If anyone sees this kind of activity please call 911, or a board member immediately.

We had 179 members in 2009, 2 more than in 2008. Thank you for supporting your community.

Rich Galli's report:

1. There was a daytime robbery on Freeboard. They entered through the six foot slider in the back of the house. If you see any suspicious activity, please call 911. We are all neighbors.
2. A question was mailed to the county about the fence on 5th Isle coming up to the street line.
3. The trailer parked by the Eagles club is legal.

Please call Terry Gedan if you have any ideas for a speaker, non commercial, for our meetings.

A donation of \$300 to the Moose Club for the meetings was suggested and approved.

A wireless microphone will be purchased so those in the back of the room will be able to hear more easily.

Chuck Drago wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Healthy New Year. Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be January 4, 2010.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is my first meeting since getting back. It was great to see everyone again and renew old friendships. I hope everyone had a good summer.

There was a serious problem that was caused by someone who does not care about us. This person, or persons, emptied a very large amount of hazardous chemicals down a sewer drain. This caused gases to build up to such a dangerous level that evacuation was considered for the whole of Leisure Beach. Not only was this dangerous to life, limb and property but it was not good for the water system either. This was not a good neighbor action.

The "pick up after your dog" signs donated by Steve Main seem to be working. The medium looks a lot cleaner. Thank you to owners for picking up. However, we have found there is one owner who is disregarding the signs. This large dog has been leaving deposits on the bike path between 2nd and 3rd Isles and is not being picked up. If you see the person who is not picking up, please notify someone on the board. Remember that this can ultimately end up in our water supply.

We noticed that the school bus pick up has been changed and is making several stops now in the community. That is great! If you have children that you are driving to the stop, please do not park your car on someone else's lawn. Lawns are considered private property and you could damage a sprinkler system, as well as the grass. Please park on the street. Thank you.

We send our deepest condolences to Diane Yensco on the passing of her husband John.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

We look forward to greeting everyone at the January 4th meeting.

Chuck Drago