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November



LEISURE BEACH NEWSLETTER

November 2010

Website: www.leisurebeach.info

Prepared by Marcia LaManna

Meeting date: November 8, 2010

Rich Galli, Vice President, opened the first meeting after the Summer break at 7 P.M.. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer for the ill and deceased were given. Welcome back to all the folks that have been gone.

Roll call was taken and all Board members were present with the exceptions being Chuck Drago, President, Robert Richards, and Terry Gedan. Rich stated that Chuck would be back Florida next month.

Doris gave the Treasurers report and advised the attendees that the books had been audited by Donna Martin in May. At the December meeting, Doris will have updated rosters available

The April 5th meeting minutes were read by Carol and approved as read.

Carmen said that it was a very good Halloween in Leisure Beach since there were no security related problems. He also mentioned that he has been having problems with the security car and a discussion was held, which included a vote approving the purchase of a replacement vehicle.

Rich thanked folks for picking up the trash on the median while walking and asked residents pick up any trash you see in the area. Rich also requested that if you have an empty home near you, please pick up any old newspapers or flyers. Let's keep Leisure Beach clean and looking nice.

A question was brought up about parking. Rich said it is ok for cars to be parked on the lawn but no boats, utility trailers, etc. There is NO street parking for cars.

It was also mentioned that there is a house on Nautical where the back room has collapsed. Rich will call and report it.

Someone asked if they were allowed to build a carport on their home. Rich advised that when you apply for a permit, they will tell you if it's ok or not.

A question as to whether a 4-way stop sign at Tower and Tiller was possible. The answer was "no" because Signal Cove is private property.

We are fortunate enough to have more children in our development now, and folks are being asked to be very careful driving and to PLEASE maintain the speed limit.

Carol mentioned that the November birthday luncheon would be at the Thai Restaurant on Main Street in New Port Richey at 12:30. The December 8th luncheon will be at Niccos on Route 19, and it will be a Christmas party with a \$10.00 grab bag. Carol mentioned that the Moose Lodge will be holding a children's Christmas party for the children in Leisure Beach. Age limit is 13 and under. There is a signup sheet in the Moose lobby for the children's names and ages. The party will be held on December 19th at 1p.m.

Several new members were introduced at the meeting: Jim and Rose Ann Matajesky from 2nd Isle and Mark Capellano from 1st Isle. Welcome to Leisure Beach!

The next meeting will be held on December 13th. We'd love to see you there!!!!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's time to come back to the warm weather (remember last year)?

I hope everyone had a good summer and I look forward to seeing everyone and renewing friendships.

I heard you had a good November meeting and look forward to next on Dec. 13th.

Please join us for some cookies, donuts and coffee at our next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Chuck Drago

April



LEISURE BEACH NEWSLETTER

April 2010

Prepared by Marcia LaManna

Meeting date: April 5, 2010

Our guest speaker for the month was Jeannie Hayes, from our Pasco Cooperative Extension. She presented information on Florida Friendly Landscaping which provides guidance on water reduction tips for gardening as well as using natural resources to enhance our gardens. In addition, she discussed how to use landscaping to keep our homes warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. She also provided meeting attendees with packets that included a wealth of information on these subjects. For more information on this subject you can go to the following website: <http://solutionsforyourlife.com/>.

Dale Mapstone coordinated the Installation of our officers for next year. The Officers and Board members include Chuck Drago, President, Richard Galli, Vice President, Carol Passa, Secretary, Doris Mapstone, Treasurer, Carmen Martin, Security, Bob Richardson, Leanne Driscoll, Beverlee Stabile, Terry Gedan and Tim Kaiser. Thanks to all of you for taking your personal time to help keep our community a great place to live.

Rich Galli said that he has only received one complaint this month regarding a shed that was placed on the seawall. He also stated that the petitions, to have our turnoff into Leisure Beach improved, have been delivered to Jack Mariano's office and are being followed up.

Carmen stated that everything has been quiet in the community.

Carol mentioned that the Birthday luncheon would be at the Rusty Belly in Tarpon Springs on April 14th at 12:30. If you are interested in attending, please let Carol know at 869-8038.

Doris stated that the financial books needed to be audited for closing on 3/30. As usual, Donna Martin will do it for us. Doris also said that she needs someone for her position of Treasurer for next year as she will be resigning. The 2010 dues are falling behind where we were last year at this time. She also reminded folks that if you want any info on Leisure Beach you can go on our website at www.leisurebeach.info.

Beverlee reported that plants on the median are doing very well this year and that one large oleander has been removed. The stumps from the oleander will be ground down.

Marcia LaManna mentioned that there we are still seeing dog droppings that owners are not picking up. Please report it to anyone on the Board if you see this happening since this is a Pasco County code violation, as well as very unsanitary

We has several new members introduced at the meeting, Todd and Lisa Quasius, from Nautical Isle, and their daughter, as well as Barbara Kivaranna from 2nd Isle. WELCOME TO LEISURE BEACH!!

Terry Gedan is looking for ideas for our speakers next year, so please give her call her with any ideas.

Monthly meetings will begin again this Fall - have a wonderful summer!!!!

The next meeting will be held on November 1st. We'd love to see you there!!!!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Elections and the swear-in for your Board and Officers took place at Monday's meeting. Welcome to Tim Kaiser as our newest Board member. Thank you to Dale Mapstone for leading the swearing in ceremony.

I want to thank the Board and Officers for all the help and ideas they have given in the past. I am looking forward to working with the new Board and Officers.

We are a little behind on our dues collection for the year. We had 179 members in 2009. Lets go for 180 in 2010. This is really a good deal. For \$40.00 the medium is planted, mowed and trimmed all year. And just as important, we are able to have our security car all year as well. Please send your dues in if you haven't already done so. To those of you who have sent them in already, thank you.

Summer will not see a suspension of water restrictions. Please remember watering is only allowed during the following hours: Midnight to 8:00 AM or 6:00 PM to Midnight, and ONLY allowed on your assigned day. DON'T GET FINED!

*Next meeting is November 1st.
Have a safe and happy summer.*

*Thank you,
Chuck Drago*

March



LEISURE BEACH NEWSLETTER

March 2010

Prepared by Marcia LaManna

Meeting date: March 1, 2010

REMINDER: We have a COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE on the 19th and 20th of March, 9 to 3. The Civic Association will put out the signs and do the advertising. Lets get our unwanted items out of the house, set out your tables, and make a few dollars in return!!!!

Honey Dalton, a guest speaker from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Institute was our guest speaker. She brought several types of phones to the meeting that are available to residents of Pasco with hearing problems, free of charge. She explained the different types of phones and provided information on how residents can make appointments to pick up phones. They also provide free hearing tests and the phone number is 727-853-1010.

Rich Galli reported that there have been no code infractions lately in Leisure Beach.

Carmen stated that there are two new drivers for the Security Patrol – Jack and Marcia LaManna. If anyone else is interested in helping out, please let Chuck or anyone on the board know.

Carol mentioned that the March birthday luncheon was at the Cheesecake factory in Tampa on March 10th. The April luncheon will be at the Rusty Bellies Waterfront Grill in Tarpon Springs on April 10th at 12:30 PM.

Doris stated that the letters for dues have been sent and they are starting to come in.

Beverlee said we wouldn't know if plants on our median survived the winter, however she is keeping an eye on them for any potential problems.

John Passa, from the nominating committee, said that the officers would remain the same with the addition of Tim Kaiser as one of the Board members. John also thanked Rich Galli for 23 years of service to Leisure Beach and Rich Faller thanked all officers for their previous service.

Chuck mentioned that a big thank you goes to Jim O'Keefe from 5th Isle for fixing the vinyl siding on the guardhouse at no charge.

Chuck also mentioned that there are petitions to be signed for stanchions to be placed at the north exit of Wal-Mart so that cars cannot cross over 3 lanes and make u-turns at Beach Boulevard. We still need a few volunteers to take them around for signatures. This is very important for the safety of our residents and visitors. If you haven't signed one yet or are willing to gather signatures, please contact Chuck.

Terry mentioned that the speaker at a next meeting would be talking about plants and trees that are great for Florida yards and gardens.

The next meeting will be held on April 5th - We'd love to see you there!!!!





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month we had another good and informative meeting. If you missed it I hope you will be at our April 5th meeting. Jeannie Hayes of Florida Yards & Neighborhoods will enlighten us about xeriscape landscaping & native plants.

The election of your board and officers will take place at the next meeting as well. Be there to vote!

Now we can recycle cardboard, junk mail & paper in addition to newspapers and telephone books at any school. What a great way to reduce garbage. The schools get money and the paper becomes insulation that is sold locally.

Take a minute to thank your board and officers when you see them. They receive no pay other than a 'job well done' from you. Their counsel is wise even if we all don't agree. They are a good group of people that are working for you.

Special thanks to Jim O'Keefe for repairing the vinyl siding at no charge to the association.

Thanks to Joe Davids for putting out those wonderful signs to remind us about the next meeting, no matter how cold it is.

If you would prefer to read your newsletter electronically, please remember it is available on our Leisure Beach website: <http://www.leisurebeach.info>.

Thank you,
Chuck Drago

Website: www.leisurebeach.info

February



Newsletters



LEISURE BEACH NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2010

Prepared by Marcia LaManna

Meeting date: February 1, 2010

Chuck Drago, President opened the meeting at 7 o'clock.

Jack Mariano, our County Commissioner, and guest speaker for the evening, talked about additional development of tourism in Pasco county. There are proposals for four fields to support softball, baseball, soccer and football. He talked about the development at the Sunwest Mine property, with a park, beach, kayaking, cable

skiing, etc. Jack said 22 million dollars is to be used for the infrastructure on Old Dixie Highway and Route 19 connection.

Residents questioned why the posts were still not put at the northern exit coming out of the Wal-Mart parking lot. This would prevent cars from crossing straight across 19 and prevent them from making u-turns in front of Leisure Beach. Jack said he was not aware that this had not been done and he asked that a petition be drafted and signed by residents. He will then take it forward to try to obtain approval for the change.

Rich Galli reported that all has been quiet in Leisure Beach. Carmen mentioned that there have been 2 people soliciting in Leisure Beach and he stressed that we should not let any unknown folks into your home. Beverlee mentioned that the trees on the median survived the cold and Eric has repaired some damage on the guardhouse.

Carol mentioned that the next birthday luncheon would be held on February 17th at Rapsallions on Route 41. The Cheesecake factory luncheon has been moved to March.

Chuck mentioned that the March meeting will have a speaker from the Hearing Impaired Institute and in April a speaker from Florida Gardens and Neighborhoods will be coming. She will talk about drought resistant native Florida plants that we can use in our gardens.

Chuck reminded attendees that any fences in our front yards must be at least 25ft + 5ft from the midline of the street, per Pasco County code. This also includes shrubbery and nothing should be built or planted on this easement.

There was a general discussion and vote regarding a community donation to a charity that assists the less fortunate.

A special thank you was given to Brenda Parham for preparing our newsletter in the past. She did a great job with this!

Marcia and Jack LaManna have developed a community website for Leisure Beach. The address is <http://www.leisurebeach.info> - please make a point to look at it. If you have any additional information or suggestions for the site, please send them to Marcia at marcialamanna@gmail.com. We are looking for any articles of interest for Leisure Beach residents, as well as pictures of our beautiful community.

The next meeting will present nominations for new officers and board members for the next year. If you are interested in serving, please tell one of the nominating committee, John Passa, Dale Mapstone or Rich Faller. We can use all the help we can get to help keep our community the great place it is.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jack Mariano, our county commissioner was our guest speaker this month. Jack held everyone's attention as he spoke about plans for the sports complex, the proposed water park and residential area in Aripika and the loss of retail stores along route 19. Jack answered several questions from our members including one about the most northern exit from WalMart into Leisure Beach and the problems it causes. A petition has been started so call an officer to add your name.

A nominating committee was formed for April's election of your officers and board. John Passa, Dale Mapstone and Rich Faller are the committee. We need Leisure Beach residents to volunteer and help out in our community. Please call John, Dale or Rich now.

A major addition for Leisure Beach is our new website. Marcia and Jack LaManna have done an outstanding job of putting it online. You can visit it at

<http://www.leisurebeach.info>. Let Marcia know what else you want to see on the website. Thank you Marcia and Jack for a wonderful website.

Our speaker on March 1st is Honey from the deaf and hard of hearing services. Honey will have some phone to distribute to Leisure Beach members. FOR OUR APRIL 5TH MEETING JEANNIE HAYES of FLORIDA YARDS AND NEIGHBORHOODS will speak to us about ZERO LANDSCAPING and plants that are local to Florida.

Special thanks to Brenda Parham for the work she has done for LB in getting the newsletter out.

Thank you,
Chuck Drago

Officers:

President: Chuck Drago - 868-9276

Vice President: Rich Galli - 862-0308

Secretary: Carol Passa - 869-8038

Treasurer: Doris Mapstone - 869-9208

Security: Carmen Martin - 277-6680

Board Members:

Leanne Driscoll 868-4088

Robert Richard 861-5059

Terry Gedan 868-9276

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