



# LEISURE BEACH NEWSLETTER

*Spring 2013*

Prepared by Marcia LaManna

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Our April meeting guest speaker was Christine Dorrier, the park manager from Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park. This is the park that begins behind Walmart in Port Richey, with the north boundary being the spit of land bordering the Leisure Beach and Signal Cove canal to the Gulf. Did you know there are over 4,000 acres of waterfront and land between these boundaries? Many of us call the park "The bird sanctuary", while many of us enjoy the area by boating and kayaking through the numerous mangrove channels within the park. Christine mentioned the need for volunteers to help within the park – if you are interested, please call her at 727-816-1800.

Where did the first part of the year go? Weather is absolutely beautiful now, super boating out there!

There have been some changes to the entrance in front of Leisure Beach which blocks the crossover vehicles that are coming and going into Country Club Estates. This was part of the new design of SR 19; however they put these in a little early due to the safety issues. We hope this will help protect our residents who are entering and exiting Leisure Beach.

Action requested of residents: Beacon Woods is circulating a petition to get a light put in in front of Leisure Beach, with a blinking light in front of Walmart. Please sign this when your neighbors approach you for a signature.

The guard shack roof was recently repaired and it looks very nice. Beverly Stabile managed this effort for us and she did a great job!

Reminder – there are no association meetings or newsletters until November. Please try to attend these meetings when they start up again – they are always the first Monday of the month from November to April. If you have any questions or concerns before then, feel free to contact any officer or member of the board.

A special "Thank you" goes out to all board members who are retiring from their current positions. What a GREAT JOB they have all done – please thank them personally when you see them! Rich Galli had served us faithfully for **25 years** as our Vice President, while Chuck Drago has served us as President for 7 years.

In the future, please consider volunteering for a position on the board – this is hard work, without pay and it benefits everyone in Leisure Beach by helping to keep our neighborhood so nice.

***The officers and board members for 2013-2014 year are:***

President:	Marcia LaManna	Vice President:	Charly Gore
Secretary:	Carol Passa	Treasurer:	Doris Mapstone
Advisor to Board:	Chuck Drago		
Board members:	Beverly Stabile, Leanne Driscoll, Robert Richards and Tim Kaiser.		

**Dates to remember:**

November 4th: Monthly Meetings resume

Women's Birthday Lunch: Wed., Sept. 18 – Tiffany's, 35000 US 19, Palm Harbor - *Call Carol Passa for reserv.*

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**Presidents Corner**

Where to start? A lot of thoughts in my head but I want to keep this short. So many people contribute to our association in so many ways. Your neighbors write and distribute the newsletters; a lot of people are involved with this. Some of your neighbors pick up bottles, cans and paper on the boulevard as they walk, they don't have to...but they do. Almost all of our neighbors pick up after their animals and we appreciate it. Joe Davids has never missed getting the meeting signs out and I can't thank him enough. I want to thank all the board members and officers who have worked with me to make leisure beach a better place to live and who give a lot of their time so we can have the community we do.

I have had the chance to meet many of you in the past 7 years, as President, and am glad to have had that opportunity.

See you on the Boulevard and THANKS!

Chuck

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**Community News & Items for sale or needed:**

- **Please stay safe on the water this summer and make sure someone always knows when/where you are going, and when you will be returning!!!!**
- Young couple moving to Florida and in need of any free furniture, all donations greatly appreciated. Call Roseann @ [586-596-4443](tel:586-596-4443)
- **Good news!!** There is a dumpster for recycling paper and cardboard available at the Moose. Any money earned from the recycling will go to the Moose charities.

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Our February guest speaker was from the Storm water Management Division and they have the responsibility of protecting our water quality. The largest source of water pollution is caused by polluted storm water runoff and illicit discharges. Only rainwater is allowed in storm drains and everything else is considered an illicit discharge. This includes leaf blowing and grass clippings so please make sure your lawn service folks abide by this.

Jack Mariano, our County Commissioner, stopped by our meeting again this month. He took one of the DOT department heads out to show her the problems with our intersection. The DOT rep agreed that we have a problem, however, Mr. Mariano advised us that we must still write to the people in power to request a change. NOTE: We have a form at the end of the newsletter that you can fill in and mail to the representatives listed. If you prefer to email this, feel free to copy and paste the information with your name and email.

The guardhouse has been repaired and looks much nicer now.

Julia Summers is still looking into the dilapidated homes in Leisure Beach that banks are ignoring. Julia has been given authorization to write letters to determine what needs to be done on these homes to get them put up for sale. Please call if you are willing to help - phone number is 727-744-7215.

***Dates to remember:***

April 1 meeting: Speaker is Park Manager from Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park (*also referred to as the "bird sanctuary"*)

Women's Birthday Lunch: **Tuesday**, April 16 – Longhorn

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***Signal Cove Invites Leisure Beach to their "Spring Fling" Dinner-Dance***  
***Sat., April 27th Doors open @ 5 pm***  
***13139 Tiller Drive, (Signal Cove) Hudson***  
***Rotisserie Chicken Dinner w/ dessert, Entertainment by "Short Notice"***  
***Tickets only \$12.50, Reserve your table now! BYOB***  
***Call Peggy Backes 727-863-3654***

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***Presidents Corner***

The guard house is all done. A vote was taken at the last meeting and repairs were authorized. A new roof was put in by Steve Dubois Roofing, 727 856 1411, and soffits by Jim O'Keefe, 727 848 4523, of Tri County Aluminum. It looks great and was done quickly. Thank you for your best efforts. Special thanks to Rich Mariotti, who supplied the electricity that was needed. For the record there was nothing inside the guard house.

Pasco code dept. is enforcing the watering restrictions so be finished before 8 AM or start after 6 PM on your watering day to avoid a summons.

***Please try and attend our April meeting as it will be the last meeting until next November.***

There was another death of a pedestrian March 15<sup>th</sup>, in front of Beach Blvd. Please be careful entering and exiting our community.

See you next month,  
Chuck

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**Contact information to send the form below is: Please remember to put in your name and address**

Will Weatherford - District Office 28963 State Road 54 Wesley Chapel, FL 33544-3218 Email: <a href="mailto:teamwill@willweatherford.com">teamwill@willweatherford.com</a>	Wilton Simpson – FL State Senator 5612 Grand Boulevard - (Post Office Box 787) New Port Richey, FL 34656 Email: <a href="mailto:simpson.wilton.web@flsenate.gov">simpson.wilton.web@flsenate.gov</a>
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Dear Representative,

As a resident of Leisure Beach, Hudson Florida, I am requesting your assistance to obtain a solution for a dangerous traffic situation at our intersection of SR 19 and Beach Blvd. We have been requesting help to improve this intersection from our Pasco County Commissioner, Jack Mariano and our House Representative, Mike Fasano, for several years, without any results.

In the past month we have had two deaths at our intersection and in the past few months two other deaths at the intersection just north of ours. In addition, there have been numerous accidents and injuries at our intersection in the past year.

We are requesting the installation of a traffic light at our intersection, or the Wal-Mart entrance, or minimally a "No U Turn" sign at our intersection

We are in urgent need of your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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It's a great time to clean out your closets and make a few dollars! The annual Leisure Beach community-wide garage sale is Friday and Saturday, March 1 & 2. The Civic Association has advertised this event and we are expecting a good turnout.

A special "Thanks" to Richard Faller, Dale Mapstone and Jack LaManna for putting up the flag at the end of Beach Boulevard

**Help!!! Our guardhouse is in need of dire repair - we are looking for anyone in Leisure Beach who has construction background to help us with the repair. We have received guidance as to what we need to repair the roof and soffits, however, we would love someone from our community to look it over and offer their suggestions and assistance.**

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**February meeting:** A special welcome was given to new members Bob and Sharon Lamti from 2<sup>nd</sup> Isle.

This month's guest speaker was Gregory Lindgren, who spoke on Public Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Preparedness. He gave a lively presentation with quite a bit of interesting information. Greg provided us with a link where we can obtain more information: [myflorida.com/hurricanes](http://myflorida.com/hurricanes)

Jack Mariano, our County Commissioner, also stopped by the meeting. He advised us he is still working on the light situation at Beach Boulevard; however there is no change planned. He said that the best way for Leisure Beach to have any changes made would be to contact Representative Will Weatherford and ask for help, to obtain a light or no U-turn sign, in front of Leisure Beach. In light of the recent death in our intersection, *maybe* they will listen to our concerns..... Contact information is: **Email: [teamwill@willweatherford.com](mailto:teamwill@willweatherford.com)**  
**or write/call him at:**

**District Office - Will Weatherford**  
28963 State Road 54  
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544-3218  
**Phone: (813) 558-5115**

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**Reminder - Boats are not allowed to be parked on front lawns or in driveways.**

**Dates to remember:**

March 1 & 2 - Leisure Beach Community-wide Garage Sale - Friday 9-4 Friday and 9-1 Saturday.

March 4 – Meeting & speaker on Flood Insurance, plus a visit from Jack Mariano.

April 1 - Park Manager from Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park (also referred to as the "bird sanctuary")

**Women's Birthday Lunch:** February 20 – Olive Garden

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**Presidents Corner**

Good speaker! Surprise visit! We have a very nice community and it has been a long time since we have had any problems. Unfortunately some items were taken from a couple of cars in Leisure Beach. Please lock your cars.

We have another speaker planned for next month and Jack Mariano plans to attend again to talk about US 19. The more people we have at our meeting the more it shows that we care about our community and our surrounding environment.

See you next month  
Chuck

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It is time to join or renew your annual membership to Leisure Beach

**Remit \$40.00 payable to: LEISURE BEACH CIVIC ASSOC.**

Please fill out the form below for our data base, and

**Return both check and form to LBCA, PO Box 5366, Hudson, FL 34674**

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The January meeting also had a party to “get to know your neighbors”. In spite of all the illness in the area, there was a good turnout. There will be snacks again at the February meeting to encourage conversation with all our new neighbors. Please try to attend.

Julia Summers volunteered last month to set up a committee and look into the dilapidated homes in Leisure Beach that banks are ignoring. She has followed through and traced down owners of 2 houses, one owner said they would start renovations soon. A second has been issued several notices from the county and they have been satisfied. Julia has been given authorization to write letters to determine what needs to be done on these homes to get them put up for sale. Please call if you are willing to help - phone number is 727-744-9343.

Several concerns have been brought up in the community:

- Boat owners are not observing the “no wake” law, especially on the Leaside canals. Boats that are going too fast will be reported to code enforcement.
- The sea wall at the end of Beach Boulevard is eroding. Chuck said that he would notify the County and request action.
- There are several sunken boats in our canals. Please report them and docks that are ready to sink. When reporting, you will need the house number of the dock or sunken boat.

New American flags have been ordered and will arrive soon. We will also be putting a flag at the end of Beach Boulevard, where the flag pole has been empty for years.

Doris Mapstone announced that rosters will be available at the next meeting for all members who have paid their dues. If your neighbors name is not on the list please approach them and ask them to pay their dues. Doris will be providing the paid stickers for your window or door.

Carol mentioned that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Rose Function would be February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Moose

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### ***Dates to remember:***

February 5 – Meeting & speaker regarding Public Emergency Preparedness

February 14 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Rose Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Moose. This includes lunch, fashion show and the sale of new and gently used clothing.

March 1 & 2 - Leisure Beach Community Garage from Friday 9-4 Friday and 9-1 Saturday.

March 4 – Meeting & speaker on Flood Insurance.

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### ***Women’s Birthday Lunch:***

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**Presidents Corner**

January 7th was a good start to the New Year. A great meeting, new people, and a party! We did miss you if you weren't there.

The board and officers authorized Julia Summers to contact Ocwen (the company that owns 12709 5th Isle) to fix up the property so it can be sold. Julia will keep us updated. Thank you to Julia for your quick action.

We had another coyote sighting on 2nd Isle south. It ran to 1st Isle south where it vanished into the brush. Please be careful of your dogs and cats and do not leave out any animal food.

We will have pretzels and chips at the February 5th meeting for those who missed the party in January.

See you at the next meeting,  
Chuck

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We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and fall season! Our snowbirds are returning daily and the Leisure Beach area is bustling with many new faces. We hope to see you at our next community meeting on Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM at the Moose Lodge.

Our November guest speaker was Cindy Jolly, from Pasco County, and she provided a high-level briefing on the new FEMA flood insurance changes. These changes are based upon the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. As she mentioned, there is a push to delay this due to the high rates affecting some homeowners. Since this is an area of concern for many of our residents, we will look for another speaker on this subject to obtain more specific information on insurance rate increases and an update on the proposed reform delays.

There are many children and walkers in our development now and we are getting many complaints on cars driving too fast, especially on Beach Blvd. - *please slow down when driving.*



The annual Holiday Boat parade will be December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> this year. The Leisure Beach parade will begin at dusk on the 13<sup>th</sup> and will travel through all the canals – watch out for them and cheer them on! On Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> the parade will be in the Signal Cove canals with an open house party at the Signal Cove clubhouse – open for all to attend! Open house requests you bring your own drinks and a snack dish to share. Join in on the fun by participating with your boat, riding on a boat, cheering the parade on, or joining the party on the 14<sup>th</sup>!!! The more the merrier, and as in the past, there will be prizes awarded for the most decorated boats. For additional information, please contact Prentiss Howard at 410-603-3113 or Jack LaManna at 315-200-2879.

Traffic Issues – As a result of our joint petition with Beacon Woods for traffic controls in front of Leisure Beach, we recently had a meeting with Senator Simpson and the DOT. The officers from Beacon Woods also attended the meeting to provide support for Leisure Beach. There was a lot of discussion and the Senator was very supportive of our request for a safer intersection. The DOT took away several action items to investigate for us. We are hoping to see some changes put in place sometime in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014.

We are starting up water testing of our canals again to ensure the cleanliness of the canals. This will be done on an annual basis going forward and more frequently if there are any quality issues.

At the November meeting we talked about moving the newsletters to our website only and eliminate the paper copies. Website is <http://www.leisurebeach.info>. If you need a paper copy please let an officer know.

***Dates to remember:***

Dec 2nd: Monthly Meeting

Women's Birthday Lunch: Wed., Dec. 11th – *Call Carol Passa for reserv.*

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***Presidents Corner***

I'd like to just say it again – A special thank you to Chuck Drago for his many years of service as our President. He did a great job and I have big shoes to fill. It has been a very busy few months for me in this new role. We have had several issues with the algae and trash flowing into the canals. We are working closely with the DOT on this and they have been responsive to our concerns. We also met recently with the head of the ACTS center (Dan) on SR19 and Beacon Woods Drive regarding trash being thrown into the canals. Dan was very cooperative and will keep encouraging the people who use the center to not litter. He is supplying them with garbage bags and a place to dispose of the garbage. I met with Senator Simpson regarding our traffic issues and he helped by inviting the DOT to discuss our concerns. It was the best meeting we have had with the DOT and they seem to be willing to make some changes – we will see what the final outcome is. We have some problems with sunken docks and we are working with the county on this. We have a lot of great people in this community who are helping with all these issues as well as picking up trash, putting out signs, coordinating activities, security patrols, serving on the board, etc. etc. I appreciate all you do – it keeps Leisure Beach the great community that it is!

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