

Pride Civic Association Newsletter



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Special points of interest:

- Halloween Decoration Winners
- Christmas is coming. Let's see it! :-)
- Next Neighborhood meeting: Thursday, March 2nd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall, First Lutheran Church
- Email us at: info@pridecivic.org



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Christmas Decorating Contest

by Randy Young



At the recent neighborhood meeting, the judges were named for each zone. So all that is left to do is start decorating!

Tree did not go up until Christmas Eve after we went to bed. Christmas morning was not just full of presents, but the Christmas tree was part of the surprise and joy.

Wow, we are coming to the close of another year, and the Christmas Decoration Contest is here.

Typically, Christmas out shines Halloween by a mile. So, let's see what you all can do!

A lone set of footprints in the snow in the yard were attributed to Santa's exit from our home.

Some enthusiastic people are already putting up their lights!

The judging will be done on December 15th and 16th. Be sure to have everything done and turned on.

I believed it!

It's good to know we are in for a bright and festive Holiday!

Interestingly, when I was very young, our Christmas



4th Quarter Neighborhood Meeting

by Randy Young



We held our 4th Quarter Neighborhood Meeting on Thursday night, Nov 2nd

at the Fellowship Hall. included in this newsletter.

It was good to see new faces at the meeting.


I want to thank Dana at the First Lutheran Church for allowing us to use their facility.

To keep you briefed, each subject covered at the meeting are

The next neighborhood meeting will be the Annual Meeting and will occur on Thursday, **January 18th** at 7:00 pm. The Annual Meeting includes voting for Board Members for 2024. It will also be the launch of our membership drive for 2024.



Mark your calendar!

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British Lawn Bowling: Clearwater's Best Kept Secret Turns 100

The local Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club celebrates its centennial year in February.

The club was founded by Canadian snowbirds who wanted to bring the popular British sport of lawn bowls to Florida. Relatively unknown in the United States, this sport is very popular throughout the British Commonwealth for men and women of all ages.

Derived from the same ancient game as Italian bocce and French boules, the British version is played on a large open 'rink' with balls that curve rather than roll straight. This makes for an exciting game of skill and strategy, especially when playing in teams of pairs or triples.

In most parts of the world lawn bowls is played on a surface similar to a grass tennis court, but in Clearwater and at many other Florida clubs the surface is a clay-like court, offering a faster game.

During the winter months the Club hosts monthly regional tournaments as an affiliate of the national Bowls USA organization and some members compete to play in the national championships. Over the course of its history Clearwater has hosted the U.S. national championship and boasted national champions and world championship competitors among its members.

The Club welcomes players at every level especially beginners interested in learning about the sport. Members and visitors enjoy weekly pickup social games (called jitneys) every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday morning from 9:30am-noon and on Sunday afternoons from 1-

3pm. These are all-level games where beginners can mix it up with more experienced players. There is also a fun and casual evening bowls gathering with food and music every other Thursday from 7-9pm. Free lessons and loaner bowls are provided for all of these casual games, and you do not need to be a member to play! They even offer children's balls for family fun with your kids or visiting grandkids!

For more information call (727) 641-9144, email clearwaterlawnbowlingclub@yahoo.com or visit their website at www.clearwaterlawnbowlingclub.org. The club is located at 1040 Calumet Street, on the east side of North Ft. Harrison Ave, just south of Sunset Point Road.



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Halloween Decorating Contest Winners

A spectacular job! Very Well Done, to all of the winners and to all who participated!

Zone 1:

1st 1706 Balmoral Drive
2nd 1351 S Duncan Avenue
3rd 1312 Norwood Ave

Zone 2:

1st 1356 Irving Drive
2nd 1381 Irving Drive
3rd 1344 Douglas Drive

Zone 3:

1st 1463 Marjohn Avenue
2nd 1414 Douglas Drive
3rd 1381 Irving Avenue

Zone 4:

1st 1636 Palmwood Dr.
2nd 1665 Fruitwood Drive
3rd 1631 Whitewood Drive



Treasurer's Report

by Amanda Shank

As of this reporting, PCA does not have any outstanding bills.

Our recent expenses have been payments for Neighborhood Meeting Flyer, and this Newsletter.



Notification of our membership drive for 2023 was included in the 3rd Quarter Newsletter and of course, it is never too late to support the membership. We invite your support.

To assist you to remit your dues, a donation form is included below.

For our newer neighbors, the annual dues are \$5 per household.

This form also shows activities in which you can participate. Have an idea for a neighborhood Activity? Let us know.

Get involved and meet the neighborhood.

Pride Civic Association Membership & Volunteer Form

March 2022 - March 2023

(Last Chance for membership before the annual Board Elections in Feb.)

\$5.00 (OR MORE IS APPRECIATED) DONATION PER HOUSEHOLD ANNUALLY

Name _____

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I would like to Volunteer for the following . . . (check as many as you would like)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Zone Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Decoration Judging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute Flyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparedness Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

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Neighborhood Preparedness

By Randy Young



Here are some tips for neighborhoods to prepare for potential disasters:

- Create a neighborhood emergency plan. Work together to identify evacuation routes, establish meeting places, and decide how to assist those with special needs. Share contact info and make a phone tree.
- Encourage households to create emergency kits with supplies like water, non-perishable food, first aid, flashlights, batteries, etc. Have enough supplies for each person to last at least 3 days.
- Trim trees and vegetation around homes and clear gutters and drains to prevent damage and flooding. Se-

cure loose outdoor items that could become projectiles.

- Identify safe rooms or buildings for shelter like basements or interior rooms. Learn evacuation routes and avoid disaster areas.
- Encourage redundancy - if one house has a generator, it can provide power to neighbors. Share skills and resources.
- Check on vulnerable neighbors during emergencies and assist them if needed. Establish a buddy system.
- Follow official news and instructions. Help spread accurate information in the community.

The key is for the neighborhood to work together ahead of time so they are prepared, resilient and can safely get through a major disaster.

To participate please email Randy at info@pridecivic.org



Short Term Rentals and Disturbing the Peace

by Randy Young

It seems the short-term rental problems have settled down a bit due to quick reporting of violations to the Sheriff's Office.

Maintaining diligence helps it become known that we won't accept violations that disturb the peace in our neighborhood.

"If there is a problem with a Short Term Rental, please call the Sheriff's Office. It's better to document an incident than to let it go. If the deputy deems anything criminal is occurring during his/her investigation it will be handled accordingly."



Deputy Jessica Hughey of the Crime Prevention and Community Awareness unit.

Along this line, a couple zoning violations in the neighborhood came up at the recent neighborhood meeting.

Steps to handle these violations are occurring.


Ideally, these points can be resolved with good old neighborly communication and helpfulness.

If you know you have a violation and need help with working out a solution, please contact Randy at info@pridecivic.org.



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Annual Neighborhood Picnic by Randy Young



The annual Neighborhood Picnic was held on Saturday, October 14th.

The two people who really made this happen

were Dot Tonks and Rick Amarosa.

They contributed tables, food and the containers to hold the food. It was a team

effort and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Ellen O'Donnell represented the Clearwater Lawn Bowling Club. She and a member from the club set up Lawn Bowling Equipment. Both children and adults learned about the methods of playing, some history of the game. For those interested, Clearwater Lawn Bowling Club is off of Court off of Alt 19 on Calumet Street.

A big thank you to

Lauren Johnson for letting us use some power from her home.

The best part of the picnic was chatting and getting to know each other. (The food was good too!)

Mariol Cjapi has volunteered to mow the grass next year, which is greatly appreciated.

If anyone else would like to volunteer to help next year, please contact Randy at info@pridecivic.org



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