



LHC – HOA (Lighthouse Crossing – Home Owners Association)

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2018

Opening: The executive session of the LHC – HOA (Lighthouse Crossing – Home Owners Association) meeting was called to order at 9:03 am on October 10th by Debbie Graves, President. The Open Session began at 10 am.

Present: Debbie Graves, Nancy Mozal, Nancy Melton, Jonathan Poole, Beth and Mike Bruett, Smokey Annason and Karen Bryant.

Janine Hyde – on vacation.

Items Discussed/Addressed:

1. Debbie Graves, President updated the Board on the following items:
 - a) No fishing signs will be posted at all ponds to keep outsiders from fishing in the ponds. As this seems to be a subject that needs to be discussed we will table it for now and discuss it at the annual meeting in May 2019. Those of you who are currently fishing may continue to do so. As for outsiders, it does pose a liability issue.
 - b) Dog barking: As there are no rules/regulations regarding dogs we ask that you kindly deal with noise issues neighborly. If you cannot resolve issues neighborly, you can always contact the officials (i.e. police). We as a board will not intervene in these issues.
 - c) We were advised at the annual meeting the road in Phase 2 (Bright Ocean Way) would be paved within a month of the May 2018 meeting. We have now been informed by the builder the road will not be paved until all construction is completed and it will be done by the developer (Bob Kleinpaste). Karen Bryant spoke with Alan on 10/22/18 and that was the original plan. However after re-thinking things it made sense not to pave it until the completion of all construction because contractors will be utilizing Bright Ocean Way.
2. Jonathan Poole reviewed the budget and expenses.



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3. It was mentioned to Jonathan there are weeds growing up in the concrete in the pool area and also in the gravel road area behind the pool house. Debbie mentioned she is working on having that road removed.
4. Beth and Mike Bruett brought up the landscaping behind 38525 Blue Hen and a dead tree. This is a developer (Bob Kleinpaste) issue. Debbie will check into the area behind the home and see who will maintain this area in the future.
5. It was brought up to the board that folks are not picking up after their pets. This is a must! Included in the minutes are “Six Gross and Scary Reasons We Need to Pick up Our Dogs’ Poop” for your reading enjoyment. See attached.
- 6 ***The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at Debbie Graves (President) house 31880 Two Ponds Road,***
 - ***Executive Session at 9:00 am.***
 - ***Open Board begins at 10:00 am. (If you wish to attend, please contact us so we can ensure we have adequate space to accommodate you. Please give the Board a two week notice. Thank you.)***



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Six Gross and Scary Reasons We Need To Pick Up Our Dogs' Poop

By Kristina Lotz

We think of it as an act of decency, but there are actually much bigger reasons why we should be picking up after our dogs.

1. it's A Toxic Pollutant

Did you know the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classifies dog waste in the same category as oil spills? That means that the EPA considers it a pollutant.

2. It's Crawling with Germs

"Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can threaten the health of humans and wildlife," the EPA [website](#) says. "Pet waste also contains nutrients that promote weed and algae growth (eutrophication). Cloudy and green, Eutrophic water makes swimming and recreation unappealing or even unhealthy."

3. There's A LOT of It!

Think it's no big deal? **American dogs alone create more than 10 million tons of waste a year.** (www.livescience.com) [Earth Rated](#), a lifestyle brand for dog lovers, makes products to help dog owners do their part. They have created an infographic that summarizes why dog waste is a hazard that needs to be disposed of properly.

4. It Can Contaminate Water Supplies...

If you leave your dog's waste behind, it can get mingled into storm water runoff, into storm drains, or nearby bodies of water. According to the EPA, "untreated animal feces often ends up in lakes and streams, causing significant water pollution."

Once in the water, the poop breaks down, releasing ammonia and the bacteria uses up the oxygen in the water. Both low oxygen and high ammonia can be harmful to the fish and plants that live in the water. In addition, pet waste contains "bacteria, viruses and parasites that can make water unsafe for swimming or drinking." (Taken from The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District newsletter "Pipeline" Vol 17, no. 3 2013).

5. ...A Lot

[Studies](#) have shown that 20 to 30 percent of the bacteria in water samples from urban watersheds come from dog waste.

The [EPA](#) also says that two or three days of waste from 100 dogs contain enough bacteria, nitrogen and phosphorous to close 20 square miles of a bay-watershed for swimming (or shellfishing).



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6. And It Can Even Contaminate the Air You Breathe

And finally (If this wasn't enough already to make you pick up after your dog), A study of air samples from Cleveland, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan found **that 10 to 50 percent of the bacteria in the air came from dog waste.**

So What *Should* You Do With That Waste?

Obviously once you pick it up it has to go *somewhere*. The question is where and the answer is... It depends.

Each city has its own laws and regulations when it comes to dog waste, and you should check with your local water district. Some cities will say it's okay to flush dog doo. Others prohibit it.

For example, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District tells its residents to never flush pet waste because their treatment plant is not designed to treat pet waste, only human. In addition, they warn that "flushable" dog poop bags may be biodegradable but they still take a while to dissolve in water (one manufacturer told them 96 hours!); this can cause clogs.

You can also compost your dog's feces in your own yard. Check out home supply or pet stores for specially designed containers. Amazon also has a variety of compost bins and disposal systems that you can check out. Once the feces is composted, you can use it as fertilizer on NON-EDIBLE garden plants only.

The most important thing is to find out what you need to be doing in your area to minimize pollution.

Regardless of where you live, everyone can:

1. Pick up your dog's waste
2. Put it in a biodegradable bag
3. Put in the trash.

If you would like more information including ways to implement a system and encourage your neighbors to pick up after their dogs, you can visit the EPA's website for more information.

