

LUTZ CIVIC REVIEW

Monthly Newsletter of the Lutz Civic Association (LCA).

Hear We Grow Again

Angst Over Growth

By Steve Polzin, President, LCA

Our local community recently got into political spat as the city, county and state negotiated the terms of a deal to attract a major corporation to bring a facility to the community. In the interest of high-quality growth, tens of millions in dollars and various perks were offered to attract a very well-heeled corporate player. In the meantime, Floridians frustrated with the inability of government to be willing or able to keep up with growth in terms of providing the requisite infrastructure; sewer, water, transportation, etc., increase the pressure on governments to have new development pay for growth rather than having it increase the tax burden on existing residents. Let's see:

- We are growing too fast to keep up.
- But we want more growth and are willing to pay to attract it.
- But we say that we want growth to pay for itself.

We want high-quality growth but we may be growing entry-level service workers faster. We want to attract high income jobs but we immediately get worried about affordable housing when home prices get bid up. At a personal level we are very excited about the appreciation of our homes; but of course we're frustrated that they are now taxed higher. We pine for creative class highly educated workers but we leave our borders open so we can

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benefit from cheap labor. We have visions of being globally competitive in high skill knowledge based segments of the economy and we tolerate mediocre schools and seldom reinforce the virtues of hard work and competition and risk huge shares of our future workforce being ill prepared to compete. We take money from the public to build sports stadiums and urban amenities then tout their economic stimulus impact while struggling to build and maintain basic infrastructure. We celebrate signs of urban renaissance but fail to understand the infrastructure investments required to upgrade our developed areas.

We want people to be responsible in how they make location and travel decisions but we continue to insulate them from the full cost of those decisions by refusing to let gas taxes or tolls reflect the true cost of infrastructure provision say nothing of covering any of the externalities of an auto dependent lifestyle. We wax nostalgic for historic visions of urban life ignoring the fundamental changes in household structure, personal time use allocation and 21st century economics.

Democracy and human behaviors can be frustrating when it comes to complex multifaceted transportation and land use issues. Other than that everything is fine. q

Hot Community News

Reported by Auralee Buckingham, Director, LCA

LUTZ "PAINT THE TOWN" EVENT is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

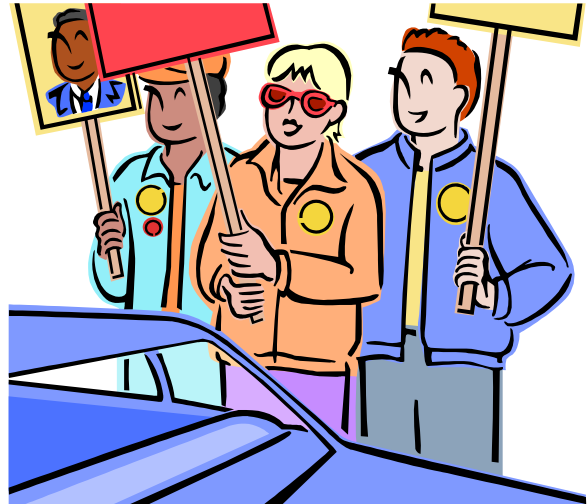
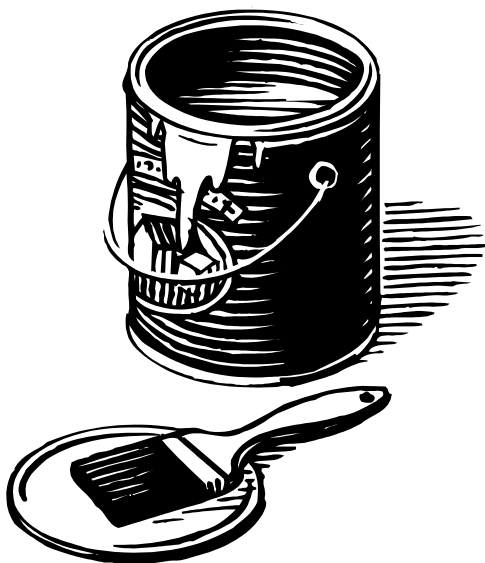
Sponsored by the Lutz Community Council and the Sheriff's Department of Lutz, a group of volunteers will be refurbishing and painting a home at 105 - 2nd Ave., S.E. They'll also be sprucing up the yard—trimming, mowing and cleaning.

The home belongs to Elaine Pittman, a widow and long-time resident of Lutz.

If you would like to be a part of making our community a more beautiful place and help a neighbor in need, come on down with your paint brushes, rollers, pans, rakes and pruning shears.

This event is part of the annual Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful event that happens every April. This is the 9th year that the Lutz Community Council has adopted a home and an elderly recipient.

For more information, contact the Sheriff's Department at 264-8950.



GUV'NA KICK-OFF PARTY is scheduled for Sunday, May 6th from 4 to 7 p.m. so come prepared to have FUN and PARTY. The Lutz Civic Association will be introducing our 2007 Guv'na candidates.

An outstanding dinner will be served and D.J. Bob Moore will be blasting the kind of music that keeps you hopping.

Candidates will learn how much they know (or don't) about our community of Lutz. A guaranteed fun afternoon for just \$10 per person.

Each candidate has tickets to sell and receives 60 percent of the money towards their campaign.

Our three excellent Guv'na candidates are Michele Northup, sponsored by Learning Gate School, Annie Fernandez, sponsored by the GFWC Lutz-Land'O Lakes Woman's Club and Nancy Rehling, owner of Nancy's Fast 'n Good Foods restaurant on U.S. 41.

Nancy and her staff will be catering the dinner.

For more information call Auralee Buckingham at 949-7481. q

LCA Mission Statement

The Mission of the Lutz Civic Association, Inc. (LCA) is to provide leadership and support which enhances the quality of life in the community of Lutz.

LCA Vision Statement

The objectives and purposes of the LCA shall be to preserve and promote the heritage, natural systems and quality of life in Lutz; and, to promote community cohesiveness while respecting the independence and individuality of all residents and businesses.

LCA Membership Benefits

1. A monthly newsletter detailing community related news and events
2. Meetings with informative guest speakers
3. Continuation of the Lutz Civic Association-sponsored events such as the Lutz Guv'na Race fundraiser, Market in the Park, events at the Train Depot and much more



Lutz Civic Association (LCA) Membership Application

Membership is open to anyone living in or owning a business in the Lutz Civic Association (LCA) defined boundaries of Lutz as a voting member. All Others are invited as an "Associate" member. Membership is subject to approve and includes this monthly newsletter.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ HM. PH. _____ BUS. PH. _____
 FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____ SIGNATURE _____

Type of Membership (check one):

Single - \$15 Family - \$20* Business - \$20 Civic - \$10** Associate - \$15***

*Family membership entitled two members in the same home, but only one vote.

** Civic membership is a non-profit organization membership that entitles the organization to one vote.

*** Associate membership is a non-voting membership for those not living or owning a business within the Lutz boundaries.

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2006 LCA Business & Non-Profit Members

Bay Cities Bank
 Body & Soul
 Boy Scout Troop 12
 Britten Dental Associates, P.A.
 C&S Enterprises
 Thomas Cone, Jr.
 Cordoba Ranch Development, LLC
 Donovan's Service
 Great Gardens & Gifts
 Fisher's Law Office, P.A.
 Florida Organ Works
 Hand in Hand Academy
 King of Copy
 Lake Brant Tax District
 Lutz Learning Center
 Lutz - Land 'O Lakes Woman's Club
 Maniscalco Elementary School
 McClain Realty
 Mrs. Tea Garden
 New Tampa Animal Hospital, P.A.
 New Tampa Pet Resort
 Orange Blossom Women's Club
 Patio Land
 Seal Swim School
 Sunset Point Center, LLC
 Tims Memorial Presbyterian Church
 Versatech Business Solutions

Tentative 2007

LCA General Meetings

May 17 - Guv'na Candidates / Elections
 June 14 - Fourth of July Planning
 August 16 - Guv'na Fund Distribution
 September 20 - Transportation/Land -Use
 October 18- 2006 Candidate introductions and statements
 November 16 - TBD, year end social



Other Scheduled Events

May 6 - Guv'na kick-off event
 June 2 - Guv'na Flea Market
 July 4 - Guv'na Swearing In, Parade
 November 10 - Market in the Park
 December 11 - Christmas in the Park

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Our Guv'na Candidates Take the Cake

By Marion Smith

Have you heard about cow invasion in New Tampa? Seems that some of the unruly critters have been traipsing on certain well-manicured lawns and leaving evidence by means of vacher tortes, otherwise known as cow patties. When the brave officers of the law hop on their steeds, guns blazing, they always arrive too late to catch the elusive varmints. Which brings us to the 2007 Guv'na race.

Our three candidates are all gutsy country women who know what to do with a cow patty when they see one. Annie Fernandez, who is sponsored by the Women's Club, would probably gather them to fertilize her orange trees. She'd probably shape the dried ones into neat discs, color them brilliant blue, and teach her Lutz Juniores how to fashion them into ornaments for the Lutz holiday tree.

Michele Northrup, who is in charge of public relations at the Learning Gate, would likely make the incident a learning experience. She would describe with great

enthusiasm the chemical components of cow leavings and how this is all part of the natural environment. Her zest runs in the family, as cousin of former Guv'na Dean Rivett, and also as owner of her very own hot sauce company, "Intensity Academy."

Nancy Rehling, who operates Nancy's Good 'N Fast restaurant in Lutz, is not to be outdone when it comes to innovation. We hear that she has stockpiled a batch of the little gems with the intent of using them for fuel during the next hurricane. Also, as Nancy can tell you, the naked truth is that there's a little-known industry which utilizes cow patties as a spa scrub, which is followed by a dip in a soothing hot springs pool. Be sure to inquire about this when you visit Lake Como.

You'll get to meet all these fascinating country women at the Guv'na Kickoff on Sunday, May 6 from 4-7 p.m. and at the Guv'na Flea Market on Saturday, June 2. Y'all be there and remember to buy some patty trinkets! q

Guv'na Race Heats Up

So far there are three candidates vying for the prestigious position of Lutz Guv'na. Annie Fernandez from the Lutz Land O'Lakes Women's Club, Michele Northrup from the Learning Gate School and Nancy Rehling owner of Nancy's Good Food Restaurant have all committed to the campaign.

The Lutz Guv'na kick-off will be held Sunday, May, 6th at the Lutz Community Center from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be served and you can buy your tickets from one of the candidates or contact Eleanor Cecil at 727-7549 for information.

On Thursday, May, 17th the candidates will participate in a friendly debate during the Lutz Civic Association general meeting held at the Lutz Community Center beginning at 7 p.m. Come participate in the ribaldry and donate to your favorite candidate.

On Saturday, June 2nd there will be a Guv'na Flea Market at the Train Depot Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This has become a popular event in the Lutz Community and there will be more than 60 booths with all kinds of items for sale. q

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