

LUTZ CIVIC REVIEW

Monthly Newsletter of the Lutz Civic Association (LCA).

Busy Season is Coming Up

How we can shape our community

By Steve Polzin, President, LCA

Over the next several months the Lutz Civic Association will be selecting new board members and hosting our annual Lutz Guv'na competition. We will mix in some regular meetings, ongoing involvement in land-use planning issues and participation on other community issues like the second annual Relay for Life and the spring clean up.

We NEED your help!

Historically, participation in the Lutz Civic Association is greatest when there is a crisis and outraged highly motivated citizens band together to confront the issue. Fortunately, we haven't had a crisis in several years—unfortunately, affecting our ability to attract new active members.

You can help us by:

- renewing your membership,
- attending the general meetings,
- getting involved in one of our activities, or
- at least give one of the board members a call and let us know what we can do to better serve you.

Anyone Notice Any Congestion?

In case you haven't noticed, transportation has moved to a front burner lately as the media and politicians have discovered that congestion is getting worse and folks aren't particularly happy about it.

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In some ways it is silly season with lots of political posturing and very few specifics, but that will change over time.

I encourage you to pay attention to these discussions and deliberations over the next several months and years and become educated and involved. The problem is real. It did not sneak up on anyone, it has been getting worse for years, and, like many of the tougher problems, is very difficult to solve.

With few consensus strategies and some very real tradeoffs including high price tags, this is an issue that should not be left solely to the politicians to solve. Some of that wisdom that typically comes from Lutz folks might help. I encourage you to get involved.

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Hot Community News

Reported by Auralee Buckingham, Director, LCA

LUTZ RELAY FOR LIFE, AN 18-HOUR WALK-A-THON is set for Friday and Saturday, April 12th and 13th at the Lutz Train Depot Park.

Plan to get all your exercise in April walking around the Train Depot Park and support the community effort to raise money for Cancer Research and Patient Services.

The American Cancer Society Lutz Relay for Life starts at 6 p.m., Friday, April 12th. All cancer survivors are invited to join in the first lap around the Park. Afterwards they'll enjoy a FREE DINNER in the Lutz Community Center.

At 9 p.m. there will be a Luminary Ceremony with hundreds of candles lit around the park honoring cancer survivors and especially those friends and family members who didn't make it.

Several teams have already formed: Lutz Elementary, Learning Gate Charter school, Martinez Middle School, Lutz-Land 'O Lakes Woman's Club, Little Women of Lutz, Lutz Community Council, Lutz Civic Association, Idlewild Baptist Church and Heritage Harbor Tennis team.

Come join us . . . get involved . . . be part of the force to stamp out cancer forever.

For more information call Auralee Buckingham at 949-7481

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE
Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd at the Old Lutz School House from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you've wondered about all those cars around the Old Lutz School on Wednesday and Monday mornings, it's members of the Lutz-Land 'O Lakes Woman's Club getting ready for their Annual Flea Market and Yard Sale.



Donations from the community are pouring in. Have you sorted out your trash and treasures yet?

This is a great event to bring your clothes, toys the kids have outgrown . . . and white elephants, too. Put your cast-offs to work for the community.

All funds raised by the Woman's Club are given back to Lutz through the schools, parks, library and Volunteer Fire Department. Any left-overs after the sale are donated to other charities such as Hope Children's Home, Christian Social Services and Metropolitan Ministries.

Bring your donations on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until noon throughout February.

And, come shop the big sale on Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information and pickup of large items, call Phyllis Hoedt at 949-1937.

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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 Women'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

January 18 -
 March ## -
 May ## -
 June ## -
 August ## -
 September ## - 2006 Candidate introductions and statements
 October ## - 2006 Candidate introductions and statements
 November 16 - TBD, year end social

Other Scheduled Events for 2006

Jan. 23 - Relay for Life Kick-Off
 March 2 & 3 - Woman's Club Flea Market
 Date - Guv'na kick-off
 July 4 - Guv'na swearing in, parade and related festivities
 Date - Market in the Park
 Date - Christmas in the Park

Code Enforcement An Interesting January Meeting

The guest speaker of our January Lutz Civic Association meeting was Randy Kinder from Hillsborough County Code Enforcement. He explained how code enforcement inspects housing units to make sure they meet the standards of the Minimum Housing Code. Code Enforcement also handles complaints concerning nuisance conditions such as inoperable vehicles, rat infestation, trash, and high weeds and grass. They also handle situations dealing with the use of private property within its zoning, signs and adult uses. Mr. Kinder also spoke about the Rental Housing Inspection Program, which proactively inspects rental property. This program is particularly important for low income tenants who are most vulnerable to unsafe living conditions. For more information contact Code Enforcement at 274-6600. c

Calling All Citizens and Bizzness Owners of Lutz

The Lutz Civic Association is again lookin for some good ole patentail leaders. Currant Guv'na Edwina Kraemer is gettin down rite tired and needs to get back to milkin her cows and feedin her pigs. She's asked us to find come good ole hometown folks to run for Guv'na. It's lots of fun and great advertising if you have a bizzness. All ya have to do is have a coupla events to raise money and whoever raises the most gets to be Guv'na. It's the mostest honest cam-pain in the whole USofA. We don't hide the fact that whoever gits the mostest money wins.

Fer information call Eleanor Cecil at 813-727-7549 or Auralee Buckingham at 813-949-7481. c

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LUTZ LIBRARY LANDSCAPING PROJECTS UNDER WAY. Lutz Boy Scout Troop 12 members were digging and shoveling at the Lutz Library on a recent Saturday morning preparing the ground for a paver brick patio and pathways and planning landscaping for the side yard.

Stephen Rivera chose landscaping the side of the library as his Eagle Scout project and the troop is pitching in. Their goal is to finish in time for the official dedication of the Public Art Sculpture on Friday, March 9th.

The train sculpture on the front of the library was commissioned as part of the library expansion project in 2005 and has been completed for five months.

Another group—the fifth grade class of B.J. Nesbitt at Lutz Elementary School—is



also working on a landscaping project for the front of the library. The students are securing a grant from Earth Force and will be planting a "personality" palm tree and other blooming shrubs in the 12-foot area to the right of the library entrance.

Beautifying the library grounds is a major goal of the Friends of the Lutz Library and the members are assisting these groups. c

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Resolve to Renew Your Lutz Civic Association Membership

As you make your New Year's resolutions, don't forget to include renewing your Lutz Civic Association (LCA) membership.

Your membership dues provide a real value to you and your community (see benefits on page 5).

Within the next several weeks you will receive a membership renewal form. Please fill it out and return to the LCA as soon as possible. We depend on your membership for the many activities and events the Lutz Civic Association sponsors. And remember, the larger the organization the more credibility we exert!

You can renew your membership right now, if you choose, simply complete the membership application in this newsletter and mail to the address on the application.

We look forward to having you as a continuing member. And, we hope that you'll invite a Lutz neighbor or friend to join, too. ☺

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