

LUTZ CIVIC REVIEW

Monthly Newsletter of the Lutz Civic Association (LCA).

Status Report on Plans for Lutz Parks?

By Auralee Buckingham

**CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING THURSDAY
APRIL 17TH**

The meeting will be held in the Lutz Community Center beginning at 7pm. Our speaker this month will be Mark Thornton, Director of Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation. Mr. Thornton presides over 300 parks in the area. Of particular interest will be expansion of Oscar Cooler Sports Complex to the adjacent 32 acres on Lutz Lake Fern Rd. A new football stadium and fields plus a 4-field Soccer program are scheduled. Mr. Thornton will be able to tell us about budgetary problems, cutback of services, and if any new parks planned for our area. The newest park in Lutz is the Dog Park at Carolyn Meeker Park at U.S. 41 N. and Lutz Lake Fern Rd. President Steve Polzin will present new building projects in Lutz and rezoning in the works right now. Come learn what's happening in your community. Also, we will be taking nomination for LCA Board Members.

Come to our meeting on **Thursday, April 17th at 7 p.m.** ☐

Learning Gate Brings Home the Community Design Awards

On Thursday, April 3, **LEARNING GATE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER SCHOOL** took center stage to collect two design awards in the 26th Annual Hillsborough County's Community Design Awards competition. The Lutz Civic Association had nominated the school in two categories and they were successful in both. They earned an **Award of Outstanding Contribution to the Community** in the Environmental category. Principal Patti Girard is seen in the photo extolling the virtues of Learning Gate to Emcee Bob Hite as she cradles the award trophy. Principal Girard and the strong contingent of Learning Gate staff wowed the audience with their passion and commitment.



Learning Gate also won an **Award of Excellence for Historic Preservation** for their successful restoration of the historic Lutz log cabin moved to the learning gate site and now housing their library and meeting room. Congratulations to the Learning Gate staff, students, and boosters on their continued success and ongoing contribution to the community. You can learn more about learning gate at <http://www.learninggate.org/news.html>. ->

Hot Community News

Learning Gate Awards



Restored Lutz Log Cabin



Learning Gate Delegation

PAINT THE TOWN IN LUTZ SATURDAY APRIL 19th

Every year, the Lutz Community Council and the Sheriff's Department, volunteers will be sprucing up the yard and painting the house at 101 Second Ave S.E. the home of Lyn Shipman. Clean up begins at 8am... bring your own tools (paint rollers, etc.) and yard tools. If you'd like to help, even for an hour... Call Auralee Buckingham 949-7481.

Lutz Relay For Life In Train Depot Park Friday, April 25th, 6 pm - Noon April 26th

This will be the 3rd Annual Relay- an 18 hour WALK-A-THON for Lutz and we will have more teams this year. Relay for life is a community gathering where everyone can participate in the fight against Cancer. Eighteen teams will be walking with some members camping out and spending the night. Five Lutz Schools are participating. There will be food booths so come on down, walk some laps, and enjoy supper. Or try a pancake breakfast from 7 am to 9 am Saturday morning. There will be continuous music-games for the kids and a good time for all. One big Lutz Celebration.

Survivors and caretakers are invited to do the first lap at 6 pm after which they are treated to a FREE dinner in a Community Center catered by the Olive Garden. Luminaries to honor a survivor-or someone who lost to Cancer can be purchased (donation) all evening up to 9 pm when all the lighted candles will surround the Park during the ceremony.

One in three Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life gives everyone the opportunity to fight back and make a difference in the battle against cancer.

Join the Civic Association team and help raise money for the American Cancer Society. Start writing your own donation to Lutz Relay For Life. For more information, call Auralee Buckingham 949-7481.

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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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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
- 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

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