

LUTZ CIVIC REVIEW

Monthly Newsletter of the Lutz Civic Association (LCA).

FCAT Now Stands for "Future Classroom Addition Timeline?"

Find out about those new classrooms planned for Lutz

By Steve Polzin, President, LCA

Do you know what's happening in our area schools? Learn more at the next Lutz Civic Association meeting on March 15th.

The general membership meeting of the Lutz Civic Association will host several School Administrators from the area who will discuss new and/or expanded schools serving the Lutz community. There are plans to expand several public schools that serve Lutz including Maniscalco and Lutz Elementary. David Borisenko with the Hillsborough County Public Schools will share their plans and timetables with us.

Also, included will be Berean Academy, which will open this fall along Highway 41 south of Sunset; Kiddie Campus, which is building a new facility also on Highway 41; and Learning Gate School on Hanna Road, which will be expanding.

This meeting will be at the Lutz Community Center on Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m., Lutz Community Center, 98 1st Avenue Northwest, near the Library at US 41 and Lutz Lake Fern Road.

The public is encouraged to attend. q

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Welcome New LCA Board Member Gary Williams

The LCA Board has moved to fill one of two vacant seats with the appointment of Gary Williams to the seat. Gary will begin serving immediately but is subject to election for a two year term by the general membership in the upcoming Board elections at our May general meeting. Mr. Williams brings a wealth of experience and perspective to the LCA Board. He is the Branch Manager of the Bay Cities Bank in Lutz, is a leader in the local Chamber and the Rotary and has a keen insight into community and small business concerns in the Lutz community. You may have met Gary in the Relay for Life or other local events.

Plan to welcome Mr. Williams at the March meeting and don't be afraid to share your questions, ideas, and concerns with him or other LCA board members. q

Not too late to be a 2007 Guv'na candidate. Check out the competition on Page 3. Join the fun for a life-long memory of fun and service.

Hot Community News

Reported by Auralee Buckingham, Director, LCA

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FOR LUTZ RELAY FOR LIFE. An American Cancer Society Bunco Party will be held Sunday, March 18th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lutz Community Center. This event is sponsored by the GFWC Lutz-Land 'O Lakes Woman's Club.

There will be great door prizes, delectable gourmet desserts and drinks. Just \$10 per person—what an easy and fun way to contribute to the fight against cancer.

Invite your best friend, daughter, neighbor—you get the idea. We'll teach you how to play on the spot. No experience necessary. To reserve your place or a table of four, call Auralee Buckingham at 949-7481.

Auralee is chairperson of the Lutz Relay for Life 18-hour walk-a-thon to be held in the Lutz Train Depot Park on Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th.



EIGHTH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT. It's all about the kids—toddlers to 8-years-old. This free event will be complete with not only an egg hunt, but games, too, at Lutz Nature Park (off of Lutz Lake Fern Rd. on the S.W.

corner of Oscar Cooler Park) on Saturday, March 31st at 10:30 a.m.

Lutz children are invited to come hunt for candy-filled plastic eggs and enjoy coloring real hard-boiled eggs in the picnic shelters. Games will be going on and a six-foot Easter bunny will be strolling the park, taking pictures of the egg hunters. Be sure to arm your children with their Easter baskets.

Hot dogs and drinks will be available for just \$1 each.

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

SPECIAL EVENT FOR SPECIAL KIDS. An arts festival will be held Tuesday, March 27th at Nye Park Recreational Center on Sunset Lane from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.

The Center will be brimming with over 150 special needs preschoolers (many in wheelchairs), their teachers and chaperones.

The preschoolers will be treated to lunch and enjoy photo opportunities in costumes.

Featuring a petting zoo, crafts, games and a close look at the Lutz Volunteer Fire Truck, this event is sponsored by the GFWC Lutz-Land 'O Lakes Woman's Club.

If you would like to spend a rewarding morning bringing joy and happiness to these children as a volunteer, contact 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 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

March 15 - School Expansion
May 17 - Guv'na Candidates, Elections
June 14 - 4th of July Planning
August 16 - Guv'na fund distributions
September 20 - Transportation/Land Use
October 18 - Lutz business fair
November 15 - TBD, year end social

Other Scheduled Events

March 31, 2007 - Easter egg hunt
April 13-14, Relay for Life
May 6th - Guv'na kick-off event
June 2, Flea Market
July 4 - Guv'na swearing in, parade
November 10 - Market in the Park
Dec 11 - Christmas in the Park

Three Candidates Vow to Fight for the right to be called Guv'na

By Eleanor Cecil

Political campaigns continue to run into each other in the Tampa area. As the campaigns for political positions ended in November, the race for Tampa city officials heated up. And, now that campaign is winding down, the race for Lutz Guv'na has begun. So far, three candidates have thrown their hats into the proverbial ring.

Annie Fernandez, who was born and raised in Lutz, now wants to take over the Lutz community governance. Annie is being sponsored by the GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club where she is second vice president. She is also an advisor of the Woman's Club juniorettes and she has volunteered at Tampa General Hospital and Lake Magdalene School.

Another candidate is Michele Northrup, a staff member of Learning Gate School where she handles public relations and fundraising. She is a strong supporter of the Lutz community and some may think she has an

unfair advantage because she has three nine-year-old boys—twins and a singleton—who will be begging money for their mom. (Just kidding.)

Competing against Annie and Michele will be Nancy Rehling from Nancy's Good Food located in the Forest Brooke mall on Highway 41. A transplant from Michigan, Nancy has lived in the area since 1992. In the past, she worked as a general manager of radio stations although her most recent stint was working for a community newspaper that included the Lutz Community News, The Laker and the Temple Terrace Beacon.

As all old timers know, the Guv'na race is an annual event that is meant to be a lot of fun and encourage good relations in the community. The money raised through the events hosted by the candidates goes to non-profit groups in the Lutz community. □

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Don't Forget to Renew Your Lutz Civic Association Membership

Don't forget to renew your Lutz Civic Association Membership for calendar year 2007.

Your membership dues provide a real value to you and your community (see benefits in the insert).

Complete the membership renewal form contained within this newsletter 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!

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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