



Camphor Heights Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Our Mission "Promote community through neighborly interaction".

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Hi neighbor!



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Hope this finds everyone well.

Our meeting in March went very well. A couple of new neighbors came by to check it out! We chatted about regular stuff, mostly the Movies in the Park. Take a moment and read the minutes from the meeting.

Also, we are still looking to turn our neighborhood association into a 501 c3 a non-profit organization. If anyone has any information or can assist, please let us know. I've talked with the city and they are going to assist us to get us to Non-profit. This will allow us to take tax deductible donations to put toward our neighborhood events and projects. Our big event, Movies in the park can use the money for additional movie dates!

We are always looking for new volunteers, block captains or event coordinators. If you are interested in being involved, let us know.

Thanks,

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The Movies in the Park on February 26th, was another one for the books! Everyone that came enjoyed Godzilla vs. Kong. There were teams; Team Godzilla or Team Kong!

This event is sponsored by the city through a grant which allows it to be a FREE event. This is for our neighborhood. If you support this type of event, let us know. The Seriously Fun Committee handles this event.



Movies in the Park



Great night for a movie!



Popcorn and snacks for sale!



Selling girl scout cookies!

**A good neighbor is a fellow who smiles at you over the back fence,
but doesn't climb over it.**

Arthur Baer

Our Neighbors

Properties and their owners

Our first highlighted property is owned by Mrs. Donna Miller, one of the original property owners in our neighborhood. In October 1952, she and her late husband, Jim chose the lot on Camphor and decided on a floor plan, a 2 bedroom, 1 bath with a carport. "Camphor Drive was still a dirt road," she said, "All of the properties had orange trees, as this area was all orange groves." There were new homes on each side of them, so the lots were being improved. But this little house didn't stay little. To increase space for the growing family, the Millers added on the family room, additional bedroom, enclosed the carport, added the breakfast nook and eventually added a pool oasis in the back. It is a beautiful home and Mrs. Donna still lives there.

Life then was during a simpler time according to Mrs. Donna. A retired French teacher, she shared, "All of the neighborhood kids went to Dixieland Elementary. They all played together and the parents watched everyone's kids." It's still a great neighborhood! *Look for our next highlighted home and home owner in the next edition of the newsletter!*



1619 Camphor Drive

Seriously Fun Committee

These are the events we have planned for our neighborhood for this year!



- Aug 2: **Puppy Parade** down Camphor to the park for National Night Out
- Oct 22: **3K Zombie Crawl!** Our first Run/walk! Small registration fee and see all of the Halloween décor!
- Nov 12: Another **Movie in the Park**
- Dec 17: **"Lights along Camphor"** neighborhood walk about!

If you would like to be involved, please let us know!!

Tell us what you think! Email;

seriouslyfun.19@gmail.com.

Wanted

Are you looking for a way to be involved? We have some volunteer positions that are available.

- ◊ **Block Captain** - liaison for your block
- ◊ **Association Secretary** - responsible for meetings
- ◊ **Association Treasurer** - responsible for our finances
- ◊ **Green Committee Chair** - responsible for earth friendly events
- ◊ **Camphor Tree Committee** - join the group to protect the Camphor trees
- ◊ **Seriously Fun Committee** - join the fun

If interested, email chna1917@gmail.com



Ann's Corner

By Ann Nejedly

It's spring, and there is a lot to do. First, I work to get all the weeds out of my flower beds. The clover really likes the cooler weather, so they get bigger and are easier to dig out. Then once all of the weeds and dead stuff is cleared, then I'm ready fertilize. Black Cow is a good manure you can add. Then plant away! Start with replacements, or try something new!!

This year, because of the weather, everything is blooming earlier. I think our cold weather is over by now, though. My Amaryllis Lily's are blooming, so I really went to work. I wanted to divide them, but they were blooming and it's not good for a plant to be divided when its blooming. I worked on some of my other flower beds and divided some of the other plants before they bloomed. That allows me to spread plants around the garden.

For some of us, there are a lot of oak leaves that fall and I like to use them in place of mulch. It saves money, and the leaves act as a natural mulch and it helps enrich the soil as they breakdown. Now is also a good time to clean up those potted plants. Add new potting soil after clearing out the old, dead plants. Once your pots are prepped, you can add your colorful annuals and even vegetables. Don't forget to water!!

Plant On!

Ann

Amaryllis belladonna



Advisory Board Meeting notes

CHNA meeting on March 14, 2022 6:30pm at a pavilion at Dobbins Park.

Meeting lead by Lee Robinson

In attendance; Jim & Ann Nejedly, Danny Cox, Frankie Martin, Kelly, Carol and Patrick Driskell, Mike Matlick, Daniel Long

Refreshments provided by Mrs. Donna Miller of Camphor Drive.

Community Crime - Angie Ellis LPD

- There were a couple of veh break-ins. One on Queen and one on Beacon. Another gentle reminder to remove all personal belongings and lock your vehicle.

CHNA Business

- Currently, we are still working on the 501 c3 non profit status for our neighborhood association. Lee has a meeting with Jonathan at the city the week of Spring break to discuss the neighborhood and assistance with the 501.

Neighborhood Business

- Fun Committee update;
 - We have spent our grant money on movies in the park.
 - Godzilla vs Kong had an ok turn out. About 50 people. We made about 45\$ from concessions.
 - We plan to apply for the grant in Oct and plan a Nov and Feb movies.
 - August is National Night Out-Puppy parade
 - Also planning a Christmas holiday walk about, including carolers, and neighbors offering hot chocolate to other neighbors!
- Want to start a Camphor Tree committee. They would be responsible for info on the trees and No new business

Adjourn

Next Neighborhood Advisory Board meeting

May 9, 2022 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Dobbins Park

We will be in one of the Pavilions, closer to the school.

Look for our yellow meeting signs!

Agenda

501 c3

Committee updates





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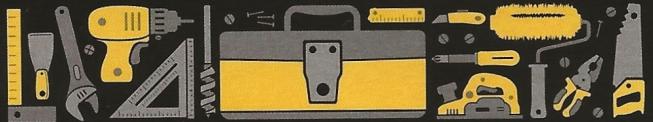
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If it doesn't fit in the can, you may need to call for a special pick up.

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Call and confirm if you need to make a request.
If so, give them the necessary info and they will come and get it!



Lakeland PD

- ◊ Remove personal items from your vehicle and lock it at night.
- ◊ Report any suspicious activity
- ◊ Join our Neighborhood Watch

Non-emergency **863-834-6900**

Our Business Sponsors



Rebates!

1) Here is a link for some Energy Rebates through our Electric Company that might benefit you! You can either access it online or call for more information!

<https://lakelandelectric.com/customers/save-energy/rebates>

2) This link is for a water conservation program from the city to replace old large per flush toilets.

<http://www.lakelandgov.net/conservation>



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