

# Community Newsletter

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## From Our Community President

Hello Lake Whippoorwill Hart Residents!

On behalf of the officers and directors of our community association, I would like to wish you a prosperous new year! We are fortunate to live in one of Orange County’s unique rural settlements. I truly appreciate the support of each one of you over the past 15 months as we have worked together to maintain the rural character of our neighborhood. As the Narcoossee corridor continues to develop, I hope that you will stay involved so that we can continue to protect our beautiful surroundings.

Your officers and directors are working together to ensure the safety of our community. You will find a list of best practices in this newsletter that we encourage you to implement. Safety always starts on an individual level: If you see something, say something. Please get to know your neighbors, and report strangers to the Orange County Sheriff’s non-emergency line: 407-836-4357. Program this number into your phone so that you will have it readily available.

Our association’s Spring Picnic is a great way to get to know your neighbors. The date will be announced soon! Your association dues are used to host the spring picnic and holiday cookout. You can pay Shayna Reich or bring the dues to the spring picnic. We will be on the lookout for that request.

Let’s join together to make this a great place to thrive. Look out for each other and continue to foster relationships with your neighbors. I would love to hear from you: how can we serve you to improve our community? My email address is [carolinemrandall@gmail.com](mailto:carolinemrandall@gmail.com) and my phone number is 321-202-7027.

Best wishes,  
 Caroline Randall  
 President, LWHCA

OFFICERS	DIRECTORS	
President Caroline Randall	Dan Canty	Lloyd Murray
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*Annual Dues Are Due*

**WHIPPOORWILL-HART COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

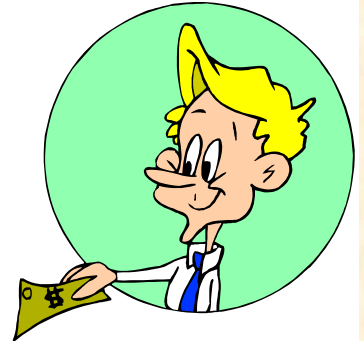
Many **THANKS** to those of you who paid your 2015-2016 Dues.

**Why should I send in \$20 Membership dues?**

**Here's what your \$20 provides:**

- We publish a wonderful community directory.
- We send you flyers to inform you of special events.
- We send newsletters to keep you informed.
- We hold terrific (FREE) community social events.

Your Board works for free. A smile or a pat on the back works great – but printing, stamps and events all come with a price. Please support your Community Association.



***Annual Membership dues are \$20.00 per household due April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017***

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***April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017***

Please remit this portion with your \$20.00 (cash or check) membership dues.

*Please Print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email addresses will be use for Association notifications and mailings only. We will not sell, lend, barter, give or trade your personal information.

With postage rates increasing, emailing will save the Association money.

**Make checks payable to:**

**Whipoorwill-Hart Community Association**

**and send to:**

**Shayna Reich, 12121 Kirby Smith Road, Orlando, FL 32832**

## *Neighborhood News*

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### WHCA DUES

Each year about this time, we collect dues for the association. As you probably know, this is a voluntary membership. when you pay the \$20 annual fee, you become a member – not changed in over 20 years. But for some unknown reason, our membership has decreased each year for the past 4 years.

From your dues, we pay for the directory, several newsletters, and 2 or 3 events (picnics) during the year. The spring BBQ alone is worth the \$20 if you bring your family.

We also find your lost pets and donate money to several local charities. Your association directors volunteer their time (and money) to keep this organization going.

Please support us with your check made out to the Whippoorwill Hart Community Association and send it to:

Shayna Reich, 12121 Kirby Smith Road, Orlando FL, 32832

PLEASE, PLEASE, we need your participation!

### Annual Spring Picnic

Hot dogs, hamburgers and pulled pork will be provided and we're asking residents to bring their preferred "adult" beverages, side dishes and desserts. Tea and Lemonade will be provided. You will be sent a link to "SignUpGenius" to indicate an RSVP for the picnic, how many in your party, and what you will bring.

We piloted this sign up method about a year ago and the response has been good. We would like an even better response for the Spring Picnic. The purpose is to make sure we enough food and have a somewhat balanced menu. Look for more information via email about the event and how to sign up.

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### HEALTH ALERT

by Linda Hennig, RN

Just a reminder that the Seasonal Flu and the Common Cold increase during the winter months. Take precautions to protect yourself and your family. Each year **thousands of people in the United States die from flu**, and many more are hospitalized. Even mild cases can cause discomfort and loss of work or school for 1-2 weeks.

### WASH HANDS, WASH HANDS, WASH HANDS, WASH HANDS

Keep hand sanitizer handy for use as needed. Keep fingers away from mouth! Don't put pencils or other objects in mouth

### SEASONAL FLU

Flu seasons are unpredictable. The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older. Flu viruses are constantly changing so it's not unusual for new flu virus strains to appear each year. The timing of flu is very unpredictable and can vary from season to season. Flu activity most commonly peaks in the U.S. in January or February. However, activity can begin as early as October and continue to occur as late as May. Ask your healthcare provider if you are a candidate to receive Flu Vaccination. Flu Vaccine is formulated for this year's viruses and are now available. See <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flu.html>

**THERE IS NO LIVE FLU VIRUS IN FLU SHOTS. THEY CANNOT CAUSE THE FLU (however, you could be exposed to a flu strain different from the one in the vaccine)**

The nasal-spray flu vaccine is a vaccine made with live, weakened flu viruses (LAIV) approved for use in healthy people 2 through 49 years of age who are not pregnant. See <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flulive.html>

If you are planning to travel, obtain vaccine 2 weeks before departing. If you have flu symptoms, **STAY AWAY FROM OTHERS** to avoid spreading. The most common side effects from the flu vaccine include a mild sore arm and/or low grade fever, which generally go away within a few days. The benefits typically outweigh the risks.

The flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense. Colds are usually milder than the flu and people with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose.

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More information can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

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### Everyday Guidelines for Crime Watch

1. Be observant. Keep watch on neighbor's homes and report suspicious activities to police and neighbors.
2. Write down and report to the Police the license numbers and description of suspicious looking persons and vehicles in the neighborhood.
3. Educate your children in Crime Prevention and instill respect for the Police.
4. Do not try to make arrests. Being a good witness is more important. Get all necessary information and phone your police department, non-emergency 311.

Since we have started the Neighborhood Watch program, some have asked, "What do I do?" Here are some basics of how to respond when you see something:

- If you think it's a life threatening situation, call 911
- In a non-emergency situation, call the OCSO non-emergency number (407) 836-4357 (HELP)
- Don't chase the suspect.
- Note as many details as possible: car make, model and color and any descriptive details about the suspect.
- Basic Crime prevention:
- See something – say something!
- Make a police report (non-emergency number – 407 – 836-7350) – 2nd page directory
- Lock your doors and windows
- Don't leave garage door openers, valuables, guns, or keys in your car.
- Be alert to people around you in public places, particularly at night. Guard your purse.
- Use your car key alarm as a means to scare off a possible threat.
- Be aware of your surroundings, if something does not look right or feel right remove yourself from the situation.
- Strength in numbers/ do not walk or exercise alone, carry a fully charged cell phone.
- Light up your house/ have lights come on with motion/ Bad guys do not like to be seen.
- A can of wasp spray is a great substitute for mace
- Know your neighbors

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## *Neighborhood News*

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### ONLY WEEKS UNTIL THE ANNUAL PICNIC

Board members will be soliciting items for the raffle from local businesses. Community association members are also invited to donate an item. Each year Board members request gift cards, art work, gift baskets, etc. from individuals and local businesses to raffle off to our members attending the Cookout. This could be a gift card, a useful new household item, personal care items, gift baskets, handmade craft items, event tickets, etc. If you can donate an item for our raffle or secure something from a company with whom you do business, we will be most appreciative.

All donations are appreciated and it increases interest and purchase of raffle tickets. Proceeds go toward payment of food and other association expenses. At the Cookout, we make sure the attendees know who donated each gift.

If you have something to donate, please drop items off at Linda Hennig 's (12012 Betty Ann Drive). If unable to do so, contact Linda to arrange for her to pick the item up, or email Linda at [lmhennig@cs.com](mailto:lmhennig@cs.com) or call at 407-325-8295. **Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the Picnic.**

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### *Lost pets*

We find lost dogs in the neighborhood frequently . Usually they belong to someone

in the rural settlement. It is extremely helpful when the dog has a tag with a phone number. Pet owners should have a collar with phone on their dogs – it makes life a whole lot easier when they are found. When they don't have an ID, and they are not one of the normal "wanderers" (that we know) – it takes a lot of time and energy to find their owner. **PLEASE TAG YOUR DOG!**

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### *Lake Whippoorwill Treatment*

The Orange County Environmental Protection Division assesses lakes on a regular basis to determine what treatment is needed to control exotic vegetation. If they are treating, they will put a notification on your dock. If you have any questions regarding the treatment of Lake Whippoorwill, please contact the Orange County EPD at (407)836-1400 or email [orangetogreen@ocfl.net](mailto:orangetogreen@ocfl.net) or you can go to our website at WHCA.biz

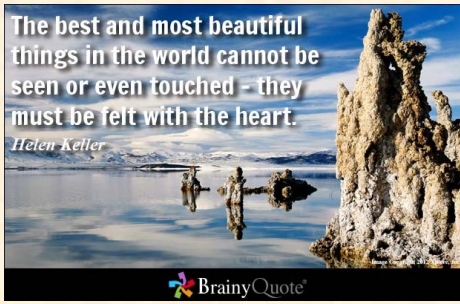
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### *Classified Ads*

Yes, our website now has a “Classified” section. Just email us at [LMTWA@hotmail.com](mailto:LMTWA@hotmail.com) and we will add your item.

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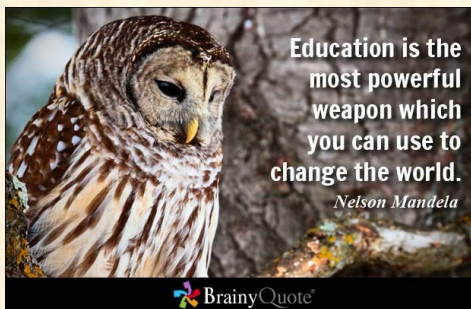


### Support Your Community

There are many times we ask you to attend the meetings that the county holds regarding our area. We know it's time-consuming and sometimes unrewarding, but if we want to stay on top of what developers are trying to do to our area, we must stay involved. Thank you to all those who have helped nurture and protect our community.

As you are no doubt aware, there are a multitude of attempts to change the zoning in our rural settlement. And while it sometimes seems that no one is listening to us, we have made a difference and your presence at these meetings continues to be important. The frustrating part is knowing when these meetings take place. It's like a continually moving target. Meetings are scheduled and then cancelled at the last minute. Suddenly, we discover the meeting was rescheduled and no one knew about it, as occurred with the Tyson corner project last November.

Any time you see a scheduled meeting posted that is relevant to the rural settlement, and you haven't seen an email or mailer about it, please contact Kathy Parsons ([kparsons1214@gmail.com](mailto:kparsons1214@gmail.com)) and an email alert will be sent out.



### What's New Out There?

If you have news to share, a favorite menu or an important announcement that you would like the neighborhood to know about in the next newsletter, send your information to Rhonda Herndon-Frick at [reh53@live.com](mailto:reh53@live.com).

### Animal Rescue

Because of the rural nature of our area, we do get occasional calls for injured critters from time to time.

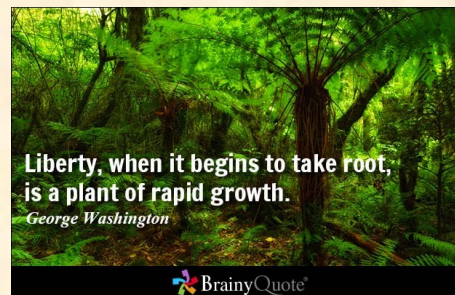
At the front of the directory lists several options. For small animals, call Sam Richmond (Betty Ann Drive) 407-282-8529. There are several other listings for birds of prey and larger animals.



### Reminder — Community Mailing List

We have worked hard getting an updated email list for our neighborhood together. Remember, if you have changed or need to add your email address to the mailing list, please send an email to Lloyd Murray at [LMTWA@hotmail.com](mailto:LMTWA@hotmail.com).

We will not sell, lend, barter, give or trade your personal information. (AND it can save us a bundle!)



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