



# ***LAKE ST. CHARLES NEWSLETTER***

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### **Chairman's Corner:**

This is our shortest month of the year, but the District is not short on things to do. The LSC staff and your CDD Supervisors have been working hard to get the Clubhouse Pool resurfaced as mandated by Hillsborough County Health Department. We knew the pool needed to be resurfaced, but we thought we had a couple of years. The county had a different idea. Our goal is to keep our pool safe and have it ready for business by April. The main pool, kiddie pool and spa are having new equipment installed to keep the chemicals automatically maintained at all times to the appropriate levels. This should cut down on the maintenance required and extend the life of the resurfacing efforts. Unfortunately, we had to cut the children's water feature from our plans, due to the costs involved. It would have added around \$20,000 dollars to add a water feature. After careful consideration, the board decided that those funds would be better used for other future district needs.

There seems to be some activity with the Boys & Girls Club construction at the Resurrection Catholic Church property. We will do some research and let you know the status via the lakestcharles.org website. If you haven't noticed, we have added two streetlights at the end of Colonial Lake Drive to illuminate the parking area. Hopefully, these additional lights will convince the folks that have used this previous dark area for illegal activities, to go some other place to hang out.

A special thanks to our staff for getting the brick wall repaired at the directory. The process was smooth and quick. One of my neighbors didn't even know it was knocked down.

Our LSC Memorial Plaza is open for business. If you have a loved one or someone you would like to memorialize, stop by and see our Clubhouse Manager. The cost is \$27.06 for a small brick and \$42.12 for a large brick. Come over and take a look at the plaza when you get a chance. It turned out very nice!

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### **CDD Board of Supervisors**

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**CDD Meeting February 1st 7:00 pm**  
**HOA Meeting February 7th 6:30 pm**

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One last news fact, the board attended a Florida Association Special District seminar on contracting and procurement on January 27th in Manatee County. This training is part of the Certified District Officer Program and makes us more knowledgeable supervisors for our district.

Happy Valentine's Day to all our LSC Residents and their Families!

Dave Nelson, LSC CDD Vice Chairman



## Property Manager's Report

As many of you are aware, we will be renovating the main pool in the near future so look to the official website [www.lakestcharles.org](http://www.lakestcharles.org) for updates to the commencement and expected facility closure dates. As construction moves forward, this will be the official means of notification as to updates and closures of the pool facilities.

On another topic, you probably noticed the new street lights at the intersection of Lake St. Charles Blvd. and Colonial Lake Drive. They have greatly enhanced night visibility at this busy intersection. You may not know that recently two new street lights at the park cul de sac on Colonial Lake Drive were installed. They also have increased night time visibility and nearby neighbors welcomed the addition.

Please see the article "Green Times Winterizing" on the community website for winter plant care and freeze damaged plant care.

Mark Cooper, Property Manager

## Monthly Meet and Greet

January was our first "Meet and Greet" at the clubhouse and based on the attendance, it's apparent we didn't get the word out as well as we wanted to. So, we'll try again! Please come join us at the clubhouse on Tuesday, February 8th from 10 am until noon for a "Meet and Greet" with your neighbors. We appreciated those who attended last month and we welcome you and your neighbors to our February event. Come on out!



Mike and Pat Burns, Jamestown



## Pool Monitor Applications Being Accepted

We are starting our 2011 pool season Pool Monitor drive this month. We need this time to complete the background and fingerprinting checks for each applicant. If you are interested, please come by the clubhouse and pick up an application, or you can always go to [lakestcharles.org](http://lakestcharles.org) (under Community Forms) in the Library section and download an application. This position is **part-time seasonal only**. The pay scale is \$9.00 per hour and will entail some week-ends and evening hours. You must be 21 or over to be considered for this position.

## From the Clubhouse



Why not buy a brick for your sweetie for Valentines Day? Our **Memorial Plaza** still has choice spots available for purchase. Remember a 4"x 8" brick is only \$27.06 and a 8" x 8" brick is \$42.12. You can have any sentiment you wish engraved on your brick.

I'm seeing a lot of residents coming in to the clubhouse saying that their Access Cards have been lost, etc., and being surprised when I tell them that the replacement cost is \$15.00. Each resident over the age of 12 was issued one card free of charge, and any subsequent cards will cost the resident \$15.00. The same amount is charged for a Guest Pass, but when you return the card, your monies are returned to you.

I've been asked by our Off-Duty Sheriffs to remind everyone that their phone is checked for messages **only when they are on duty**. If you see something suspicious, or have a concern, they urge you to call the non-emergency number which is **247-8200** instead of leaving a message for them.

Also, don't forget about the book swap and lost and found at the clubhouse!

Toni-Marie Davis, Clubhouse Manager



## Off-Duty Sheriff's Report

Hello Residents!

The following is the activity for the Sheriff's for Lake St. Charles for the time period of December 16th, 2010 through January 15th, 2011. Thankfully, it's been quite an unremarkable time period again. Again, no part 1 crimes were reported in this community and there were no major incidents of concern.

Traffic Stops	13	Trespass Warnings	4
Part 1 Crimes	0	Dispatched Calls	0

As always, keep your garage doors closed and windows locked.

Sergeant Donald K. Bowling, Off-Duty Coordinator



## Volunteer Patrol Group

The door to door phase of our vehicle ID Crime Prevention is underway. If you have not been contacted and wish to receive an ID sticker, please notify me at 813-741-0413 or contact the clubhouse. Remember, this is a voluntary program designed to assist the Off-Duty deputies, your neighbors and our patrols in monitoring any unauthorized vehicles or use of Lake St. Charles facilities. If you have received your sticker, please place it in your vehicles on the inside the right front windshield. Should you change your vehicle please contact us so we can void the issued sticker and provide you with a new one. If you are moving out of Lake St. Charles, please contact us so we can void your sticker. As we enter our new year, it would be great if we can increase the number of volunteers on our neighborhood watch program. Remember, you can schedule your own day and patrol hours. You can do your patrols on foot, bike or car. The more volunteers we have means more patrols and crime prevention coverage. If you can join you can join your neighbors at the February 8th "Meet and Greet" at 10:00 am at the clubhouse I will be happy to discuss all the details about the patrol and answer any questions. If not, please contact me (Jim Simon at 741-0413) or the clubhouse to learn more about joining us.

Jim Simon, Coordinator



## Hillsborough County School District

Back in December of 2005, the School District of Hillsborough County (SDHC) changed school boundaries to prepare for the opening of Spoto High School. At that time, Lake St. Charles was moved from Riverview Elementary-Rodgers Middle-Riverview High School to Riverview Elementary-Giunta Middle and Spoto High School. The boundary change met no criticism, and was approved. Now that Giunta and Spoto schools have a few years of data behind them, such as letter grades, FCAT scores, graduation rates, etc., LSC residents find prospective home buyers are faster to cross LSC off their list, citing these school assignments.

In light of the soft real estate market, school boundaries are an issue that affects all residents, even those without children, as it impacts property values. Several villages have expressed interest in researching the possibility of SDHC returning our neighborhood to our previous schools. If you are interested in this issue, please contact Supervisor Christine Robbins for more information at [CRobbinsUF@gmail.com](mailto:CRobbinsUF@gmail.com) or 672-0932.

Christine Robbins, Supervisor

