



# Glenlake

Glenlake Property Owners Assoc. Inc. April 2017

## Newsletter

From the Editor

**“Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is.”  
Jessica Harrelson**

### **Community Picnic Follow-Up:**

Thanks to Raymonde Duckworth for organizing and hosting our neighborhood picnic in the park on 23 April. The weather cooperated! We had great participation (approximately 37), tons of delicious food and drink, and an opportunity to relax and enjoy being together. Connecting socially brings us together as neighbors and friends for the betterment of our community, so thanks to everyone who came. For those who couldn't make it, you missed a really nice event, and we hope to see you next time.

Mark your calendars now for the fall bonfire; tentatively planned for some time in October.

### **Grounds:**

Some owners have expressed dissatisfaction with the current state of our landscaping in the common areas (grass, weeds, plants, etc.). Rest assured that these issues are being addressed with the landscaper and options are being considered.

The front entryway island still remains too wet. Consideration is being given to changing the sprinkler heads to reduce water flow in that area.

**Diseased Red Bay Trees:** I'm sure you've all heard about the diseased Red Bay trees throughout Bluewater Bay and the expense, uncertainty, and confusion about how to take them down and dispose of them without spreading the beetles and their eggs that destroy the trees. There is conflicting information from the Forestry Service and other entities about how these dead trees have to be taken down and disposed of to prevent spreading the beetles. The Forestry Service states the trees do not have to be burned in order to stop the beetle, which is carrying the pathogen that kills the trees; but that the wood should be chipped and left lying (covered with a tarp and perhaps chemicals) for at least two weeks so that the built up heat from the decomposition will

kill the disease. Apparently, the beetles are chopped and/or dispersed by the chipping system and do not recolonize, which eliminates them.

Other entities, however, state that the trees have to be removed and burned after taking them down. Finding a company with access to a sufficient burn pit has proved challenging and expensive. While the Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) is working on the dead tree removal problem and is currently looking for a burn site, it is unknown at this time which method of removal they will choose for the affected trees in the common areas of Bluewater Bay. The decision was made by our Board of Directors to wait to see what the MSBU does. There should be more information after their next scheduled meetings—11 April and 9 May.

### **Waste Management:**

Please remember to remove your trash cans (the big green trash containers) from street-side and put them out of sight, either in your garage or in some other enclosure, as soon as possible after Waste Management pick-ups. Your attention to this will be greatly appreciated by your neighbors as it ensures a neater/cleaner look for our neighborhood.

### **Crime Stoppers (Reminder):**

Over the past couple of months, there has been a rash of vandalism, pranks, and vehicle break-ins in our neighborhood as well as throughout Bluewater Bay. These acts have been reported to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's office by numerous residents. Please call the sheriff's office at 651-7400 if you are a victim of, or witness to, anything that gives you reason to believe that something suspicious is occurring in the Glenlake neighborhood. It's the best way to keep law enforcement aware of the on-going problem with these recurring incidents and put a stop to this non-sense. Suggest you put this phone number in your cell phone contact list.

### **Landscape or Structure Changes (Reminder):**

Please remember to submit an **Architectural Change form** if you plan to change ("add to" or take away from") your home. This includes the exterior, driveways, fences, and trees, shrubs and lawns. The Glenlake By-Laws require it as a means to preserve the overall, excellent appearance of our neighborhood. This, in turn, helps keep property values up. The architectural Change form is available at website: [www.glenlakehoa.com](http://www.glenlakehoa.com). Often these forms can be completely processed via email with the completed form and any necessary drawings as attachments. The approved forms are provided to the Association Manager, Laura Landsberger, for inclusion in the Glenlake POA records. The Architectural Review form is not required if you are re-roofing or re-painting your home in the same color, or re-sodding your lawn.

### **Pets:**

Your neighbors kindly request that all who walk their dogs please carry bags to clean up during/after the walk and that the dogs be kept on a leash at all times they are outside of the owner's property. This is in accordance with \*Okaloosa County Leash Laws, which state: "It is a violation of **Okaloosa County** Animal Ordinance Chapter 5.1.3, which states, "No animal shall be permitted or allowed to be at large." The **leash law** is the same for cats and dogs. Cats and dogs cannot be left unattended unless confined to the owner's property by **leash** or fencing mechanism.

(\* [http://okaloosacounty.elaws.us/code/coor\\_apxid304270\\_ch5\\_artii\\_sec5-28](http://okaloosacounty.elaws.us/code/coor_apxid304270_ch5_artii_sec5-28))

### **Parking on the Street:**

Please do not park on the street for extended periods of time; i.e., all day, overnight, or over the weekend. Our street is narrow, and parked cars can be a hazard to children, pets, adults, and drivers—and as always, please drive slowly on Glenlake Circle. Thanks for your consideration.

### **Glenlake Board of Directors:**

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2 Attachments:

1) POA Contact List

2) Florida Forest Service, Leaflet Number 13

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