

# Glenlake

Glenlake Property Owners Assoc. Inc.

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## Newsletter

From the Editor

**We're in a summer state of mind....**

**“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the [lawn mower](#) is broken.”**

**James Dent**

### **Kudos:**

Sincere thanks to Larry Blameuser for painting the eight sign posts in our neighborhood. Larry accomplished this re-paint job in late May improving the aesthetics of the community.

### **Lake and Grounds:**

The lake appears to be “healthy.” Recent surveys done by the “Lake Doctor” contractor indicate that the lake has no problems that need to be addressed at this time.

The amount of water being dispersed by the sprinklers in the front entryway island has been reduced to eliminate over saturation. The magnolia trees in the center are still alive but not thriving. The hope is that less water will enhance their chances of surviving. Their progress is being monitored.

Several lights were recently replaced in the entryway.

This summer our contracted grounds maintenance company, CF Landscaping, neglected the common areas and there have been complaints. In response, a letter was sent to them addressing the issues of weeds in the flower beds, the need for sprinkler maintenance, and other areas of the contract they are not meeting. As a result, they promised to fix the deficiencies and appear to be making progress. This situation will be re-evaluated at the thirty-day point to determine if changes need to be made.

FYI. A number of the shrubs in the park area had been allowed to grow to eight to ten feet, which made trimming extremely difficult. The landscaper has been instructed to

reduce the height of the shrubbery back to five to six feet; a more manageable height. Consequently, some of the shrubbery will look brown and stubby with no leaves on top until they have time to “flush.” Request a little patience while the foliage growth reoccurs. The shrubbery isn’t dying.

### **Diseased Red Bay Trees:**

Our board of Directors contracted with DMV Tree Service (the tree company that the Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) used) to take down and process the red bay trees affected by laurel wilt. About a dozen of the most prominent and unsightly trees will be taken down, chipped into a dumpster, and allowed to ferment to kill the beetles. The board elected not to deal with the thirty or so dead red bay trees in the middle of the green space as they would be too difficult to get to and very expensive to take down. Considerable resources have been expended this year on tree management, and the board is trying to avoid a special assessment.

We continue to see more dead trees on Glenlake Circle. It is estimated that about 90 percent of red bay trees in Florida will die from this epidemic. The blight will eventually run its course regardless of what we do. A tremendous amount of time and effort have been expended on this problem. Your patience is, once again, very much appreciated.

### **Waste Management:**

At the risk of being redundant, please remember to remove your trash cans (the big green trash containers) and your new recycle 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. It ensures a neater/cleaner look for our neighborhood, and all your neighbors will appreciate your effort.

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

Vandalism, burning of the book boxes, vehicle break-ins, etc., continue throughout Bluewater Bay. We are not exempt. If you or your guests park a vehicle on the street or in your driveway, please ensure the doors are locked. Everyone is encouraged to be vigilant and to 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 or elsewhere in Bluewater. 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.

### **Safety:**

Everyone is encouraged to watch out for children on bikes or playing near the street; not only on Glenlake Circle but within all of Bluewater Bay. There have been a few close calls over the summer. The kids sometime forget about traffic and become careless. Drive slowly and help keep these children safe.

On another note, it's important to keep your pets safe as well. One night last week, a pack of four coyotes woke the Klausutis' (1550) at midnight howling and barking in their backyard. According to Carol, in the past they have stayed on the golf course, but lately have been getting bolder and coming up to the house. If you have a cat or small dog with access to a dog door, it might be wise to lock them in at night.

### **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. Thanks for your consideration.

### **Things to Ponder:**

The Glenlake Property Owners' Association **annual meeting** is scheduled for August 25, 2017 at the Bluewater Association Management office, 4400 Highway 20 East, Suite 311 (behind the Merchant's Walk Post Office). Time to be announced.

Please plan to attend and begin thinking about:

- 1) whether you would be interested in joining the board for next year. There will be two vacancies to fill;
- 2) whether you would be interested in serving on one or more of our 'committees'; and
- 3) if you would want to host this year's Christmas party.

Thanks to board members Brian Haugen and Mike Duckworth who provided input for this newsletter.

**Glenlake Board of Directors:**

Rob Bradley, President

Brian Haugen, Treasurer/Financials

Paul Martin, Secretary/Communications

Mike Duckworth, Grounds

Norm Klausutis, Roads

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Association Manager: Laura Landsberger, Bluewater Management Services

**Note:** As a reminder to all and particularly for our newcomers, your Glenlake Property Owners Association website is at: [www.glenlakehoa.com](http://www.glenlakehoa.com). The Glenlake covenants and by-laws, the Architectural Change form, the lake fountain history and policy, names of board members, and newsletters are some of the information available on this site.

Attachment:

POA Contact List

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