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## **New President**

**I would like to introduce myself to you, my name is Bonnie Johnson. I have lived in Lake Wale Estates for 13 years at 5245 Old Homestead Street. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone. I want to hear from you with any ideas you may have on improving our Community and the roads. There are no stupid questions only the one not asked. Please let me know if I can help in any way. I will try to answer your questions and if I do not know the answer I will do my best to find out for you. Just stop by, call or drop me a note if you have a question or concern. I would like to say Thank you to the Board and Officers of the past year for all their help and opportunity to serve as Secretary, also their belief in me and the idea for a newsletter.**

**I look forward to serving you this year of 2009.**

## **OUR DUES**

The dues for Lake Wales Estates Association are \$75.00 per lot for the year. Remember, the dues can be broken down into three equal payments. Just note this on your membership forms. We are more than willing to work with you on this endeavor. Thank you in advance for your support of the community. If you have any questions please call Marian at 863-632-5317.

## **Letter from Sam Bettle**

Lake Wales Estates Association, Inc. exists to improve the quality of life for all residents in Lake Wales Estates and maintain property value in Lake Wales Estates. Modern life is dependent upon having dependable transportation system. In Lake Wales Estates the dependable transportation system is all weather roads. We who live in the Estates know that our transportation is not dependable. The roads are not all weather. When it is wet the roads are not passable. When the roads are very dry the roads become sugar sand and become non passable.

Polk County has a program where the roads can be rebuilt and made into all weather roads. The program requires all cost to be paid for by the lot owners in Lake Wales Estates. All maintenance cost will be the responsibility of the lot owners as well. The initial cost will be paid over ten years. It will take the form of an annual fee attached to your property tax bill.

Driving the dirt roads increase the cost of operating your car. Front ends get knocked out of alignment, c v joints take a beating, and brakes wear out faster. I believe that repair rate for our vehicles would improve with road improvements. I believe that the county fee would be less than the cost of repairing our vehicles.

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Call 537-4117.**



## **Letter from Sam cont.**

The Association has tried to use this program before. We sent out petitions and got back a positive response of about 10%. The Board would like to attempt to do the petition again. The petition process cost the Association about \$600.00 for the previous failed attempt. The Board request that you call or E-mail your opinion to us. You can call me at my home phone 1-863-537-4117. The E-mail address is [lweassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:lweassociation@yahoo.com).

I do not like to pay the mechanic for excessive repairs. A solution is petition the Polk County Government; remember this is not a free lunch.

On November 12, 2008 Fox Channel 13 did an article about the conditions of the roads in Lake Wales Estates. The video is still available for viewing when I wrote this letter. The web site is [myfoxtampabay.com](http://myfoxtampabay.com) enter in search box Lake Wales Estates. Then enjoy the video.

## ***TRASH TALK***

So you want to talk a little trash? In Lake Wales Estates in the year 2008 we collected over 450 tires, 1500 lbs Aluminum cans, bottles, and 250 bags of trash. That is not counting the pieces of fencing, lumber, pipe, and metal that was picked up. You would think by now that the Estates would be one of the cleanest places there is, yet we can go out and start over again. You see people think that the streets are dumping grounds for what ever they what to throw out of their cars or drop on the roads on the way home from school or the store. Go around any corner and you might find a pile of tires or a bag of trash. People seem to think LWE is the place to drop off anything they want to get rid of. Trash is starting to decline in some of the areas, yet in others there is still more every time we go out to clean up. Please try and help clean up on your own block/road or come out for the monthly clean ups. Call 632-5317 for time& dates

## **Cert**

Community Emergency Responce Team

The Lake Wales Estates Cert team has grown to a total of 22 members in the year 2008. We still have room for more to join. When there are enough new people who want to start taking class, we will set them up. Remember this is all our community and it is up to us all to care for it. Call 537-4117 if you would like to join the CERT Team.

## Garden's Class 2

(Cont. of Class 2)

So there you are, looking out over sand and that Florida grass that seems to thrive on nothing. It's an illusion. Not the sand, not the grass, the nothing. You can appreciate the problems of the new president if you want a thriving garden to spring up from an illusion of nothing. How does he create an economy that benefits all of us out of useless greenery, stinkbugs, greedy larvae, and selfish fungus? Good luck to him with his economic decisions. February is coming and if you want a garden it's the president when we decide to begin. We have to start with the infrastructure that will support our new economy/ecology.

I'm going to assume you are not wealthy. Because you're not able to import massive amounts of dirt to replace your sand I recommend starting slow. That doesn't mean you have to settle for small results. Your garden will have to grow little by little. You will have to be selective about what you grow. Lucky for us I can help out with some expenses. I'm going to recommend two crops for your first garden. I just happen to have some seed that is available for free. It's not a bail out plan; they are gifts from my last crop. I have some heirloom watermelon a seed from Iraq that shrugs off our Florida heat and into grows crispy sweet watermelons. I have some excess tomato seeds that will be going into pots soon for transplanting in February. If you live in the Estates you are welcome to what you need as long as the supply lasts.

You ask why watermelon and tomato? Because you don't need to change the infrastructure of an entire garden area immediately. You simply have to dig a hole, mix some organic material, sand, lime and/or wood ash and plant.

When it starts to grow you have to protect it. Your grass harbors all the nasty things I mentioned above. Let's call them "special interest" critters. They have a special interest in destroying your new plants so they can live on gourmet produce. Don't let them! You can stop them by removing the grass and mulching to prevent their return. Mulching does other amazing things. It breaks down over time into humus. Humus is plant food, it holds water. Water holds the nutrients your melons and tomatoes will thrive on. You must Mulch. If you don't you are wasting your time and enriching a foreign location. Don't let what you begin go back to these "special interests".

Here are two inexpensive weapons for use against some stubborn leftovers from your old ecology. Hydrogen peroxide, one ounce of peroxide to one gallon of water fights off destructive funguses. Use it every couple of weeks even if you don't see a fungus appearing. Once a fungus shows up it's harder to kill it than it is to prevent it.

The second thing is a little more expensive. It's called Bacillus Thurengensis. Small amounts of that will prevent the optimists in the larvae community from eating the fruits of your labor.

So there you go. Dig some holes, mix some organic material in, kill some grass, plant some seeds and add some mulch.

Access to some cheap manure and support I can give you without giving up my love of being lazy.

Just give me a call at 537-2257 ask for Paul it's just that easy.

**GOOD LUCK**

## **Lake Wales Estates End of Year Recap**

Another year has come and gone in Lake Wales Estates and we have gone through a lot of change. We spent \$5,191.16 on the roads this year. Like always there are still complaints that the roads are in bad shape. We know that the roads change like the weather, when they're good it's great, when they're bad it is trouble.

We have had a very good year with the children parties. The Easter party was not as big as it once was but we had 28 children plus their parents. The Halloween party was bigger then before, we had 48 children plus parents. The children enjoyed playing games, having a piñata, and candy from all the different people. The Christmas party was the top for the children. Each child received a present, a goody bag filled with all kind of things piñata to break for different age groups and crafts to do. There was 70 children to come to the party and 28 adults. I think that we all had a lot of fun!

Lake Wales Estates has a lot of family going through very difficult times. We need to take the time to remember these families in prayer as we go through are daily business. We in the Association are trying to help out as much as we can. During the holidays we gave out 8 food baskets, clothing and baby items to those we could. We were able to give present to 5 different families that would not have present for their children if we were not able to help. If you know of someone in Lake Wales Estates who has a special need please let Gwen Bettle, call 537-411.

The Estates are in the constant act of cleaning the area. During the month of February or March we will do the Great American Clean-up. We clean the whole estates from one side to the other. We remove all the tire, lumber, metal, furniture, and any other rubbish. We did a Lake clean-up at Lizzy Lake and the pavilion area. There is an on going clean-up in the Estates where we go out every month and clean a different section of the Estates in hopes that we can stay a head of the clean-up game.

In November there was an election of new officers. The new officers are as follows:

President: Bonnie Johnson  
Vice President: Kenneth (Ken) Lott  
Secretary: Sharon Skilling  
Treasure: Marian Parr

The Board of Directors is:

Sally Allen, Gus Bergquist, Sam Bettle, Machel Cavender, Bobby Johnson, Rebecca McAdorey, Carmen Padilla, and Trisha Woods, Chrissy Young  
Gwen Bettle -Community Advisor

**Thanks for help make Lake Wales Estates a better place to live!**

**January**

**1- New Year's Day**

**15- Board Meeting**


**17- Road Clean Up**

**18- Lake Meeting**

**19- Martin Luther King Day**

**20- Inauguration Day**

**31- CERTS Meeting**

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**February**

**1- National Freedom Day**

**2- Ground Day**

**12- Lincoln's B-Day Board Meeting**

**14- Valentine's Day**

**15- Lake Meeting**

**16- President's Day**



**21- Road Clean Up**

**22- Washington's B-Day**

**24- Shrove Tuesday**

**25- Ash Wednesday**

**28- CERTS Meeting**

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**March**

**8- Daylight Savings Begins**

**12- Board Meeting**


**15- Lake Meeting**

**17- St Patty's Day**

**20- Spring Begins**

**21- Road Clean Up**

**28- CERTS Meeting**

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**Enclosed is my check for \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **, check number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to LWE Assoc., Inc.**

**All funds will be exclusively used for the operations to improve the community. A detailed expense report will be available every month to all members.**