

# The Heritage Lakes Herald

## This Month's Issue

Halloween Party Spooking up Soon  
 Keeping Heritage Lakes Beautiful  
 Golfing is in High Swing... Tournaments Coming  
 Resident Spotlight: Shana Thomas  
 Volunteers Needed... Help us Spook Some Up!

Don't forget...

**The Lazy River Closes  
 OCTOBER 15**

## Ghosts, Goblins and Ghouls Gather at the Clubhouse!

Mark your calendar for the Annual Spooky Halloween Party for the Children on **Saturday, October 28 from 6 pm until 8 pm**. Festivities kick off with a Costume Parade around the clubhouse. Encourage your child to dress up (parents can dress up, too) and bring a Trick-or-Treat bag! All ages are welcome to join us for a fun and spooky evening. See event details and volunteer opportunities below.



### Deadline to Enter the Pumpkin Carving Contest

Encourage your child's creativity and enter the Pumpkin Carving Contest. It's a "ghoul" way to win some cool prizes. Contest categories include:

- Scariest Pumpkin
- Silliest Pumpkin
- Cutest Pumpkin

The deadline to submit entries to the Clubhouse is October 26.

**Your help is needed for this event! See page 2 on how you can TREAT us with your volunteer hours for this fun evening...**

## Message from the Board

Did you notice the reduced hours at the clubhouse over the past several weeks? The clubhouse hours had to be limited due to the resignation of the club coordinator, Annette Rowe. Annette was faced with many challenges while working at the clubhouse, one being the lack of respect for the rules by homeowners. While completing their duties, the clubhouse staff continually encounters homeowners that are not following the rules/guidelines for the facility and the pool area. Hopefully, these homeowners are failing to follow the rules because they are unfamiliar with them or they were not enforced as they should have been by prior staff members. Please take a moment to review the Clubhouse Policies, the Pool Rules, and the Clubhouse Rental Agreements. All of these documents can be found on [www.heritagelakes-hoa.org](http://www.heritagelakes-hoa.org). Each of these policies has been set up to ensure the best possible enjoyment of the facilities for all Heritage Lakes residents and also to preserve the amenities. Abuse to the facility and the amenities costs each one of us, as this increases the need for additional repairs. The cost associated with additional repairs could result in an increase in our annual assessments.

Again, we would ask that you take a moment to familiarize yourself with the policies and procedures in place for the Heritage Lakes facilities. As the new club coordinator starts, let's make sure we welcome him/her and show them that we respect the rules and the challenging role they fill. Our community events rely on having a strong and energetic person in this position. We want to keep someone for a long time so that they can come to know each one of us and be a part of our community.

### Home Values by Carol Carr of Keller Williams Realty

31	Currently on the Market for Sale	<b>Avg of the Homes that SOLD</b>	List Price	\$321,338
1	Closing Date Pending	Bedrooms 4	SOLD Price	\$310,478
5	SOLD!	Baths 3	Days on Mkt	45
0	Expired (Did NOT Sell)	SF 3173	\$/SqFt	98
			SP % LP	97

# Volunteers Needed for Halloween Party

The Social Committee needs parents to help fill goody bags before the event or pass out prizes and keep the lines moving at each game. Remember: more volunteers mean shorter shifts! Be sure to check out the list of fun games below and contact Fran Wilson at [fmwilson@grandecom.net](mailto:fmwilson@grandecom.net) to volunteer.

## Here are some volunteer opportunities:

- Assemble Spooky Goody bags prior to the event
- Decorating the clubhouse
- Spider Ring Toss (earn prizes)
- Pumpkin Ring Toss (earn prizes)
- Cauldron filled with Goo (kids feel for prizes)
- Second Cauldron filled with Goo (kids feel for prizes)
- Spooky Go-Fish Game (kids fish for prizes)
- Pin the Spook on The Pumpkin (earn prizes)
- Second Pin the Spook on the Pumpkin (earn prizes)
- Craft Table
- Face Painting Table



All ages are welcome to join us for a fun and spooky evening.

## Keeping Alleys Clear of Trashcans and Recycle Containers

Did you know that the CC&Rs require that the trash cans for the city be placed at the alley for pick up no earlier than the evening before trash day and stored out of view the evening of the day they are picked up?

It is a courtesy to your neighbors if the trash cans are stored timely from the alley way.

The cans make it difficult to maneuver vehicles down the narrow alleys if there are numerous trash cans blocking the path.

Your courteous attention in storing your trash and recycle bins is greatly appreciated.

## UPCOMING FALL SOCIAL EVENTS

**Friday, November 3**  
**MONTHLY TGIF(adults only)**  
Please bring an appetizer to share and drinks. Childcare available at \$5 per child.

**Saturday, November 11**  
**FALL FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, December 9**  
**HOLIDAY PARTY WITH SANTA**

**Sunday, December 31**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

If any of you are interested in volunteering or joining the Social Committee, please contact Fran Wilson at:  
[fmwilson@grandecom.net](mailto:fmwilson@grandecom.net)

## Let's Celebrate the Labor Day Golf Tournament Winners

Bob Smolik

The Heritage Lakes golf committee is proud to announce the **winners** of our Labor Day weekend golf tournament:

1<sup>st</sup> place (low scratch): **Mr. Karrh**. With a scratch score of a mere **55** strokes, he won a \$50 gift certificate to Barnes and Nobles compliments of Amy Smolik of Keller Williams Realty

1<sup>st</sup> place (low net): With Handicaps added in, we had a two-way tie between **Mr. McCord and Mr. Rajwani** with a cool handicapped score of a mere 54 strokes (**with scratch scores of 59 and 60 respectively**). They won four tickets to the Texas Rangers game, donated by David Larson of the Rangers.

2<sup>nd</sup> place (low net): With Handicaps added in, we had a three way tie between **Mr. Miller, Mr. Stroh and Mr. Ahrens** with a handicapped score of a mere 54 strokes. They won a free pizza coupon from Brooklyn's Pizzeria.

3<sup>rd</sup> place (really low net): NONE – ran out of prizes. Yeah, right...only 20 or so more prizes and I too could have been a contender.

Closest to the hole (from the tee shot): **Chuck Webb (about 8 feet away – but did he birdie?)**. He received a \$50 gift certificate to Chili's compliments of Bob Smolik and Brinker Intl Inc.

We couldn't have asked for better weather considering the time of year; a cooling breeze, great company, and a never-ending 'free' refreshment cart (thanks again Tony). Our special thanks for the sponsors who provided both the refreshments and the tasty lunch after our rounds. The food and refreshments were donated by Carol Carr of Keller Williams Realty and the Heritage Lakes golf committee.

### Reminder to Replace Your Divots

Did you know that when you replace your divots or use the sand provided to fill the divot holes, it helps protect the exposed roots and promotes quicker growth of the new grass? This small action saves us big! It reduces the amount of tee box maintenance, delaying the need for maintenance and reducing our costs.

## Join the Campaign to Keep the Common Areas Clean

Heritage Lakes HOA has placed numerous trashcans throughout the common areas of the community to deposit trash.

Did you know that trash is continuously left at the edge of the lakes when people are fishing or relaxing by the water? Of course, it's unsightly and it poses a potential danger to the wildlife in the wetlands. Be sure to use these receptacles when you are enjoying the community's amenities.

## UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENTS

**OCTOBER 13 at 7:00 PM**  
Night Golf Tournament  
Register at the clubhouse  
October 10 – 12. See the new  
clubhouse schedule.

**NOVEMBER**  
Co-ed Golf Tournament

## Tips about Motor Trend's Top Picks

Scott Stepien

Every year since 1949, *Motor Trend* Magazine has named a vehicle its top pick as "Car of the Year". A few were really trend-setting innovators. Some that come to mind are:

- ❑ 1960 Chevrolet Corvair. This was a direct competitor to the rear engine, air cooled VW Bug.
- ❑ 1961 Pontiac Tempest. This front engine, rear transmission, rear drive compact with an independent rear axel.
- ❑ 1962 Buick Special. It started the V6 popularity, a version of that engine is used today.
- ❑ 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado. Modern front wheel drive not seen in an American car since the Cord.
- ❑ 1968 GTO. Although most consider earlier versions better, this car exuded American muscle.
- ❑ 1969 Road Runner. Chrysler's legendary muscle car with a cute horn.
- ❑ 1977 Chevrolet Caprice. General Motors began downsizing and caused a takeover of light truck use for personal transportation.
- ❑ 1978 Dodge Omni / Plymouth Horizon. America's first wave of small front wheel drive gas savers.
- ❑ 1996 Dodge Caravan / Plymouth Voyager. These are still the best selling minivans on the market.
- ❑ 2001 PT Cruiser. Chrysler started a retro look revolution.
- ❑ 2004 Toyota Prius. This is a true hybrid.
- ❑ 2006 Honda Civic. Although a good economy car, I'm not quit sure why it was chosen.



*Pictured: The Toyota Prius*

## No Kids at Hicks? You Can Still Help the Timberwolves

Fran Wilson

Hicks Elementary PTA needs your help! Here are some easy ways parents and residents can help raise money for our local school.

### 1. Box Tops for Education

Clip box tops coupons from your favorite products and earn cash for the school. The coupons are pink with a yellow pencil. Each coupon is worth \$.10. Some qualifying products are General Mills, Pillsbury's refrigerated and frozen products, Hamburger Helper, Kleenex, Betty Crocker and Ziploc. Clip these box tops and keep them. When you've collected a bunch, turn them in at the clubhouse.

### 2. Kroger Share Card

You can pick up a Kroger Share Card at the clubhouse, or contact Jennifer Rezazadeh at noahs.mom@sbcglobal.net. Each time you shop, present your Kroger Share card at the checkout. This can be used with or without your Kroger Plus Card. Tom Hicks will receive 1% of all purchases made in a program year.

### 3. Albertsons Community Partner Program

Register your Preferred Savings Card online at [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com). Click on the "In the Community" link at the bottom of the page. Link your Preferred Savings Card with our school, community partner #49001002459 – Tom Hicks Elementary. Then present your Preferred Savings Card when you shop, and a portion of all of your purchases will go to Tom Hicks Elementary.

## Officer Says Thanks to Community

Tori Masters

The 40th Airlift Squadron, for whom we collected donations to support at our annual Heritage Lakes 4<sup>th</sup> of July party, has returned home to Texas safely! First Lt. Brandon Moore presented his sister Tori Masters with a plaque to thank the residents of Heritage Lakes for the donations. The plaque contains the U.S. flag that was flown on a C-130 Hercules which Lt. Moore piloted during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

We collected more than \$600 and sent 11 care packages filled with cookies, candy, DVDs, and magazines were delivered to the six-member squadron. Menlo Worldwide shipped the boxes free of charge thanks to Sr. Logistics Manager Terry Bolding, who is the uncle of both Lt. Moore and Mrs. Masters.

"The boxes were an awesome surprise, and they made our time in Kuwait pass faster. We were all very touched that you thought of us," said Lt. Moore. The plaque will soon be hanging in the clubhouse.

## Resident Spotlight: Shana Thomas-Kennedy edited by Barbie Chandler



**RESIDENT NAME:**  
Shana Thomas-Kennedy

**RESIDENT SINCE:**  
September, 15, 2005

**HOMETOWN:**  
Jacksonville, FL

**ABOUT YOUR FAMILY:  
Tell us about your family  
(spouse, children,  
pets, and your favorite  
activities and interests):**

I'm married to my husband of a little over a year (dated for 6 yrs), Bryan Kennedy. We have a Yorkie named Max Smart. I'm the youngest

of five kids (Spring, Storm, Ginger and Mitch) and have five nieces and nephews (Zach, Caleb, Erin, Darian, Lilly). My parents live back home in Jacksonville, my mom is a director for the federal government and my dad is an executive for a national trolley company.

My interests are technology, boating, fishing, rock climbing, FSU and Jaguars football, golf, yoga, reading, piano, dancing and photography.

**ABOUT YOU: Tell us one thing that others might not know about you.**

I sang in a band in college and was a NFL dancer for the Jacksonville Jaguars. Oh, and here's a random fact, I dated the drummer for Limp Bizkit when I was 12 years old, he was in the same grade, school and band with me in Jacksonville, FL.

**ABOUT THE COMMUNITY: What do you enjoy most about being a resident of Heritage Lakes? Describe one of your fondest memories.**

I love the overall design and layout of the community. Being from Florida, I desperately miss the ocean and living in Heritage Lakes, I at least get to see some water every day. My most enjoyable memories has been decorating the house for Christmas. It's a very proud feeling having such a beautiful home, I feel very blessed and thankful every day.

**How have you contributed to the community?**

I joined the communications committee in 2005. I have worked with the committee to develop the communications of the community to a resident focused environment. I currently am the webmaster for the Heritage Lakes website and co-chair of the communications committee.

**ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS: Do you own a business?  
Yes, I own two businesses.**

**Name of Businesses:**

- 1) **The Urban Blossom**  
([www.theurbanblossom.com](http://www.theurbanblossom.com))  
Flowers, Art, Boutiuqe
- 2) **Shana Thomas Designs**  
([www.shanathomas.com](http://www.shanathomas.com))  
Web/Graphic, PR, Marketing Firm

**Describe the product or service that your business provides:**

The Urban Blossom is a full service, high end floral studio, boutique and art gallery located in Addison Circle. We also hold monthly events ranging from art shows to girls night out. Other services we offer are corporate accounts, weekly home delivery, corporate/business weekly delivery, interior florascpe design, weddings, and events. We have a very detailed website with information on our entire business at [www.theurbanblossom.com](http://www.theurbanblossom.com). (Started 2005)

I also own a boutique marketing/public relations/design firm called Shana Thomas Creative Group (STCG). This is a full service firm that can meet the needs of small businesses to large corporations. The firm only works with a small number of clients to meet their specific needs. Our goal is to deliver creative and innovative strategies and designs. We have just completed some significant projects and are now open for new clients starting October 2006. For more information you can visit [www.shanathomas.com](http://www.shanathomas.com).

**Tell us one thing that others might not know about your business/industry:**

Floral Industry: Many people don't realize that our flowers come from all over the world and are the highest quality. Flowers are a lot like diamonds, there are different grades. A red rose at the grocery store may look the same when you buy it, but the difference comes when the grocery store flower dies quickly and doesn't open fully and our flowers open so large people think they are fake and live much, much longer.

**The Design Firm (Marketing/PR/Graphics/Web):** Many people think their businesses can't afford to get the help. The difference with my firm is that we are flexible and work with many different needs. We do a lot of training for a business' current staff to teach them how to write press releases, learn marketing strategies, and utilize different technologies to help their business goals and revenue. It's not always long term, high dollar contracts, sometimes you can have a shorter term project that is more affordable for small businesses and helps train their current staffs.



**HERITAGE LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION | OCTOBER 2006**  
**VISIT [WWW.HERITAGELAKES-HOA.ORG](http://WWW.HERITAGELAKES-HOA.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY EVENTS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter HOA Dues are DUE	2	3	4	5 Bunco at the Clubhouse (7-9 pm)	6 TGIF at the Clubhouse (7-10 pm)	7
8	9	10	11	12 Free Identity Theft Seminar -Clubhouse 7:30-8:30 pm  Night Golf	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Halloween Party
29	30	31 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter HOA Dues are LATE				