# Lake Doe Cove

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## HERE IS SUMMER, Happy 4th of July!

Message from the HOA
President (Repeated from last month)

For most of us, our homes are our biggest monetary investment. We learned during the housing market fall that our investment's value can decline very rapidly; without warning. The market falling left many homeowners underwater, (owing more on the mortgage than the house is worth.) However in recent months we have seen an increase in the housing market; which gives a little hope.

One way we all can help to keep our property value up is by adhering to the restrictive covenant. It allows you to know what is and what is not a c c e p t a b l e i n o u r neighborhood.

Common violations such as parking on the grass really do bring down the value of a home as well as the entire neighborhood. It is also important to take a look at Architectural Control; ARB (Architectural Review Board). Many homeowners have put up fencing, cut down trees, put up temporary structures, etc. without any type of approval. This too allows our property values to decline.

The main goal of our Homeowners Association is to provide a better quality of life by keeping our property values up.

Please take the time to look at the rules and regulations of our neighborhood and help keep our property values up.

Thank You, Lake Doe HOA, President

(See the Governing Documents, <u>Click Here</u>)

### **Hurricane To-Do List**

Assemble Important Documents (waterproof container)

- Insurance documents
- Medical records
- Bank account numbers

- Social security card/I.D.
- Proper identification/ immunization records for pet

#### **Pack Personal Essentials**

- Cash, credit cards
- Spare keys/local road map
- Cell phone/auto charger
- Clothing/rain gear/sturdy shoes/ utility gloves
- Blankets/pillows
- Toiletries/medications
- Eyeglasses
- Valuables (jewelry, family pictures)
- Pet essentials (muzzle, leash, carrier)
- Toys/games/books

### **Prepare Your Home/Property**

- Secure/store items from yard
- Trim loose/dead branches from trees
- Secure windows with storm shutters/plywood (pre-drill holes)
- Remove satellite dishes/ antennae/roof turbines
- Clean out gutters
- Stack sandbags around exterior door frames
- Securely moor or move your watercraft to a safe location Have On Hand
- Tools (hammer, screwdriver, chainsaw, etc.)
- Plastic tarp (roof/window repair)
- Clean up supplies (for yard and home)
- Camera to document before/ after.

## Don't Forget

- Fill your vehicle with gas well in advance
- Know how to turn off your home's gas, electricity and water
- Prep generator to assure proper

## News! Get Ready

#### SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE INTENSITY SCALE

FOX10tv.com

Category

Winds: 74-95 mph (64-82 kt) Storm Surge: 4-5 feet Damage - Minimal:

Damage to unanchored mobile homes, vegetation & signs. Coastal road flooding. Some shallow flooding of susceptible homes.

Category 2

Winds: 96-110 mph (83-95 kt) Storm Surge: 6-8 feet

Surge: Dama

Damage - Moderate: Significant damage to mobile homes & trees. Significant flooding of roads near the coast & bay.

Category 3

Winds: 111-129 mph (96-112 kt) Storm Surge: 9-12 feet Damage - Extensive:

Structural damage to small buildings. Large trees down. Mobile homes largely destroyed. Widespread flooding near coast & bay.

Category

Winds: 130-156 mph (113-136 kt) Storm Surge: 13-18 feet Damage - Extreme:

Most trees blown down. Structural damage to many buildings. Roof failiure on small structures. Flooding extends far inland. Major damage to structures near shore.

Category 5

Winds: 157+ mph (137+ kt) Storm Surge: 19+ feet Damage - Catastrophic:

All trees blown down. Some complete building failures. Evacuation of residential areas may be required.

Your preparations for a hurricane is vital to your survival!

BE PREPARED!

#### operation

• Fill out your FAMILY PLAN

## **Hurricane Shopping List**

#### Water

- At least one gallon daily per person for 5 to 7 days
   Food
- At least enough for 5 to 7 days
- Non-perishable packaged or canned food/juices
- Snack Food Manual can opener
- Cooking utensils/fuel
- Paper plates/plastic utensils/ trash bags
- Two coolers one for food, one for ice

## Personal Supplies

- Moisture wipes/liquid hand sanitizer
  - Soap/toothpaste/toothbrush/ shampoo/deodorant
  - Toilet paper/hygiene items
  - Mosquito repellent/ sunscreen
- Prescription drugs/necessary medications
- Special items for babies and elderly Emergency Supplies
- Flashlight/batteries
- Battery operated TV, radio or NOAA weather radio
- Candles/citronella/matches (in waterproof container)
- Water purification kit (tablets, chlorine or iodine)
- Fire extinguisher
- Generator/fuel
- First aid kit Pet Care
- Supply of food and water

## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**



The new Maronda community will connect at Dunn Cove Dr. and not go straight to Binion Road, but will curve around and exit near the south edge of the property. This photo shows the first curve and no curbing to go straight through. The lots are beginning to show as the utility points appear along the road.

## **HOA Dues Are Due Now!**

Your HOA Dues should have been paid before July 1, 2013. It is \$450 per year in 2 payments, December and June. There may be a grace period for late payments, so get it PAID! An online Payment Center is available, HERE This is FREE if you use echeck. You will need your Payment Coupon to identify your property and ownership.

## Fact About the 4th of July

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

- Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.
- Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.
- Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.
- They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they?
- Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing

- full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.
- Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.
- Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.
- Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Ruttledge, and Middleton.
- At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.
- Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.
- John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.
- Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."
- They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't fight just the British.
- We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government!
- Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. Remember: freedom is never free!

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**