



# LOWHAN



## Director's Corner

*Doris Huskey*

We were told at the last Board meeting that we could write as much or as little as we want to in this space. Several of us wanted to eliminate the Director's Corner because, as a lot of the residents have told us over and over, they get tired of reading the same old thing over and over.

Let me say that we get tired of writing the same old thing over and over. We keep trying to get the residents interested in where you all live. So if we keep asking you to volunteer or come to the Board meeting, we have your interest at heart.

You need to realize that this is not an apartment complex. You OWN this space and you have people sitting on the Board making decisions that affect your life, your property and your way of living. You need to care what this group of 9 people is doing. Some on the Board are there to represent the people and try to do a good job. Then there are those that come once a month and make decisions without looking into a thing that's going on around here. We make most decisions based on the Committees requests, so if you residents don't make requests or demands, then we have no choice but to vote the way we want to, you know, the way we perceive the situation to be...or the way we feel at that time. If that's OK with you, then that's the way it will continue. If you want a Board that's well informed, then make sure they are! Demand they go look at a problem before they vote. Call the Chairperson of the Committee you are concerned about and ask questions. Come to the Committee meetings and for Pete's sake, come to the Board meeting.

OK, here's another of the same ole same. Sorry.

# Announcements

## 4th of July Party



Come on out for a fun independence day at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse  
Sign up in the front office.

## Capture the Flag

July 10<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm  
See back of  
Calendar

## Neighborhood Watch

July 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm  
We will have a guest from the Seminole County Sheriff's Department informing us about Identity Theft and how to avoid it.

## Board of Directors

Meeting  
Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>  
7pm



You need to call the office with your requests! We pay about \$75/hour for the irrigation repair service. It costs money for you to talk to them and they are not getting their work completed. Your repairs are in a work order, and will be done on a schedule. Please call the office!

Please refer to rules and regulations pg. 7

Water Aerobics  
Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-10am

*Hunger is continuous.*

*Please drop off your donations in the drop box in the office*

**Wind Mitigation** forms have been revised and now must be done by an inspector. The roofers will not be returning any forms. You may contact your insurance agent for a possible list of inspectors. The office has two company names:

**CACS Services** - (440) 478-6337

**Premium Adjustments, Inc.** - (888) 904-9463

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**All residents must turn in the resident speaker sheet the Tuesday before the board meeting if they would like to be recognized before the board. These forms are available at the office or on the website at [lakeofthewoodshoa.com](http://lakeofthewoodshoa.com)**

## BOARD MEETING

JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> QUICK MINUTES

### ADMINISTRATION

- 1) The employees in the Recreation Department work between 32 and 35 hours a week, this is considered fulltime. That is why they receive paid vacation.
- 2) Lowe's is saving LOW \$2000 on the purchase of manufactured wood.
- 3) The leak in pool has been repaired.
- 4) Maintenance calls:
  - A) Jose found a leaking pipe, it was repaired, the homeowner was very happy.
  - B) Another homeowner sprayed expandable foam, which caused the board next to the roof to crack. The foam cannot be removed, and will be painted to match the siding.
  - C) The backs of 151 through 169 Fallwood St. repairs and prepaint are completed, the front will begin next.
  - D) During extreme heat, the maintenance men will be working inside the Clubhouse doing repairs.
- 5) Clubhouse: Thanks to Elisha for cleaning the windows in the Auditorium

### 6) Landscaping:

- A) 12 trees were removed by Luke Bros last week. These were dead or diseased. Additional trees need to be removed.
- B) 16 irrigation meters were removed at a cost of \$1600, and 10 irrigation meters will be replaced at a cost of \$4800. Previous manager had a bid for \$32,400 to \$36,000 for same work.
- C) Bright House loaned Luke Bros a very expensive piece of equipment to locate a problem irrigation valve.

- 7) Roof: Leonard and neighbor have a ridge vent that is leaking. The vent was installed by Brite Top. GAF is making repairs.

### FINANCE:

- 1) Account at Banco-Popular was closed, proceeds (\$188) deposited to roof account.
- 2) 64 homeowners are past due the amount ranges from \$.07 to \$6,618.00.
- 3) Electrical meter payments are due end of August.
- 4) Purchase of refurbished golf cart was approved at a cost of \$2780.
- 5) Directory printing was approved at a cost of \$1200.

### AUDIT:

- 1) Errors made in calculating employee hours. Correction made.

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- 1) 1568 N. Carolwood approved to replace 2<sup>nd</sup> story windows with bronze sliders.
- 2) 1568 N. Carolwood. Homeowner will replace grass and install approved plants.
- 3) 212 Nettlewood Lane approved to replace back door with hurricane rated door.
- 4) Brown Rubber mulch was approved for homeowner use, not on the playground.

### SOCIAL/ SUNSHINE:

- 1) Foyer cabinet display is of wedding pictures. Gift for resident who correctly guess the most names.
- 2) Next coffee social will take place July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.
- 3) 4<sup>th</sup> of July pot luck party with hot dogs and hamburgers. Please sign up, and come.
- 4) Clothes closet to be added to the annual flea market.

5) New propane grill was purchased.

### **STEERING:**

- 1) Date given to lawyer to complete review.
- 2) Use of facilities by non-residents and renters discussed.
- 3) Committee waiting for updated R&R's and Policy & Procedures.

### **PARKING:**

- 1) The manager will be notified of all tickets and towing.
- 2) Andra to give Board and parking committee updated list weekly.
- 3) Amazing Transportation was approved as the new towing company.
- 4) Towing company will put up new signs.
- 5) New time limits for parking at end of streets approved.
- 6) Approval for tickets: Unless emergency, a ticket will be issued, then vehicle will be towed.

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## **MONEY MATTERS**

*Jo Elmblad*

Since last month's column included info on our pool leak problem, here's the rest of the story. In May, we spent an additional \$1,504.30 to test for leaks. A leak was detected under the pool decking between the pool edge and pump house. We had a leaky pipe. That's been fixed and we'll be paying the repair bill of approximately \$875 in June. We'll be presenting documentation regarding the leak repair to Casselberry Utilities in hopes of obtaining credit for the water expense of refilling the pool after leak repair. We're hoping this is the final solution and we'll be able to get through the rest of the summer without additional major pool repairs.

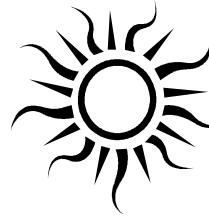
On a more negative note, as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, our Accounts Receivable total for assessments due totaled \$73,240.01 compared to \$69,027.88 at the end of April. We have a total of 64 accounts with past due balances, 17 of which owe between \$1,000 and \$6,663.42 and 28 that owe balances less than \$50. As of the end of May, we had 20 accounts in

our attorney's hands for collection. Past due accounts are turned over to our attorney once they are approximately 90 days past due. Additionally, once you have past due balances over 90 days old, you are not allowed to use our recreational facilities.

As always, if you'd like to know more about our continuing budget challenges, come to our regular Finance committee meetings or the monthly Board of Directors meeting. You'll always be welcomed!

## **Social Sunshine Committee**

*Lorraine Jourdan*



*Lorraine Jourdan*, reported that get-well cards were sent to Jean Landy, Norma Jean Rebuth, Marie Felter and Janet Greene. Condolence cards sent to Daniel DeMauro (death of wife, Mary DeMauro), death of Carol Toskie to family, Bill Ford (death of wife, Elva Ford), death of Norma Hood to family.

*Nancy Miller* reported visiting two new residents on Woodridge, and another on Teriwood.

Foyer Cabinet features wedding pictures of several residents and voting box to guess who the pictures represent.

The next coffee is scheduled for Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. *Leonard Olmer* will handle the speaker - Amerilife Health & Services. Refreshments furnished by speaker and *Dot Fish*. *Carol Prescott* will tell about the Count on Me Program here at Lake of the Woods.

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> POTLUCK** - *Connie Sablom* asked for assistance in purchasing food and drinks for the dinner - *Leonard* and *Valerie* will purchase all items and *Ted Sloan* will do the cooking. *Janet Greene* will assist *Connie*.

## **ALL AROUND LOW**

*Doris Huskey*

We want to thank *Ted Sloan* for volunteering to cook at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. The food last year was delicious and all of us who went to the parties had a great time. Please plan to come this year; it's going to be even better. At least we'll be in air conditioning if we choose to be, or bring your

bathing suit and swim before eating. You can sign up in the Clubhouse and don't forget to bring a covered dish. Come join the fun and meet your neighbors.

Janice Barr's daughter is on the Board of The Back to Nature Wild Life Refuge. They take in abandoned or injured animals, and then they are ready, they are released into the wild. She asked if the people of Lake of the Woods would donate items they desperately need at the center. Janice will put a box in the Lobby at the Clubhouse. Please bring clean blankets, towels, shredded paper and especially food. Most wild animals will eat commercial cat or dog food and the owls and baby eagles are also meat eaters. Bird seed is needed for the rest of the birds. Of course, they also need money to keep afloat. They are the oldest rescue center in Orlando but have outgrown their facilities. Your contribution will be a great help, and they are tax deductible. Take the kids out to see the animals, or just come out yourself, it's a great way to spend a day or afternoon. If you have any questions, call Janice at 407-491-6593

Welcome home Carl and Audrey. We wish you would have a show and tell about your trips to Paris, the South Pole and Russia. If we can't go, we would like to look at your pictures.

If you read the notice Carol put in this month, you know the Social Club is going to include a "clothes closet" at the flea market this year. Janice Barr and I will be helping run it and I'm asking for CLEAN, IN GOOD REPAIR clothes, shoes and purses. Remember the Social Club is paying for all the meat and drinks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party and they also furnish food and drinks for a lot of the special meetings. They couldn't do all that without your help.

We also want to thank Donna, our manager, for having some of the dead trees taken out. With hurricane season right on top of us, it's nice to see a manager take an interest in Lake of the Woods' residents and their homes.

Speaking of Donna, The Board has voted to have a Manager Search Committee to see what's out there and perhaps hire a different Manager. If you, as residents, have thoughts about this, you need to let the Board know. This is your community and the

Board needs to know how you feel about our Manager and the job she is doing. You can write a letter, or email the Board or email me and I will forward all comments to the rest of the Board. [doris\\_huskey@yahoo.com](mailto:doris_huskey@yahoo.com).

If you haven't already done so, make sure you call an inspector for the wind mitigation discount on your homeowners insurance. Some people are getting as much as a \$400 discount. This discount is in effect for five years. That's a hunk of money.

Remember, if you have something you would like to see in the LOWHAN, call me. My number is 407-312-1075 and is also in the book.

## Ask Leonard



This is a column regarding any topic of interest from Lake of the Woods residents. Please submit your questions by E-Mail to [lolmer@hotmail.com](mailto:lolmer@hotmail.com).

**Question:** I have a very high electric bill, is there anyway I can save some money during this summer heat?

**Answer:** In most Florida homes, air conditioning accounts for 40-50% or more of the annual electric bill. The following are some ideas to save on your Electric bill.

- **Keep your thermostat at 78 or higher** (depends on your comfort level) with the fan switch on "auto".
- **Cool your home only when you're there.** When you leave for the day, move the thermostat up to 82 and turn it back down to 78 or higher when you come back. It costs a lot less to bring the temperature down to 78 than it does to keep it at 78 all day. You can even buy an inexpensive programmable thermostat that will do this for you automatically, so your home will be nice and cool whenever you're there and you won't be wasting money when you're not.
- **Remind everyone in the family how thermostats work:** Your house won't cool down faster if you set the thermostat at 70. It just wastes money, if you want the temperature

at 78, set the thermostat at 78.

- **Ceiling fans don't actually cool a room;** they just make you feel cooler. That means they don't do you any good when nobody's in the room so you can turn them off. Try setting your thermostat a few degrees higher and use your ceiling fan to keep you cool while you are in the room. A fan that runs constantly can cost up to \$7 a month, depending on age and size.
- **Clean or change you're A/C filter once a month.** A clogged filter makes you're A/C work harder than it has to.
- **Maintain proper airflow through your system.** Keep the interior doors and vents open to help you're A/C circulate air more efficiently.
- **Keep sunlight out during summer months.** If you have a lot of windows, you'll save on air conditioning if you keep the drapes or blinds closed and/or by installing reflective film on your windows.
- **Check your duct system for leaks.** Check all the ducts and seals. If they leak, you're wasting money and cooling the attic.
- **Energy Audit.** Call your electric company for a HOME ENERGY AUDIT.

**Thank you very much for your inquiries and keep your questions coming, because that's how we share information.**

Lake of the Woods now has a new parking committee which will be enforcing the parking rules. If there is an emergency it is required that a note be placed on the windshield of the car with a contact name & phone number. Otherwise you may receive a permit for no more than 10 days. If you are parked illegally you will be TOWED by the new towing company - Amazing Towing - (407) 383-7263.

## Trips and Tours

### LAKE OF THE WOODS ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE

**Ship Name:** Freedom of the Seas  
**Departure Port:** Port Canaveral, Florida  
**Ports of Call:** Port Canaveral, Florida; Coco Cay, Bahamas; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; Philipsburg, St. Maarten; Port Canaveral, Florida.

**Length of Cruise:** 7 Nights

**Date of Departure:** December 5, 2010

**Cost:** Cabins prices start at \$593 per person (Double occupancy)

Please call **Valerie Olmer** of the Lake of the Woods Social Committee for more info and reservations: (407) 834-4732

## Manager's Report

*Donna Stodko*

### ADMINISTRATION:

An individual was ticketed for parking without a permit, turns out it was an emergency, the home owner was taken to the. I did tell them that a note should have been put in the windshield, informing the parking committee that there was a reason for parking overnight without a permit. I have had several conversations with the owner of the Borrell truck that is parked in the clubhouse parking lot, I also called the office to request a cover for the business information on the side of the truck. The office has told the business and the homeowner that the truck will be towed - as of June 14<sup>th</sup> the parking permit expires. I feel there should be some allowance for trucks with the information covered to park at the club house.

I terminated employment with Ramon from maintenance at the end of May for not meeting up to the job requirements. I hired Felipe Rodriguez; he has 20 years experience in construction. Felipe is working very well with the rest of the Maintenance Department.

A homeowner came to the office and complained about flies in a garage window, the type of flies meant something was dead inside the home. We could not contact the homeowner, so we called the next of kin, they could not help locate the homeowner. I met with the police and fire department, and they broke into the house and found dead rats. The home is now being cleaned.

A rental agent put up an "arm" sign, even after homeowners in the area told them it was not

allowed, they then called me and I took it out of the ground - called the company and told them only the 5 square feet signs were allowed.

Vacation time for the Recreation Department: Andra found in the "Operations Manual" part-time employees after one year of continual service, who works more than 25 hours per week will receive vacation/sick time allowance. Because one of the employees of the recreation department works between 32 and 35 hours per week, year around, should receive benefits.

#### FINANCIAL:

We have been trying to get a better deal for the manufactured wood to replace the T1 11 wood that is warping. Lowes has agreed to the bulk cost for the replacement wood, except that we will only need to order 2 pallets at a time, instead of ordering and paying for six months at one time. This is a savings of around \$2,000.00.

#### MAINTENANCE:

A. LIVING UNITS - MAINTENANCE CALLS and REPAIRS - A homeowner called to request we look at a leak in the home, they suspected a nail went through the siding when it was replaced. Jose and I went to inspect. Jose took off the siding and did not find a nail in plumbing, he left it open so that the plumber could inspect, and found a leaking pipe. The homeowner called and complimented the maintenance department for the quick response and thorough clean up after the pipe was mended by a plumber, and they put the siding back up.

A homeowner was not happy with a loose board next to the roof, maintenance inspected and resealed and nailed the board in again. The weekend the homeowner sprayed expandable foam and cracked the board. Our roofer said that all we should do now, since the foam can not be removed or it will take off the membrane, is to paint the foam so that it does not stand out.

The maintenance department has worked on 151 through 169 Fallwood Street, as of the date of this report they are finished with the back of the building and will start the front of the building next.

I am concerned for the maintenance department and the heat, it has been extremely hot. I would

like to suggest that they only work on the building in the early morning and in the heat of the afternoon do general inside jobs here at the clubhouse or general organizational clean up at the shed. The shed will need an *exhaust fan*. Here at the clubhouse we have the *grouting of all the bathrooms*, I would like to *have shelves built in the conference room* for storage boxes, I am not sure if we can find more here, but the shed will need a major organization. This should be about 2 hours a day.

There were 47 maintenance work orders, 37 completed 9 still open and one for CJS.

B. POOL/RECREATION. The pool is finally fixed. I want to thank Elisha Fosson for cleaning the windows in the auditorium, I am not sure that it has ever been done. She said that it took her an hour and a half. Do we want the recreation attendants away from the sign in for that length of time? I would like to find out if the company that cleans weekly would add to their schedule at least once a month or every other month.

C. LANDSCAPING: Mike Couch from Luke Brothers and I went around to tag trees for removal. I went to Seminole County to get a permit for tree removal; Mr. Fox came out to inspect and approved the trees we tagged. Then Chuck Fuller and I went to find limb ups for the tree removal. When Luke Brother's tree division came out, they did not have enough time to do all the trees or the entire limb ups. They did do 4 trees between drive ways with stump grinding and 8 trees that did not need stump grinding. I will check with Mike Couch to see about getting another day or get another tree service to complete the tree removal.

D. IRRIGATION: In May I called TriCity to get a price on removing (16) irrigation meters that are no longer used. In Feb 2008 a bid was given to the manager at the time to remove meters at a cost between \$32,400 to \$36,000. Also spoke with Tom Shelton, an electrical contractor, and he gave us a bid of \$1,600.00 to remove unused meters and around \$4,850.00 to rebuild the ones we are using. Come to find out the meters were not illegally wired, it was something Progress Energy did at one time to eliminate using meters. This will beautify the common areas and eliminate any possible

electrocution.

Luke Brothers located one of the problem irrigation valves with the help of Bright House, the valve had not worked for several months. Bright House assisted Luke Brothers by lending them a very expensive valve locator.

E. ROOF: Leonard Olmer's house and his neighbors house, have a ridge vent that does not seal off rain. John Larkin of Capstone looked at the problem. He brought in the ridge vent that was used. He explained that the rubber vent was cut to fit the top of the home and it is not the type of product that can be cut with out loosing the function of the material.

## ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Yes, it's that time of year again. It's time to start thinking about cleaning out the closets and garage.

Since we at L.O.W. cannot have individual garage sales (because of parking problems), the social committee sponsors a flea market at the clubhouse once a year.

If you have household items in good useable condition that you would like to donate to the committee for sale, you may start bringing them to the auditorium and placing them on the stage. If you have any furniture you'd like to donate please call Leonard Olmer.

New this year will be "Rebecca's Clothes Closet". We need gently used, like new clothes, shoes, and purses. You can bring your donations on hangers please and hang them on the garment rack on the stage.

All money made from donation goes to pay for social activities and clubhouse improvements.

If you want to rent a table for you own sales they will go on sale September 4<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 12pm. Prices will be \$10 for a large table and \$5 for a card table on a first come basis. More to come next month.

## VIDEO LIBRARY

**The following movies were added to the VHS LOW Video library:**

- 907. Speed (R)
- 908. Vegas Vacation (PG)
- 909. Wild Wild West (PG-13)
- 907. Prizzi's Honor (R)
- 908. The Abyss (PG-13)
- 909. Faith Like Potatoes (PG)
- 910. Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13)
- 911. Guarding Tess (PG-13)
- 912. Hondo (NR)



**The following movies were added to the DVD LOW Video library:**

- 910. Best of Victor Borge (NR)
- 912. A River Runs Through It (PG)
- 913. Playing for Keeps (PG-13)
- 915. Burn the Floor (NR)

## Covenant's Corner

### CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES - RECREATION AREA

**ALL PERSONS USING CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES, INCLUDING SWIMMING POOLS AND OTHER FACILITIES, AT THE RECREATION CENTER DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.**

### HOURS OF OPERATION OF POOL AND CLUBHOUSE

**Summer Hours** - (May through September)

1pm to 9pm Monday, and

9am to 9pm Tuesday through Sunday

**Winter Hours** - (October through April)

10am to 8pm Tuesday through Sunday; Closed Mondays.

*Whenever a holiday falls on a Monday the recreation area will observe regular hours and close on Tuesday.*

### HOURS OF OPERATION OF EXERCISE ROOM

**Summer Hours** - (May through September)

Same hours as Pool & Clubhouse.

**Winter Hours** - (October through April)

Same hours as Pool & Clubhouse except on Mondays when Exercise Room will be open from 9am to 3pm.

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The clubhouse and pool will be closed on **Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day.**

**\*HOURS OF OPERATIONS FOR POOL, CLUBHOUSE & EXERCISE ROOM ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS\***

### ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Board of Directors of the Homeowners Association has directed the Manager to have all staff employees of the Homeowners Association enforce all rules and regulations and supervise the conduct of the people using these facilities. Violations of rules by owner, resident, guest or invitee will result in the violator being asked to leave the facilities. Any such action will be reviewed subsequently by the Board of Directors for possible suspension of an owner or resident and his household from the use of the facilities for up to 60 days and other appropriate measures.

2. In the event that any resident notices a violation of any rule, that person may bring it to the attention of the offender or notify the staff of the infraction.

3. Any resident found in an area the Association considers closed, will be fined and privileges suspended for 60 days.

4. Resident must be prepared to **show photo identification** if asked by the recreation attendant.

### CLUBHOUSE ATTIRE

No Owner, Resident, Guest or Invitee may appear in the clubhouse (game room, auditorium and office) without proper attire, including **shirts and footwear. No wet clothing of any kind allowed.**

## Ask Augustine

*Paul A. Tambrino, Ed.D., Ph.D.*

As we celebrate the birthday of America on the occasion of our adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4 in 1776, we also think of the men who fought for our independence. But did any woman serve in the American Revolutionary war?

Many would say that Molly Pitcher was the only

woman to have fought alongside men during our Revolutionary War, but "Molly Pitcher" was really a mythical name. She was really Mary Hays, who tagged along with her husband when he served in our Continental Army at the battle of Monmouth, Pennsylvania on June 28, 1778.

Reportedly she continuously brought pitchers of water to the men in her husband's company, thereby earning her the name of "Molly Pitcher. When her husband collapsed, either wounded or overcome by heat exhaustion, she supposedly took his place in the gun crew.

Actually, America's first woman soldier was Deborah Sampson who served in our Continental Army, not just for a single battle, but for two years during which time she impersonated a man so she could be a soldier.

Deborah was born in Plympton, Massachusetts on December 17, 1760 and was the older sister to three sisters and three brothers. When she was about 10 years old she became an indentured servant, would go hunting and became proficient at shooting a musket.

When the Revolution broke out, she wanted to fight the British, but women were not permitted in the army. She secretly bought men's clothes, and taught herself to walk, talk and act like a man. One morning she cut her hair and walked to the next town and enlisted in the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment as "Private Robert Shurtliff," the name of her mother's first born child who had died when he was eight.

There was no physical examination and at five feet seven inches she was relatively tall. Reportedly other soldiers teased her about not having to shave but she was accepted as a "smock-faced" boy, too young to grow a beard. She performed her duties as well as any other soldier and was readily accepted by her peers.

While serving with her regiment at West Point, NY she was wounded in the leg during a battle near Tarrytown. Rather than risk revealing her gender, she treated the wound herself. About 18 months later she was wounded a second time, a sword to the head during skirmish along the Hudson River. A third wound, a musket ball to her left shoulder, led to her undoing.

She was hospitalized, contracted "brain or malignant fever" and shipped to a hospital in Philadelphia where the attending physician discovered "Private Robert Shurtliffe" had the anatomy of a woman. When she recovered she was ordered to carry a letter to General Washington. Washington told her to give up soldiering, gave her some money and sent her home. She was officially and honorably discharged from the army at West Point on October 25, 1783 by General Henry Knox.

After Washington became President he invited Deborah to our nation's capital where Congress officially recognized her service to country, and passed a special bill giving her a pension and some land. She died at age 66. Deborah Sampson may have passed away into obscurity, but the name Robert Shurtliffe, serial number 40066, is forever etched on the rolls with those of other men and women who helped create and maintained of us the greatest nation of the face of the earth. Happy Birthday America and May God bless America!

### Safety Tips

by Neighborhood Watch Coordinator  
Jack Griffiths

Beware of this new scheme that is being used to hijack cars!

THIS APPLIES TO BOTH WOMEN AND MEN: You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and shift into Reverse. When you look into the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into Park, unlock your doors, and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car is when the carjackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car. And guess what, ladies? I bet your purse is still in the car. So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away. Remove the paper later. Better safe than sorry.

Since the office has been notified that the outdoor lights we listed have been discontinued, Chuck Fuller has found replacement lights which are listed below.



**Model # OWP3 42F 120 P LP**  
**BZ \$39.97 + tax**



**Model # 9012 - Brown**  
\$31.00 + tax + \$7.00 Ship

You can purchase at Home Depot You can order online  
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[www.lightsofamerica.com](http://www.lightsofamerica.com)