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To: Lansbrook HOA Presidents

From: LMA Board Secretary

Subj: Sheriff's Office Has Helped to Refine Our Understanding About Golf Carts

Because of an extensive dialogue over the past several days between Eric Honnold, the LMA Board President, and senior officers in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, we are now able to provide more authoritative and expanded information regarding the general issue of golf carts, and similar low speed vehicles, within Lansbrook.

Please share the LMA President's letter, below, with your residents.

Jerry Hannon

Dear Neighbors,

I want to pass along what I have learned after speaking to various agents of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department regarding the issue of "golf carts" as this subject is being brought to the LMA's attention recently.

It is very important to make a distinction between "golf carts" and "low speed vehicles," as they are treated differently by the law. A golf cart is not allowed on the road, or on a sidewalk outside of specially designated golf cart communities. Lansbrook is not a golf cart community.

The Sheriff's Department has been very helpful and will be patrolling Lansbrook in the future in an effort to help us improve our neighborhood performance as it relates to all types of unlawful or unsafe activity, including but not limited to the use of slow moving vehicles, which can be operated legally under the correct circumstances. For clarity's sake, the Sheriff's Department uses the Pinellas Ordinance which is more conservative than the State Statute. A Sheriff's Department led task force will be in Lansbrook for the foreseeable future to help educate neighbors about several important matters including crime prevention and safe and legal vehicle operation.

A representative of the Sheriff's office will attend our March 21, 2016 meeting to answer questions. Also, residents should feel free to ask questions of the task force officers as they move about our campus. The Sheriff's Department will be using both cruiser and bike based officers and will vary their schedule to have the greatest impact.

Essentially, **low speed vehicles are those which meet safety standards of 49 c.f.r. s. 571.500 and s. 316.2122.** A nonexhaustive list of requirements required to meet the definition of low speed vehicle are as follows:

- (1) These vehicles must be capable of reaching speeds no less than 20 MPH, and not greater than 25 MPH.
- (2) They must have headlights, tail lights, brake lights, turn signal lights, parking brakes, rear-view mirrors, windshields, seat belts, bumpers and a horn.
- (3) They must have proper brakes and proper steering
- (4) They must have a vehicle identification number.
- (5) They must be **inspected, licensed and registered** with the DHSMV (a/k/a the Motor Vehicles bureau).
- (6) They must be insured, and
- (7) They must be **operated by a licensed driver, 16 years of age or older** and they must follow all of the same rules of traditional vehicles while **on the road.**

Vehicles meeting all of these requirements, are permitted on county roads with speed limits of 35 mph and below. Private, gated communities may enforce different rules. These vehicles and drivers are also subject to the same rules as all legal vehicles.

In the course of my discussions with members of the Sheriff's Department, it was noted that the most common citations are unregistered vehicle or unlicensed driver, both of which require a court appearance. **The Sheriff's Lansbrook Safety and Security Task Force is committed to a light handed approach** and will try to educate and warn rather than cite with the exception of the obvious such as DUI.

Motorized vehicles, with the exception of: (1) private HOA maintenance vehicles, lawn crews (an exclusion made by the Sheriff,) and (2) electric wheelchairs or scooters (ADA exception), are prohibited on sidewalks, including the sidewalk commonly referred to as the exercise trail, in Lansbrook.

Best Regards,

Eric Honnold
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