

# LakeRidge Falls

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Here are the more important stories we had this past and upcoming weeks:

**Roof Cleaning** – The Board of Directors recently accepted a proposal by H2O Cleaning and Restoring for cleaning the 33 roofs in the Sandstone Falls Neighborhood (i.e. Cascade, Reynolds, Ashford, and Simpson). As of now, the roof cleaning project is scheduled to start on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Here is some important information to consider:

- Please remember to close all your windows and doors.
- Please remove ALL decorative items, plants and/or outdoor furniture that may get damage by the chemicals.
- H2O will ensure not to damage the landscaping surrounding the house by using tarps and watering it while working on the roofs. For this reason, H2O may need to use residents' spigots.
- H2O will inspect each roof before working on it. If they find any problems with a roof, they will report it to the owner and/or association, and will move to the next house until the matter is resolved.
- H2O may offer residents additional services, such as cleaning gutters, for an additional fee. Please note that residents are NOT obligated to purchase these extra services, but if you choose to do so, please contact H2O directly.

**Animal Control** – Unfortunately, we continue to receive complaints from residents reporting their fellow neighbors: failure to use a lease while walking their pets, use too long of a leash, and/or don't pick up after their animals. Manatee County Animal Ordinance 12-10 is very clear. Here are some highlights from it:

- A Manatee County license tag is required annually for dogs and cats, which they are required to wear.
- Dogs and cats are not allowed to run at large.
- Your dog or cat must be on a leash no longer than eight (8) feet in length when the dog or cat is off the property of the owner and must be under the physical control of the owner or custodian.
- The ordinance requires pet owners to remove feces deposited by their animal from any public property or private property of another.
- If an animal owner is issued a citation, he or she can elect to pay the citation or contest it in court. The person cited is allowed 30 days to make this decision, however, after this time period, if the citation is not paid or contested, they no longer have the right to contest the citation and may end up in jail if the fine is not paid.

To make a long story short, failure to follow these simple guidelines may result in enforcement measures by both the Association and the County. While some may feel this sound like empty words, in reality there was a case recently that proves differently. A resident of the community reported to Manatee County that his neighbor's dog went after him while riding his bicycle. Sure enough, Manatee County Code Enforcer cited his neighbor and now she is required to pay the citation. We are sure these matters can be addressed without using any enforcement tool because at the end of the day these regulations are set for the best interest of the community as a whole. Therefore, please help us keep this community clean and safe.

**Social Security Fraud Scheme** – One of LakeRidge Falls' residents shared with me this week an article that was published in USA TODAY. The resident believed, rightly so, that this is an important piece that should be shared with all residents. Please take a moment and read it:

“The Social Security Administration is warning the public to be wary of an employee impersonation scheme. Acting Inspector General of Social Security Gale Stallworth Stone says some citizens are getting calls from persons posing as SSA employees, The fraudsters are attempting to get potential victims to verify their name, date of birth, Social Security number, parents' names, and other personal information, in some cases by telling them that they are due for a 1.7% cost-of-living increase.

Impersonators who get such information can contact the SSA and request changes to the victim's direct deposit account, address, and telephone information. Some of the calls are coming from a phone number with a 323 area code, the SSA says. The Administration does sometimes contact the public directly for customer service purposes, but this is a rare occurrence, and is usually known to the person who has been contacted.

Best advice: exercise extreme caution before surrendering any private information. ‘You must be very confident that the source is the correct business party, and your information will be secure after you release it,’ Stone said. If you get a suspicious call, contact the Inspector General's office at 1-800-269-0271 or online via <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.”

Have a great and safe weekend.

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