

LakeRidge Falls

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

Committee Signup Sheets – Please be aware that the committees’ signup sheets are now available at LakeRidge Falls’ Clubhouse. The signup sheets for the Architectural Review Board, Budget & Finance, Buildings, Community Relation, Security, Landscaping, Pool, Roads & Grounds, and Social Committees are available outside Paula’s Office. The Board of Directors encourages residents to join the different committees as it provides a feeling of ownership and a great opportunity for you to become active and involved within the community.

Residents Directory - Please note that we are in the process of updating our records. We are asking owners who wish to add or update their emails or any other piece of information are asked to please fill out a new Residents Directory and Mass Email Distribution Information Form, which can be found online or at the Clubhouse outside my office. After obtaining the form and filling it out, please return the form back to the Lakeridge Falls Office. This form will take no more than five minutes to complete but will provide us with the ability to better communicate with our residents. Please make sure to fill out the form by clearly printing your information. After you are done, please make sure to sign the form and mail, email, or fax it back to us so we may update our records. Thank you in advance for your immediate attention and cooperation.

Fraud Alert – This week, one of the residents advised me that he was targeted by PayPal spammers. The resident who brought this matter to our attention reported the following: “I encountered an official looking email that came from “PayPal”. I opened the email that required a password. It was immediately noticed that it asked to confirm a credit card number by entering the complete number. It then requested a social security number ‘as it appears on tax form’. At this point the email was closed and delete.”

As explained in the past, spammers all the time try to email, and sometimes even call, you for the purpose of tricking you into giving out your personal information using email, text, or pop-up messages that ask for your personal or financial information. Therefore, make sure **NOT** to click on links sent to you via text messages or emails even if the message seems to be from an organization you trust. If you receive a follow-up call, make sure **NOT** to provide any information and instead end the conversation and call back the institute using the numbers you get from its official website. Remember, a legitimate business will never ask you to send sensitive information through insecure channels.

Here are some more tips provided by The Federal Trade Commission to avoid similar fraud attempts:

- Use trusted security software and set it to update automatically.
- Don't email personal or financial information. Email is not a secure method of transmitting personal information.
- Only provide personal or financial information through an organization's website if you typed in the web address yourself and you see signals that the site is secure, like a URL that begins https (the "s" stands for secure). Unfortunately, no indicator is foolproof; some phishers have forged security icons.

- Review credit card and bank account statements as soon as you receive them to check for unauthorized charges. If your statement is late by more than a couple of days, call to confirm your billing address and account balances.
- Be cautious about opening attachments and downloading files from emails, regardless of who sent them. These files can contain viruses or other malware that can weaken your computer's security.

We hope you will find this information useful and wish to thank, as always, residents who share their experiences with us so all will learn from.

Sincerely,

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