

# LakeRidge Falls

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

**Solicitation and Security** – Yesterday, we received a couple of calls from concerned residents. The reports stated that a young man was walking from door to door attempting to solicit residents to sign a pest control service agreement. A quick check with the Gatehouse revealed that this individual did not enter from the front gate. How did he enter? Well, this is something we are in the process of finding out. Back to the story. Following the reports, I immediately located the individual. Although he wore the company's uniform, he refused to identify himself. He was then asked to leave the property. He left by foot while we ensured he did so. Following this incident, we contacted this company and filed a complaint with hopes of preventing similar situations from reoccurring. As mentioned last week, together we can keep LakeRidge Falls a safer place to live in.

**Cracked Sidewalks** – Last week we reported that a couple sections of the sidewalk along Stirling Falls Circle were raised. We also reported that we inspected these areas with Ron LaCivita, LakeRidge Falls' concrete vendor. We then explained we discovered these sections were grinded a few years back. Unfortunately, the roots of the oak trees nearby caused these sidewalk sections to rise again. Therefore, Mr. LaCivita replaced one of the sections last week making sure to remove the raised section, stump grind the large roots that caused the problem, and poured fresh cement replacing the damaged section. If you remember, we finished by saying that Mr. LaCivita was scheduled to work on yet another section this week, which he did. Below are a few pictures of the work he has done on these two sections:



**Pool** – Earlier on this week, we were informed that the main handrail to the pool entrance was loose. Therefore, we asked Smiley Pool Service, LakeRidge Falls’ pool maintenance company, to inspect the issue and repair it. During this process, they discovered that the concrete holding the base of the handrail cracked. Because this was considered a safety matter, we had no other choice but to close the pool until the matter be resolved. That said, Smiley immediately took on this job. They removed some pavers, dug out the cracked concrete, prepped the area, and poured fresh cement. Unfortunately, it takes a few days for the cement to cure especially when it rains so much. Once they advise us it is safe again to use the handrail, we will open the pool. Thank you in advance for your understating on this matter.



**Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District Newsletter** - The following is a newsletter sent to us this week from the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District. The Administrative Secretary who sent it asked that we share it with our residents. Please take a moment and read this important information regarding the subject matter.

Have a great and safe weekend,

Sincerely,

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**Preventing Home Garage Fires**

It is estimated that 6,600 residential garage fires are reported in the United States each year. Garage fires cause about 30 deaths annually, 400 injuries and \$457 million dollars in property loss. The leading cause of residential garage fires were “electrical malfunction” at 16%, “other unintentional, careless action” at 15% and an “open flame” at 11%. Garage fires most often occur during the colder months of January and December. But the month of July shows it can peak and have 10% of all garage fires in a year. With electrical arcing being the most common heat source in starting a garage fire (17%), it is important to watch what you store inside your garage. After all, there is an array of fuel sources available to get the fire going. Flammable liquids, paint, chemicals, ammunition and newspapers are some examples to name a few. The room is larger and usually does not have any type of detection which helps delay in the detection of the fire, allowing the fire time to grow.

**Keep Your Home Safe by Following a Few Safety Tips:**

- Store oil, gasoline, paints, propane and varnishes in a shed away from your home or in a fire proof cabinet.
- Plug only one charging appliance into an outlet and disconnect before going to bed, leaving the house or when fully charged.
- Do not use an extension cord when charging an appliance.
- Install a 20 minutes fire rated self-closing door from the garage into the home.
- Install a heat alarm – not a smoke alarm- in your garage. The heat alarm will sound if the temperature rises too high and notify you of a problem.





**A few Changes Now Could Save You From a Fire Later. Be Fire Safe!**



**Why Do They Send So Many Fire Trucks When I Call 9-1-1?**  
 Maybe you saw it or maybe you missed it but there was a fire in the neighborhood. The fire trucks started to arrive and vehicles with other fire personal in them came too. Then more fire trucks came. What is going on?  
 When your local fire department is dispatched to a structure fire, you want them to get to your home as quick as possible. Fire Stations are built in different locations in your fire district to provide you with the quickest response time.  
 When the call comes in, the crews are arriving from different locations. They arrive in different types of apparatus they bring to the scene depending on the type of call. You will see the fire engines, a ladder truck, a squad, a Safety Officer, Battalion Chief and a Fire Marshal. You may see a Haz Mat truck pull up on scene too. They are all there to bring firefighters to the scene, your scene. We respond not only to the immediate threat (your home) but also the potential spread (your neighbor’s) of the fire. So unless you have experienced the unfortunate event of a fire in your home, you may never know the comforting feeling of seeing those trucks coming to your scene, one after the other.