

A message from your Board...

I hope your New Year has begun as you hoped. We were overwhelmed and pleased with the large group who attended our January board meeting. Thank you for sharing your time with us.

As I was reflecting on the past year, I realized what a “Winning Team” we have in the residents at LakeRidge Falls Community. What has been accomplished in the past year is proof that there is “Power in Teamwork!” What does it take to have a winning team? It takes hard work; self-discipline, sacrifice, communication and interaction. Success is the sum of WE working together; and not a ME attitude.

We have shared on several occasions how vital our committees have been to our success. We are now engaged in a signing up for the 2019 committees. There is a real need for different players on our LakeRidge Falls team. This activity does give you a voice in the operations of the community. A good team



consists of different players with knowledge and “gifts” to share which build our “LRF team” to become stronger. Those “gifts” can be ones’ own experiences, spiritual strengths, physical, social, unique skills, human resources, sales skills, altruism, other work skills and education. We all can’t be quarterbacks! There is no room for those who have a personal agenda or criticize others but to share how we can improve and help each other.

Last, but not least, we need those fans who “cheer the team on.” They are also “on the

team” in a strong and silent way. Those who give us strength and lift us up when we are down, and support those who are volunteers with gratitude and encouragement.

We hope you read last months’ Forum article by our property manager, Oded Neeman. His report was extremely concise regarding our Renovation Project. While some people may think we are behind, we really are very much on target for this huge project. His explanation of the pool renovation and finishing was awesome. We want to thank Mr. Neeman for keeping

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the residents informed on a weekly basis in his Friday reports. Once we have completed the Amenities Projects, we are planning a Grand Re-Opening. Our target for our Celebration is tentatively late March. We also want to thank our Community Manager for obtaining vendor donations to fund this Celebration so there will be no cost to the residents. Thanks Oded!

Let us ALL remember that Oded, and our Community Assistant, Paula Murray, have been working and operating out of the temporary office which is a very small and inconvenient storage container for some time now. That is what I call real dedication and an example of real "Team Players!" Thanks again to these dedicated employees!

The transition to a different landscape company, West Bay Landscape, will begin on January 21. We are excited about West Bay and the positive changes for the LakeRidge Falls community. They will also be engaged in renovating the landscape for the Amenities and Pool Area. We trust you will be patient with the transition. Please welcome them into our community.

Quote of the Month – **"Give what you have, to someone, it may be better than you dare to think!"**--- Longfellow

On behalf of the LRF Board of Directors,
Mary Cochran, President

ANNUAL MEETING

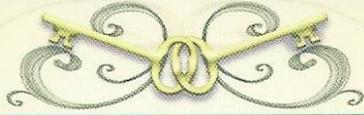
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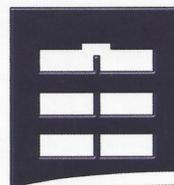
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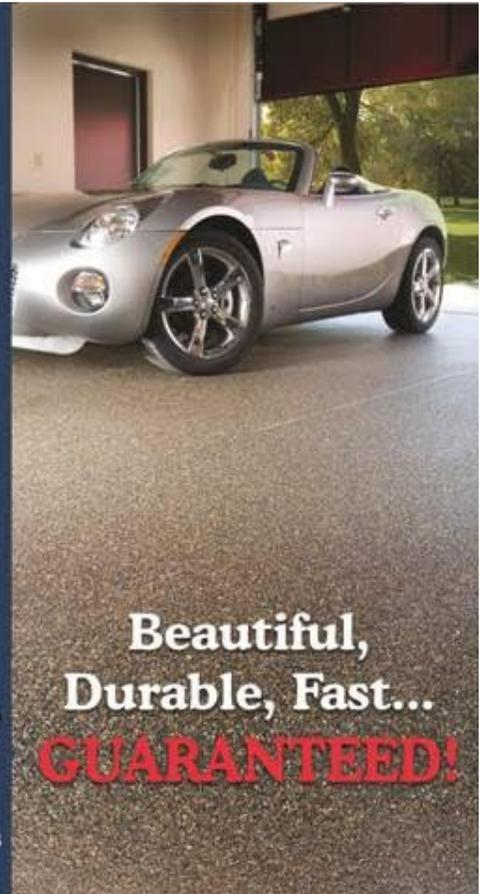
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Property Manager Report

by Oded Neeman

2019 Residents Directory – The new 2019 Directory will be published this month. Therefore, this is your last chance to update your records. We are asking owners who wish to add or update their emails or any other piece of information to please fill out a Residents Directory and Mass Email Distribution Information Form, which can be found online or at our temporary office located at the Clubhouse parking lot. 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.

Committee Signup Sheets – This year, the committees' signup sheets are available at the temporary office located at the Clubhouse parking lot. There are signup sheets for the Architectural Review Board, Budget, Buildings, Community Relation, Security, Landscaping, Pool, Roads & Grounds, and Social Committees inside the temporary office. The Board of Directors encourages residents to join the different committees as they provide a feeling of ownership and a great opportunity for you to become active and involved within the community.

2019 Elections – This is a final reminder that the Annual Meeting and Election for Directors will take place on February 7th, 2019 at 7:00 pm and will be held at the **Northminster Presbyterian Church 3131 61st St, Sarasota, FL 34243**. You should have received by mail the second notice of the Annual Meeting of the membership and election for the Board of Directors. In the envelope, you will see a detailed explanation regarding the meeting and election. *Please read it carefully.*

Renovation Project Timeline – One of the privileges of working for LakeRidge Falls is to be exposed to so many of the residents' life experiences. The infinite knowledge and life lessons so many share with me are truly a great treasure to be cherished. One of those lessons was shared years ago by a resident who still resides in the community. The resident walked into the office and saw that I was upset. She inquired about my mood. I advised her that my wife and I worked really hard for months on purchasing a foreclosed house for our family just to see it sold to what we felt to be a friend of the selling agent. She then smiled and said: Mann Tracht, Un Gott Lacht. I knew it was Yiddish, an old Jewish language, but could not make up the meaning. Seeing it puzzled me, she translated the sentence saying it literally meant "Man Plans, and God Laughs." Needless to say, I was more puzzled. At this point, she explained that this is an old Jewish phrase that means that despite our most careful planning sometimes God has other plans. In more simple terms, we can plan as much as we want, but sometimes unforeseen roadblocks can change this plan.

Why do I share this story with you, one may ask? Here is why. Yesterday, a resident of the community sat with me in the temporary office going over a few things he wanted to be addressed, mainly a landscaping request. While he was here, the door of the temporary office was left open allowing fresh air to come in. Halfway through the meeting, another resident on a bicycle stopped by and stood at the entrance. This resident didn't see the other person sitting in the office and therefore started to ask questions regarding the renovation project. It took a few seconds to realize he wanted to voice his dissatisfaction of the progress made with the project rather than actually inquiring about the project. A minute or two later he left leaving the other resident, to some extent, shocked. The first thing that came out of my mouth the second he left was: "Mann Tracht, Un Gott Lacht." The resident in my office was pretty much puzzled as I was when hearing the phrase for the first time.

"Consider this," I attempted to explain the phrase to the intrigued resident, "years ago I was invited to a conference at Sears Holdings Corporation's

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headquarters at Hoffman Estates, IL. Needless to say, I saw it as a great opportunity to promote my career. Therefore, I spent weeks preparing for this conference including endless performances in front of the mirror rehearsing the speech to be delivered. A day before the meeting, I went on the plane from Fort Lauderdale to Chicago enthusiastic and excited for the big day... or so I thought..." "As we were descending towards O'HARE International Airport," I continued my story, "the Captain announced over the PA system that the Control Tower advised weather conditions may prevent us from landing at this point in O'HARE and that we might be redirected to Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport for refuel and potentially overnight stop. As we circled above Chicago seeing the amazing orchestra of lightning and getting the new route to Minnesota," I concluded this story, "all I was thinking of was how do I get to Hoffman Estates by 9am tomorrow morning."

"As with my rehearsal speech," I moved into explaining my analogy, "the renovation project was planned for almost two years. As you properly read and heard in the weekly/monthly reports, video clips on the website, and endless meetings, many residents were involved in the careful and detailed planning of this project. Every little element was accounted for to the very moment of execution, which is the construction phase. Now," I asked the resident, "please think about the General Contractor as the flight Captain and the Control Tower as Manatee County Building Inspectors. As with the flight," I summed up, "the General Contractor is simply the vehicle who gets us to our destination. It is then up to Manatee County to give us permission to 'land.' Then there are those acts of God, i.e. weather conditions, we don't have any control over, such as with the case of the damaged windows coming from the factory, that delay the time of arrival to our destination. In simple terms: Mann Tracht, Un Gott Lacht."

The resident then asked why I didn't explain this to the other resident, to which I replied by saying "I didn't think he speaks Yiddish..."

On a serious note, the General Contractor estimated the project to take 120 days while the Architect, the co-pilot if you may, stated a week ago that he estimated it to be 150 days. We are on route to our destination, the completion of the renovation project, and hopefully, land on time (i.e. by the time you read this article or by the end of February). As far as the pool goes, the General Contractor estimated it to be reopened on a couple of different dates. However and as reported, there were unforeseen roadblocks such with the shipment of the bathroom partitions that prevented this from happening. At this point, the Board was told by the General Contractor that the Annex Buildings is ready for the Manatee County inspection and hope by the time you read this article we got the approval to reopen the pool.

This leads me to a couple final notes. Recently, some suggestions were shared with the Board of Directors, sometimes through me, regarding what needs to be done to move this project faster. Most of these suggestions, if to be honest, are really great and the Board of Directors, I am sure, will consider them. Finally and using the analogy above, please remember that the community as a whole share the same flight on its way to its destination, i.e. completion of the renovations. Therefore, please remember you all want to reach the same place. Yes, some want to get there faster than others, but at the end of the day, you all are heading in the same direction.

West Bay Landscape – During the January Board of Directors meeting, it was reported that three landscape bids were carefully reviewed and that vendors' references were contacted and checked. It was also reported in the meeting that Mrs. Mary Cochran, LakeRidge Falls' Board President, made sure to personally visit the facilities of some of the bidders in order to inspect firsthand some of the companies' abilities to provide reliable services for the community. After much deliberation and following a recommendation by the Landscape Committee, the Board of Directors thought that West Bay Landscape's proposal seemed to be the most attractive. This was mainly based on their price, workforce, equipment, long term commitment, growth con-

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trol, and architectural landscape designs, which will be offered to the Association at no cost. Therefore, the Board of Directors accepted the proposal by West Bay Landscape.

ArtisTrees' last day on site was on Friday, January 18th, 2019. This meant that West Bay Landscape's first day on the job was on Monday the following week. The manager that is assigned to the community is Mr. Matt Stewart, who is very familiar with the community's grounds as he helped to manage them in the past for over a year. We were also advised that Mr. Chris Clammer, who many may recall him as the "trimmer guy with the long ponytail hair," is leading the onsite landscape crew. Finally, the Association was pleased to learn that West Bay was able to hire Mr. Victor Martinez, the irrigation technician who was assigned to LakeRidge Falls, after he decided to resign from ArtisTree a few weeks back. With this team in place, we are sure this transition will be fast and smooth.

Ponds – Late last year and early January, a handful of residents raised concerns regarding aquatic plants they noticed in the lakes (i.e. retention ponds) behind their houses. Acting on these concerns, the Association with the help of Eco-Logic Services, LakeRidge Falls lake maintenance company, identified the affected ponds and the aquatic plants: spatterdock and chara. Spatterdock, for those who may wonder, is a type of an aquatic lily. Unlike the more common water lilies such as the fragrant water lily, this species is a little bit harder to control. Although its spread throughout the Association was minimal, Eco-Logic Service owner, Mr. Pete Nabor, ensured the Association in a recent meeting that this matter will soon be under control. Based on his account, the effaced ponds were treated with Sonar, a type of an environmental friendly aquatic herbicide. In that meeting, Mr. Nabor also advised that it may take a couple of months and treatments before the spatterdock will be completely gone. Chara, on the other hand, is an algae or a seasonal plant, which pops up towards the end of the year. It was identified only in one lake and it is easy to kill with a single application. With this in mind, we wish to thank all residents who bring such matters to our attention.

A Message from the Gatehouse – The following is a message from the Gatehouse addressed by Mr. Tim Clark, LakeRidge Falls Security Captain. Please

take a moment and read message carefully:

"The following steps will ensure your guests and contractor's experience at the Gate House is pleasant and quick. First, we, i.e. the Gatehouse, need to be notified of contractors, deliveries or guests not on your permanent list (not UPS or FedEx). With the number of new residents, we are experiencing a lot of contractors and deliveries showing up at the gate unannounced. If you call us beforehand, it eliminates our having to call which speeds up the process of getting them where they need to be! Second, if you do schedule an appointment, please call us at 941-355-1328 so we can get it in the computer. We are able to schedule things up to 2 weeks out for your convenience. Third, please ensure we have a good phone number for us to reach you. And if you use a cell phone as your primary phone, please turn it on if you are expecting contractors or a delivery. The Gatehouse had to turn away SEVERAL contractors after they showed up and we were unable to get in touch with the resident. If we can't get in touch with the resident they will be turned away. Fourth, don't wait until right before the appointment to call because your contractor/delivery/guest, might show up early. Also don't wait for the contractor/delivery driver to call you before notifying us, they rarely do. Also, remind your guests and contractor/delivery people that they need to come in at the Tuttle gate. GPS will probably take them to the back gate where they will be unable to enter the property without breaking community and safety rules. By following the above steps we can speed up the process of getting people where they are going and greatly reduce the number of people turned away."

Unknown Leak – Speaking of which, Mr. Clark notified us last month of water coming from the grounds next to the sidewalk across from the waterfall. Acting on this report, we dug into the area where the water was coming from with hopes to locate the source. And indeed, we found a leaking pipe thereafter. However, we discovered something very unique. As can be seen in the picture below, the source of

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the leak was a metal pipe, which was leaking from a T-shape coupling. We say unique because all irrigation and portable water runs in PVC lines. To be on the safe side, we turned the entire irrigation system and nearby water line off. Because the leak continued when both portable and irrigation sources were off, we concluded it must be a line that is maintained by Manatee County Utility Dep't. Therefore, a service call was placed with Manatee County, which came the following week. As can be seen in the picture below, the County sent a large crew to examine and solve the problem. To make a long story short, this was a leak in a pressurized sewage line. The issue was resolved the same day and the County crew made sure to cover the hole dug to discover the issue .



Social Committee News

by Jane Kintz / Alice Born, Co-Chairs

The LRF Social Committee is looking forward to an exciting 2019. We are hoping to have our current members plus some new members sign up to join in planning for a fun year at LRF. Our February meeting will be on the 2nd Monday on February 11th at 10:00am at the Northminster Presbyterian Church. Watch for Paula's Weekly Reminders for news of where and when our February TGIF will be located. We are currently selling tickets for the Asolo production of Sweeney Todd for the preview show on Wednesday, May 1st at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$55.25 and can be purchased from Paula on M-W-F from 12:00pm - 4:00pm. There are only 22 tickets available. Please make checks payable to LRF Social Committee.



This program will no longer be offered at the Clubhouse.

The new...
Breakfast Club

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February 18th at 9:30am

Call Paula to signup.

Carpool from Cluhouse 9:00am

BOOK CLUB

Hello Everyone,

Due to the long waiting list at the libraries for the February selection, **Educated** by Tara Westover, we will read **Killers of the Flower Moon** by David Gann for the February book club meeting and **Educated** for the March meeting. All other months will stay the same.

We also have our February meeting scheduled at the library. If the clubhouse is finished before our meeting I will notify everyone of the change.

Happy reading,

Kathy

BOOK CLUB

Selections for 2019

Feb: **Killers of the Flower Moon** by David Gann, 2017, 359 pages.

March: **Educated** by Tara Westover, 2018, 352 pages.

April: **The Art Forger** by B. A. Shapiro, 2012, 384 pages.

May: **When Books Went to War** by Molly Guptill Manning, 2015, 300 pages.

June: **Unsheltered** by Barbara Kingsolver, 2018, 480 pages.

July: **Georgia, A Novel of Georgia O'Keefe** by Dawn Tripp, 2016, 336 pages.

Aug: **An American Marriage** by Tayari Jones, 2018, 308 pages.

Sept: **A Land Remembered** by Patrick D. Smith, 1984, 403 pages.

Oct: **The Ninth Hour** by Alice McDermott, 2017, 256 pages.

Nov: **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Taylor, 2106, 462 pages.

Dec: Select books for 2020.

The LRF Book Club will meet at the North Sarasota County Library, 2801 Newtown Blvd until the clubhouse renovations are complete. Next meeting Monday, February 11th from 11:00am - 12:00pm.

Everyone has a story to tell...

they can be funny, uplifting, sad, inspirational - well you get the idea. Here is an opportunity for you to share one of your stories with your neighbors and friends. Residents are also welcome to just come and listen.

Wednesday, February 27th in the Clubhouse at 7:00pm.

No need to get nervous, you don't have to be a public speaker to participate. You can read it, use notes or just wing it. It will be a casual gathering, like sitting around a campfire telling stories without the campfire of course!

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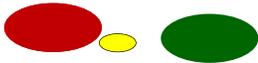
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Buildings Committee

by Lori Klein, Chair



Just after I submitted my last column, I learned I was overly optimistic, so no more predictions. We are getting closer, and the results will be wonderful. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Buildings Committee for their ideas, hard work and support this year, and thank the LRF Board members for their support. Working together always makes the work easier, and leads to better ideas. There is still work to do, so I encourage residents to sign up for this or other committees.

There will be changes and adjustments as we reopen the buildings, so I encourage everyone to be patient, follow Mary Cochran's suggestion and smile, and respect each other and other uses of the space, while we work out any kinks and enjoy our amenities.

Art League News

by Jackie Hathaway,
President



The Art League has elected its officers for 2019 and they are: Jackie Hathaway, President; Alice Dorn, Treasurer; and Sandie Nuwaysir, Secretary.

- ◆ Members of the Art League are hard at work on a new collaborative art project which will be a companion piece to the current Matisse art work. We plan to present this new collaborative piece to the Community so that both pieces can be displayed together.
- ◆ We're also hard at work on a new exhibit which will hopefully be presented in March at our first reception in the newly renovated Clubhouse.
- ◆ We are excited to be working on new programs for this spring and next fall such as tours of the ballet and opera, workshops, art lectures and another trip to St. Petersburg to see the Imagine Museum and other art exhibits.
- ◆ As always, we're looking for new members and patrons for the Art League -- remember, you don't have to be an artist to join our group! Dues for 2019 are due and are \$7/person per year. Checks should be made out to LRF Art League and go to Alice Dorn.
- ◆ Movie night will be coming back later in the spring so watch for that announcement!



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Meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Location</i>
February 7	7:00	LRF ANNUAL MEETING	Northminster Presbyterian Church
<i>February 8</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>Northminster Presbyterian Church</i>
<i>February 11</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>Social Committee</i>	<i>Northminster Presbyterian Church</i>
<i>February 13</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>Landscape Committee</i>	<i>Northminster Presbyterian Church</i>
<i>February 14</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>ARB</i>	<i>Northminster Presbyterian Church</i>
<i>February 14</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>Buildings Committee</i>	<i>Northminster Presbyterian Church</i>
<i>February 21</i>	<i>1:30</i>	<i>Art League</i>	<i>Northminster Presbyterian Church</i>

The church is located at 3131 61st Street which is directly behind Demetrio's restaurant (corner of Lockwood Ridge Road and University Parkway). From the back gate, turn right then cross University Parkway and take a right at the first light. **Committee chairs should obtain the key from Oded or the one hanging on the wall in Paula's office before heading to the church. Please return the key after your meeting.**

Women's Breakfast



FEBRUARY 26TH

9:30 AM



The Honey Tree Cafe

The Sociable Stitchers

continue to meet on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until noon; we're meeting in a home while the Clubhouse is closed. If you'd like to join us for some therapeutic needlework (crochet, knit, needlepoint, etc.), contact Barbara Remmer to find out where and come join us with your project.



We need your help!

To ALL LRF residents:

The Social Committee is looking forward to the grand reopening of our amenities center. We are hoping to be able to utilize our enlarged clubhouse in new and exciting ways. We are looking for new Social Committee members who can not only help us plan new activities, but who are also willing to put in the time and effort to bring those ideas to reality. Whether you are a full time resident or a snowbird, a long time resident or a newcomer, we welcome you to join us. You can sign-up in the temporary office. We meet the first Monday of every month at 10:00am. Hoping to see some new faces!

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