

LakeRidge Falls

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

Landscape/Palm Trees – As some probably have noticed, there are several large trucks present in the community at the moment. They all belong to Aquatic Consulting Inc (ACI) Tree Care division and they are here as part of the semi-annual pruning of the queen palms. While on-site, they will also make sure to perform the annual trimming of all the other species of palm trees such as the sabal, washingtonia, and chinese fan palms. Please note that ACI's Tree Care is only addressing palms that are over 15 feet tall. Therefore, don't be alarmed if you see them working on your neighbor's house, "skipping" your tree/s, and then moving on to a different neighbor's house. If you have a tree that is less than 15 feet tall, it will be trimmed by West Bay's Pruning team, which are on-site at the moment pruning in Stirling Falls Neighborhood. Please note that foxtail palms would not be trimmed as they are considered self-pruned palms. In other words, foxtail palms older leaves die and quickly fall from the palm to facilitate new leaves which do not require maintenance. If you are puzzled regarding which palm you have in your front yard or regarding its size, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will be more than happy to provide you with this information.

Renovation Update – As reported last week, the clubhouse was opened for a couple of days this week in order to allow residents to have a firsthand glance at the new facilities before the official reopening day. The Board of Directors headed by Mrs. Mary Cochran welcomed over 200 residents who seized this opportunity. Many residents were overjoyed to see the new clubhouse. Many others shared their overwhelmingly positive responses with the work done by the Steering Group, Design Group, and the Board of Directors. As a short reminder, the official reopening of the clubhouse is scheduled for around the end of the month. This is due to the fact that some of the furniture is being brought back from storage next week and the new furniture and new fitness equipment are scheduled to be on-site towards the end of the month. As always, we will keep you posted on this matter.

Phone Lines – For an unknown reason, we lost phone communication at the clubhouse yesterday. If you call the Association, your call will be redirected to voicemail. Although Spectrum, the phone provider, promised yesterday someone will be on-site before the end of the business day, no technician showed up. We spoke with Spectrum once again and the promise is that a technician would arrive by 5pm today. Therefore, please be aware that our phone system may be down until next week. Please also be aware that we may not be able to retrieve messages left on the voicemail during this time. We wish to apologize in advance for this temporary inconvenience and will make sure to notify all residents once it has been resolved.

Back Gate – While we are facing some new and exciting beginnings, we still need to deal with the day-to-day challenges. The gatehouse's captain, Mr. Scott Stillwell, recently brought to the Association attention several incidents his crew and he spotted at the back gate. Mr. Stilwell's reports focused on unauthorized vehicles that were entering the community at an unsafe rate of speed while sneaking behind residents of the community. Other reports were about vehicles entering through the Exit Gate as can be seen in the picture below. Of course, the Association made sure to follow up on these incidents with cease and desist letters and with reimbursement demands for damages. With this in mind and in order to lower the number of incidents at the back gate, we asked that residents advise all of their guests and vendors that they are required to go through the gatehouse. For those guests and vendors using a GPS system, please advise them to not use house address but rather the following address **8267 Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34243** which should direct them to the gatehouse. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter.



Have a great and a safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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