

LakeRidge Falls

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

Hurricane Preparation – As Hurricane Dorian approaches Florida, please pay close attention to the following:

Although we always hope for the best, it is a good idea to be prepared with disaster supplies such as a first aid kit, canned food, can opener, bottled water, battery-operated radio, flashlight, protective clothing and written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water. Please be advised that the Association is not in any way responsible for securing the personal or real property of residents. Therefore, please make sure to bring outdoor objects in that could blow away.

Now that Dorian is three days or so away and the Governor has declared a state of emergency, hurricane protection systems, such as shutters, may be installed or operated. Mr. Mike Hartigan, a local roofing vendor, once again made himself available for all those in need of an assistant with installing their hurricane shutters or panels. If you need his help, please call him as soon as possible and please don't wait for the last minute to do so. His number is 941-720-2862.

Even though LakeRidge Falls is a gated community there are Emergency Management rules that must be followed during a storm. When wind speeds reach 35 mph the gatehouse will close down. All vehicle gates will be placed in the open position until such time that it is safe enough for the guards to return to service. It is important to remember that the clubhouse is NOT a shelter. Once the clubhouse, fitness center, and pool area are secured, they will be closed starting Sunday until after the state of emergency is lifted and are considered safe for re-entry.

We hope not to meet Dorian and/or even feel it, but just in case please be ready and more importantly be safe.

Renovation Update – This week we had a nice surprise when we learned that Gym Source, a fitness equipment vendor, was going to deliver the new fitness equipment on Wednesday instead of Friday. Therefore and as reported a couple of days ago, we are thrilled to announce that the Fitness Center is now opened! We are also happy to report that Gym Source will be on-site again in the next couple of weeks to provide two training sessions designed to educate residents on how to use the new equipment. We will, of course, publish these dates and times once we hear back from Gym Source. All residents are welcome to attend.

As reported this week, please note that a couple of items had to be reordered after they arrived damaged from the manufacturer. Please also keep in mind, the Fitness Center is not fully set as we are still working on placing garbage cans, paper towels, TVs, etc. Nevertheless, we invite all residents to enjoy LakeRidge Falls' new Fitness Center.

On a related issue, we were informed that some of the FOB's did not work on the Clubhouse's doors after 5pm. We looked into this issue and concluded it was a programming issue and the issue was solved. That said, please note that the Clubhouse and Club Room (i.e. previously fitness center room) hours of operation are 6am to 11pm.

Also this week, Aquatic Consulting Inc (ACI) owner, Mr. Adam Pablo, personally delivered the two television sets he donated to the community. Below is a picture of Mr. Pablo with one of the TVs upon delivery. I am sure all would like to join us in thanking Mr. Pablo and (ACI) for what many would agree are wonderful and generous gifts. Above all, it shows the long-lasting and close relationship the community has with its vendors.



Finally, we are in the process of finishing all the final touches such as installing new garbage cans, hand sanitizers dispensers, paper towel dispensers, etc. With the new furniture scheduled to come next week, we hope to wrap up all work within a couple of weeks. Until then we appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this transition period.

Landscape/Palm Trees – We have been experiencing an unlikely turn of events for two weeks in a row. As many noticed and know by now, ACI Tree Care division returned on-site this week to finish the trimming of 780+ palm trees. Unfortunately, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had different plans for ACI in the wake of Hurricane Dorian. Therefore, they had to pull out of the community in preparation for the hurricane based on FEMA on-call requirements. ACI advised us that they will resume work once the entire hurricane ordeal is behind us. Keeping the above in mind, ACI had to remove 10 palm trees that died or are going to die as a result of Palm Weevils, a type of palms pest, or Ganoderma, deadly palm fungi. In the next few weeks we will work on replacing the dead palms with different species of palms or hardwood trees (i.e. can't install a palm where Ganoderma was identified).

Labor Day – Due to Labor Day Weekend, the Lakeridge Falls offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd. If Hurricane Dorian will allow, we will open again on Tuesday, September 3rd. If you experience a situation that falls under the scope of responsibility of the Association and which requires our assistance during the time the offices are closed, please call our "Emergency Only" line at 941-951-4034.

Trash Collection - NO Residential Garbage or Recycling Collection will be done on Monday, September 2nd, due to Labor Day. Hurricane Dorian may postpone collection even further. We will keep you posted.

Have a great and a safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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