

LakeRidge Falls

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

Cyclists Using the Roads - Being an active community, many of LakeRidge Falls' residents exercise on a daily base. Some do water aerobics while others choose to swim laps. Some like to use the new fitness center while others like to walk the community. Out of the many physical activities available in the community, we wish to take a moment and speak about one in particular: cycling. The reason why is because cyclists are more vulnerable than any other physical activity group in the community. After all, vehicles are less forgiving than a hot sunny day at the pool. Therefore, cyclists must always consider this and take the following safety measures while riding community roads.

Use safety equipment – Helmets, gloves, knee and elbow pads, lights, and reflective materials are only a few of the safety measures cyclists must take in order to protect themselves. Residents may say it is unnecessary, however, and beside the fact, some of this equipment is required by state law, it is always better to be safe than sorry.

Obey the rules of the road - A bicycle is a vehicle and as such the user must obey traffic laws. Therefore, please make sure to stop at stop signs, give way at intersections when needed, stop for pedestrians crossing the road, signal your intention to turn, change lanes, or start riding, and pretty much obey all the duties applicable to a person who operates a bicycle on a roadway.

Be courteous – Cyclists don't own the roads as they don't own the sidewalks. They are sharing it with others. Therefore, always be considerate for others who share the road with you. Remember that riding two or three abreast is legal however please don't take over the road blocking others. Please make eye contact with drivers to let them know you have seen them. Don't assume they see you because in most cases they don't. If you think about it for a second, they expect to see another vehicle or maybe a pedestrian, not a cyclist.

With the above in mind, a resident of the community reminded us of Florida Statute 316.2065 this week. For those who may not know, those are the state regulations for bicycles. Please take a moment and go over those regulations. They are very important and provide valuable directives. Please click [here](#). We hope this article on this subject will increase awareness. Avoid the risk of getting hurt or hurting someone else and please accept the guidelines and suggestions presented. As always, together we can keep LakeRidge Falls a safe and pleasant place to live in.

Wildlife – This week we received a few reports from residents stating they witness a couple of bobcats. Following the reports and knowing we had bobcats "visiting" the community in the past, we called the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). The Official who we spoke with advised that this wild creates are most likely in the community hunting for their favorite food sources, wild rabbits. The Official then suggested that once a bobcat is spotted to attempt and scare it away by yelling or making loud noise. This way, she explained, a bobcat should feel less comfortable near humans. Otherwise, she explained, a bobcat can adapt and become more comfortable around humans. Following this, the Official cautioned residents to ensure pets and/or pet food are not left outside in the lanai unattended. The Official concluded her insight on the matter by inviting residents to read FWC's "Living with Bobcats" pamphlet. You can read it by clicking [here](#) or see attachment below.

Electric Work – Some may have noticed that last week we had a couple of electricians onsite performing a significant amount of work. More specifically, the electricians who were on the property made sure to:

1. Install switches in pool bathrooms. As so many pool users know, the switches for the ceiling fans were not working.
2. Repair the pool lights. For some time now, we were unable to locate the source of the pool lights. The electricians discovered that the pool lights were disconnected some time ago from their designated breakers.
3. Replace light bulbs in recess fixtures. In the outdoor section of the annex building, they are 7 recess light fixtures. Following the renovation, we discovered that 3 light fixtures were removed and never put back. In addition, we learned that 4 of the light bulbs were stuck in their sockets.
4. Fix an outlet in the grand salon. Following the renovation, we also discovered that one of the outlets in the grand salon was not working.
5. Rewire landscape pagoda lights. If you recall, a couple of weeks ago we advised that a tree company while grinding tree stumps damaged the pipes that held the electrical wires for the pagoda lights along the pathway.
6. Clean transformer and adjust bushings. At the end of the clubhouse's hallway, there is an electrical room. In it, there is a transfer that reduces the current to the building. In an attempt to make it less noisy, the vendor cleaned it. However, this attempt was fruitless.
7. Change frequency in fans. The ceiling fans in the clubhouse and the one in the club room are operated by wireless switches. The way a switch "communicates" with its paired ceiling fan is by a set frequency. Unfortunately, the electricians who installed the ceiling fans left them in their manufactured settings. Because of that, a ceiling fan in one of the offices would go off each time a ceiling in the fitness center or grand salon was turned on.
8. Install two light fixtures at the front clubhouse entrance. Following a recommendation by the Design Group and approval by the Board of Directors, the Association purchased two gallery lights fixtures for the clubhouse to showcase residents' cooperative artworks. Below is a picture of the end result.



When the two electricians concluded their work, all was said to be working up to par (i.e. minus the noisy transformer). This in mind, we always appreciate residents' input on maintenance matters because some of the items above brought to our attention by concerned residents.

And as always, have a great and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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