

# LakeRidge Falls

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

**Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)** – Last week, I urged all to take a moment and read an article titled “Coronavirus: Why You Must Act Now,” by Mr. Tomas Pueyo. Please, and again please, take a few moments to read this article if you have yet to do so. You can find it by clicking [here](#) or by copy/paste the following <https://medium.com/@tomaspueyo/coronavirus-act-today-or-people-will-die-f4d3d9cd99ca>.

In the article, which is based on facts and science rather than hopes and wishes, Mr. Pueyo provides actual proof to show that “the coronavirus is coming to you. It’s coming at an exponential speed: gradually, and then suddenly. It’s a matter of days. Maybe a week or two.” Unfortunately, the numbers in the USA and Florida for the last week show that Mr. Pueyo is correct with his analysis. Let’s take a look at some of the statistics published by the Florida Department of Health, Division of Disease Control and Health Protection. As of March 20<sup>th</sup>, which was the date of my previous Weekly Report, there were 660 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Florida. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, almost a week later, there were 2,484 confirmed cases. As for the USA, there were 18,965 confirmed cases last week, i.e. March 20<sup>th</sup>, compared to 86,043 confirmed cases as of 7 am today. This means this virus is highly contagious as the number of confirmed cases is doubling every two or three days.

Because of that, Florida Governor DeSantis issued an Executive Order directing Florida’s Surgeon General to issue a public health advisory, which most of you should have received as an Emergency Alert notice to your cellphones, urging the following:

- Persons 65 years or older are encouraged to stay home for 14 days;
- Persons with certain underlying medical conditions are encouraged to stay home for 14 days;
- All employers are encouraged to utilize telework; and
- Consistent with CDC guidance, all individuals should avoid social gatherings of 10 or more

While the health advisory using “encourage” as the direct verb, please consider “need” instead. Short of a miracle, the only thing that proved to stop the spread of the virus is social distancing. As Mr. Pueyo mentions in his article “[e]very day that there isn’t social distancing, these cases grow exponentially.” As explained by one professional I listened to a couple of days ago, humans are the host of this virus which enables it to spread. Keeping a distance and taking other cautionary measures, which I will share in a moment, will limit the virus’ access to its spreading mechanism and thus starving it.

**Grocery Shopping** – With this week’s recommendations, the main question in most people’s minds is: how one can obtain food while attempting to stay home? Well, there several ways to accomplish this. First, you can always order groceries or food via the internet or phone. For those who are not computer savvy, please ask younger family members or friends to perform this task for you. If you don’t have close by family members or feel uncomfortable asking friends, Mr. Mike Hartigan, a long time vendor of the community, agreed, as he did during Hurricane Irma in 2017, to step forward and perform these tasks for a minimal fee. You can reach him at 941-720-2862. Please note that Mr. Hartigan agreed to do so only for members of this community so please don’t provide his name and number to people who reside outside the community. If you wish to perform this task yourself, please make sure to take all cautionary and safety

measures to protect yourself as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). You can find these guidelines by clicking [here](#).

Finally and as reported last week, please remember that this virus can persist on inanimate surfaces like metal, glass or plastic for a long period. Therefore, it is extremely important that you disinfectant all groceries, medications, takeaways, and other items you may bring inside your house. This week, an informational video clip swiped the internet in which Dr. Jeffrey VanWingen, a physician from Grand Rapids, Michigan, shares important tips on safe grocery shopping and mainly disinfection measures one must follow when bringing items inside the house. Please take a moment and watch this clip by clicking [here](#) or by copy/paste the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjDuwc9KBps&feature=youtu.be>. Please, try to efficiently inactivate the virus by following the disinfection procedures as described by Dr. VanWingen.

**GoToMeeting** –In an attempt to continue a normal line of business, the Board of Directors directed me to establish an account with GoToMeeting. For those who are unfamiliar with this online service, GoToMeeting is an online meeting conferencing service that enables users to meet in a virtual meeting room. This can be done by placing a regular phone call or by logging to a link. Each meeting will be able to host up to 250 participants so members who wish to attend will be able to do so. This service will allow the Association to conduct a regular line of business while ensuring social distancing. In the next couple of weeks, we will share the guidelines and steps on how you can use this sophisticated but simple service.

**Scott Stillwell - Matthew Kendrick** – Allied Universal Security Services, LakeRidge Falls' security service company, informed the Association a couple of weeks ago that Mr. Scott Stillwell, LakeRidge Falls' assigned captain, was awarded a managerial position with the company in the Ft Meyers area. Unfortunately, Mr. Stillwell's last day on the job was last Friday. With this in mind, Allied Universal Security Services allowed the Association to interview a couple of candidates they considered for the job. Following these and after some consideration, Mr. Matthew Kendrick was selected for the position. Mr. Kendrick has extensive experience in both the customer service field, where he served many years as a sales professional, and the security industry, where he served as a Security Supervisor for Allied Universal Security Services in Nashville, TN, before moving to Florida. As in previous turnovers, Mr. Kendrick had a couple of days to shadow Mr. Stillwell and go over LakeRidge Falls' post orders. That said, it may take Mr. Kendrick a few weeks to become familiar with the community. Until then, we wish to thank all residents in advance for their understanding and support during this transition period. With the help of the wonderful residents of LakeRidge Falls, we are confident this will be a smooth transition.

**Power Outrage** – Last Saturday in the afternoon, we received reports that power outages were affecting several areas in the community. As we came to learn later, a transformer along Cascade Falls Drive blew creating a ripple effect that impacted nearby areas. As a side note and just in case you wonder, the transformers are those green Florida Power & Light's (FPL) electrical boxes located in residents' front yards like the one in the picture below. While it took about five hours for FPL crews to replace the defective transformer, as reported by residents, power was restored to most sections in a relatively short time. One of those sections included the clubhouse. While power outages are not uncommon, the impact it had on the clubhouse this time around was unique.

Soon after FPL crews resorted power to the clubhouse, the lights in both the aerobics and multi-purpose rooms started to flick at a high rate of speed. As a resident humorlessly described it to me, it seemed like the clubhouse was possessed by ghosts. Responding to this incident, I arrived on-site to inspect the matter. After a short inspection, I soon learned that also the security cameras, fire alarm, air conditioning units, and outdoor path lights were not working properly. It was clear that the surge from the blown transformer had some sort of an impact on the clubhouse electrical system. Based on the advice of a professional vendor, I reset the power to those electrical components. Thankfully, this did the trick as most components were up and running again resuming to a normal operation mode. I said most because two of the air conditioning air handlers would not reset. Therefore, and first thing Monday morning, Arctic Air Services,

LakeRidge Falls' air conditioning maintenance company, was on-site to repair the matter. Thereafter, all systems were up and running again.



More than ever, have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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