

LakeRidge Falls

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

Speeding and Stopping – Recently, the Association received a couple of complaints from residents regarding people speeding while driving on LakeRidge Falls Boulevard, not obeying stop signs, and/or stopping for pedestrians waiting at a crosswalk. The importance of this matter does not need to be mentioned. It is an issue of personal safety. For this reason, the Security Committee decided to establish a sub-group to work with the Roads & Grounds Committee to examine, evaluate, and draw conclusions on the matter. In the meantime, the Security Committee asked that residents be reminded that they must obey the speed limit requirements and must completely stop at the marked stop signs or before entering a crosswalk or intersection. Because this issue involves personal safety, the Security Committee wanted to remind residents that based on LakeRidge Falls' Violation Procedures the Board of Directors through an administrative decision may levy a fine of \$100 per day up to a maximum of \$1,000 per occurrence for those who fail to follow LakeRidge Falls rules. Of course, no one wants it to get to this point. Therefore, and please, we are asking that you assist us by simply driving slowly and carefully around the community.

Garbage in the Lakes – In the last few weeks, residents reported that they noticed garbage in the lakes. In one case, a resident witnessed a turtle coming out of the lake with a plastic bag wrapped around it. Now, many may wonder how garbage ends up in the ponds. Here is the reason. As you know and as explained last week, LakeRidge Falls' lakes are considered retention ponds. These ponds are designed to collect stormwater from the streets. Therefore and following heavy rains and/or winds, unsecured garbage items, such as bottles, plastic bags, and aluminum cans will wash away towards street gutters and from there into the lakes.

Of course, the Association hires a lake maintenance company, Eco-Logic Services, to ensure the lakes are clean. However, picking up debris is only one task out of the several the company is obligated to perform. Algae control and maintenance of perimeter growth are just two examples of such tasks. Therefore, it is unrealistic to assume that an Eco-Logic Services technician will be able to collect trash from all 16 lakes during any given bi-weekly visit. Another variable in the equation is the weekly trash collections by Manatee County. As we all know, Waste Management is on-site on Mondays and Thursdays. This means that twice a week there is a good chance unsecured items find their way to the street gutters and from there to the lakes. Then, there are external and unmaintained lakes, such as the one behind Walmart, which are connected to LakeRidge Falls' stormwater system. As one can imagine, these lakes contain a significant amount of trash that eventually wash into the lakes maintained by the Association.

With the above in mind, we are happy to announce that Eco-Logic Services agreed to perform an additional service call at no cost to the Association to address this matter. Now, we also need your help. We ask that residents take an active role in keeping LakeRidge Falls' clean by following these simple steps:

- If you see a garbage bag "roaming" freely in the community, please make sure to pick it up
- As much as possible, please try to set your garbage out the morning of collection instead of the night before
- Please make sure to use a lid on your garbage container.
- Please make sure to combine all plastic bags into one large bag

- If you wish, you can recycle them by taking them to Publix (they have a recycle can outside the store)
- Or you can simply dispose of them with the rest of your garbage
- And, it is always a good idea to try and reuse the plastic bags and use them, for example, as regular garbage bags.

We wish to thank all in advance and remember, together, we can help keep the community looking its best while providing wildlife and marine life safe habitat to live in.

Bocce Courts – During its April meeting, the Board of Directors, based on the Roads & Grounds Committee’s recommendation, approved a proposal by Easy Turf, a field turf company, to perform some maintenance work on the two bocce courts. As presented to the Board of Directors, some spots along the courts were uneven mainly because the base underneath the artificial turf sank for whatever reason (i.e. animal digging, water drainage, etc.). Following the approval, two technicians from Easy Turf were onsite yesterday. They pulled back the turf in low areas, add filled as needed, re-stapled the turf back, and made sure to compact both bocce courts using tamers. As can be seen in the picture below, they did a nice job.



Library Books – This is just a short announcement regarding library books. If you wish to drop a book you borrowed from the Association’s library, you can now do so. The drop off basket was placed on the table outside the front entrance to the clubhouse. Feel free to stop by anytime to do so.

Have a healthy and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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